

MAKING A DIFFERENCE LOCALLY LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1123800

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06502266
Registered	2008-04-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO SUPPORT SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: Donation-making charity to good causes and charities operating across the UK, nominated by members of Nisa Retail and approved by the Making a Difference Locally Board of Trustees, established to make a difference to local communities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-06-30	£1,387,710	£1,012,136	£1,612,335	0
2023-06-30	£9,241	£1,301,530	£1,493,262	0
2022-06-30	£1,172,721	£1,015,198	£1,394,433	0
2021-06-30	£1,199,877	£1,058,188	£1,454,906	0
2020-06-30	£999,502	£810,063	£1,590,644	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Luckin		2024-05-23
Duncan Batty		2023-03-28
Mandeep Singh Sohal		2024-07-25
Michael Gisby		2022-06-09
Tania Sultana Hardcastle-Hill		2023-03-28
Valerie Aston		2021-11-17

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Accounts

Legal and Administrative Information

Company registration number	06502266
Registered charity number	1123800
Principal and registered office	Waldo Way Normanby Enterprise Park Scunthorpe DN15 9GE
Trustees	K Marsden (resigned 19 November 2024) V Aston M K Gisby D H Batty T S Hardcastle-Hill D J Luckin (appointed 23 May 2024) M S Sohal (appointed 25 July 2024) J McNeill (resigned 9 July 2024) M Aslam (resigned 11 September 2024) V J Lockie (resigned 23 May 2024) K Clarkson (appointed 19 November 2024)
Secretary	C Sellers
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Sheffield and Rotherham Group Leicester LE87 2BB
Auditor	Azets Audit Services Limited Triune Court Monks Cross Drive York YO32 9GZ
Solicitors	Wrigley's Solicitors LLP 3 rd Floor 3 Wellington Place, Leeds, LS1 4AP

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 30 June 2024, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association, and 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 the republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The Legal and Administrative Information on page 1 forms part of this report.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Making a Difference Locally Ltd ('MADL', 'the company' or 'the charity') is both a company (Registered in England & Wales number 06502266) and a registered charity (Registered in England & Wales number 1123800).

The Governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association (Amended 10 January 2013). MADL is a company limited by guarantee, the liability of each member being limited to £1.

Public Benefit Statement

We provide public benefit through making donations to local charities and good causes. When reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity, and in planning future activities, the trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and operate with the recommended practice set out in the Charity Governance Code.

Trustees and management

The trustees of the charitable company are its directors for the purposes of company law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees and directors:	K Marsden	(resigned 19 November 2024)
	V Aston	
	M K Gisby	
	D H Batty	
	T S Hardcastle-Hill	
	D J Luckin	(appointed 23 May 2024)
	M S Sohal	(appointed 25 July 2024)
	J McNeill	(resigned 9 July 2024)
	M Aslam	(resigned 11 September 2024)
	V J Lockie	(resigned 23 May 2024)
	K Clarkson	(appointed 19 November 2024)

Secretary: C Sellers

The Board is subject to rotation and election by the members.

The trustees are responsible for the operation of the company including the raising of funds and approving donations to charities and good causes nominated by Nisa retailers and employees.

The trustees are appointed for 3 year periods. Training is provided to ensure the Board comply with statutory and other requirements applicable to charities and seek to follow best practice.

Report of the Trustees

Objectives and activities

The company was incorporated on 12 February 2008 with the objectives to support charitable purposes approved by the Board. The principal aim of the company is to invest in building stronger local communities by making donations to local charities and good causes. It seeks to bring communities together where everyone has equal access to good health and wellbeing, education, employment, good food and nutrition, shelter and security so that in the end we have been a catalyst for sustainable change and can leave a lasting legacy.

Achievements and performance

The charity's main focus continues to be supporting smaller, regional charities and community causes where donations are more measurable and impactful and to help Nisa retailers donate funds to good causes within their local communities.

The strategy for achieving this has been founded upon securing donations through Nisa.

The company via its trading subsidiary continues to raise significant sums which will support the charity in the forthcoming year. Amounts received in 2023/24 totalled £1,387,710 small decrease of £12,640 / -0.9% (2022/23: £1,400,350). The charity's primary funder, Nisa Retail Limited maintained similar turnover and own label performance despite difficult market conditions. Other sources of income have been sought including clothing banks, collection boxes and Supplier donations these collectively totalled £74,085 (2022/23) £69,547). The focus continues to be encouraging Nisa retailers to engage with their local communities and use their store's fund balances.

The number of Nisa retailers who donated money for the first time was 315 donating £127,009 (2022/23 – 332 retailers donating £137,033).

In the current year a total of 87 donations exceeding £1,000 were made to charities and community groups across the UK.

In total, 1,836 individual donations were made totalling £1,012,136 being donated to small charities and good causes in the retailers' local communities, with donations ranging in value from £4.86p to £30,000 (2022/23: Total donations £1,034,713)

Funding

Nisa Retail is the primary funder of the charity; all products included in the Co-op and Heritage own-label ranges carry a 0.6% donation to the charity.

Plans for future periods

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years.

Fundraising

Section 162a of the Charities Act 2011 requires charities to make a statement regarding fundraising activities. The legislation defines fundraising as "soliciting or otherwise procuring money or other property for charitable purposes". The charity collects cash donations from the general public mainly via collection tins left on till points, however this makes up a significantly small proportion of income.

Given the nature of the funding of the charity the trustees consider that it remains appropriate not to be voluntarily bound to be regulated by the Fundraising Regulator.

The charity has received no complaints in relation to fundraising activity for the year under review.

Report of the Trustees

Donation Making Policy and Procedure

Retailers supplied by Nisa nominate charities or good causes from their local communities to receive donations. The Charity administrative team verifies the charity or good cause to ensure it meets the requirements of the charity, then pass the request to the Board of Trustees who approve or decline the donation, based on the aims of the Company. The administrative team then processes the donation to the charity or good cause.

In addition, donations are made to two other groups: charities nominated by Nisa employees and regional community causes and charities determined by the Board of Trustees.

The significant activities are the making of donations in line with the objectives of the charity to approved charities and good causes. The donation making policies are set out above.

Reserves policy

The trustees propose to maintain reserves in order to safeguard the activities of the charity for a period of time in the event that donations fall or cease. The reserves will allow the charity to continue to operate while seeking further funding, which will help to safeguard the interests of beneficiaries.

The charity will maintain reserves at a level which is approximately one year's estimated operational expenditure. Operating costs in 2023/24 were £256,501 (2022/23: £266,817). Free reserves as at the year end amounted to £784,767 (2022/23: £604,836). This includes a fixed £240,000 allocated to unrestricted funds in the current year to cover one year's worth of estimated operating costs.

Financial review

The charitable group had a net surplus of £119,073 (2022/23: £98,820). Reserves have increased mainly due to higher contributions from Nisa driven by Own Label performance and inflation, with donations to charities remaining at around the same level. The target for future years is to donate more to local causes than is raised through contributions, until the reserves represent one year's administration costs in advance plus an amount representing approximately 3-6 months of accrued income restricted for the Retailers' nominations.

Administration costs have increased over the year, mainly as a result of additional resource and a change to marketing expenditure funding.

Pay policy for senior staff

The charity does not employ any staff; however the charity is administered by colleagues employed by Nisa Retail. The charity has a Manager and three Executive Assistants who work for the charity with their salary cost recharged in its entirety by Nisa Retail. In addition, four other individuals work in part for the charity and in part for Nisa Retail. A proportion of their salary cost, based on actual time spent, is charged by Nisa Retail to the charity on an actual cost basis.

The recharged salaries are based on actual costs and time allocated to MADL, pay awards are inflationary.

Risk management

The board reviews annually the material financial and non-financial risks facing the charity and, on a rolling cycle basis, reviews the effectiveness of the risk management process and the resources that our business devotes to them.

As a grant making charity with no employees, the key risk to the charity is the receipt of donations. Should donations fall, the charity can vary the level of grants it awards.

Report of the Trustees

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and not less than one year from the date of approval. The Trustees are constantly monitoring the financial position of the group. The group has no borrowings and operates as a grant maker, as such the current economic climate is not expected to give rise to a material uncertainty in regard to going concern.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees (who are also directors of Making a Difference Locally Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company, the group and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Report of the Trustees

Statement of disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the group's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees, having made enquiries of fellow trustees and the group's auditor that they have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditor, Azets Audit Services Limited, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 12/02/2025 and signed on its behalf by:



M Gisby
Director and Trustee

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Making a Difference Locally Ltd (the "parent charity") and its subsidiary (the "group") for the year ended 30 June 2024 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated and charity balance sheets, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes to the financial statements, including 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 charity's affairs as at 30 June 2024 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 charity 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 or parent charity'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 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.

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

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 trustees' report (incorporating 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 the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the group or parent charity or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made;
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of 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 trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement within the Trustees' Report, 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 they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our 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.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of identifying irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the group through enquiry and inspection;
- 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 bias and 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 indicators of potential bias;
- Performing audit work over the timing and recognition of income and in particular whether it has been recorded in the correct accounting period.

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

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 of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members 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 charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Alan Sidebottom

Alan Sidebottom
Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of Azets Audit Services Limited
Statutory Auditor

13/02/2025

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Consolidated statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Note	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations		1,356,364	-	1,356,364	1,391,109
Investment income		31,346	-	31,346	9,241
Total income		1,387,710	-	1,387,710	1,400,350
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities:					
Grants awarded to:					
- Retailers' institutions	2	815,946	206,782	1,022,728	892,081
- National institutions	2	171,804	43,539	215,343	402,845
- Local institutions	2	24,386	6,180	30,566	6,604
Total expenditure		1,012,136	256,501	1,268,637	1,301,530
Net income/(expenditure) for the year before transfers	3	375,574	(256,501)	119,073	98,820
Transfer between funds		(256,501)	256,501	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year and net movement in funds		119,073	-	119,073	98,820
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,253,262	240,000	1,493,262	1,394,442
Total funds carried forward	9	1,372,335	240,000	1,612,335	1,493,262

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

All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

A fully detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June 2023 is shown at note 13.

Balance sheets

		Group 2024 £	Company 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Company 2023 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	5	-	10	-	10
Current assets					
Debtors	6	237,277	230,700	290,867	221,923
Cash at bank		1,534,521	1,409,343	1,373,745	1,299,047
		1,771,798	1,640,043	1,664,612	1,520,970
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(159,463)	(27,718)	(171,350)	(27,718)
Net current assets		1,612,335	1,612,335	1,493,262	1,493,262
Total assets less current liabilities		1,612,335	1,612,335	1,493,262	1,493,262
Funds					
Designated funds	9	1,372,335	1,372,335	1,253,262	1,253,262
General funds	9	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
Total funds		1,612,335	1,612,335	1,493,262	1,493,262

The notes on pages 15 - 23 form part of these financial statements.

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

12/02/2025

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:



M Gisby
Director and Trustee

Company Registration Number: 06502266

Consolidated statement of cashflow

	<i>Note</i>	2024 £	2023 £
Net cash used in operating activities	11	129,430	(388)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest received		31,346	9,241
Net cash provided by investing activities		31,346	9,241
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		160,776	8,853
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,373,745	1,364,892
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		1,534,521	1,373,745

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Company information

Making a Difference Locally Limited ("MADL") is a company limited by guarantee registration number 06502266. The guarantors are the trustees named on page 1. The liability in respect of this guarantee, as set out in the memorandum, is limited to £1 per member. The Company is also a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, Registration Number 1123800.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

MADL meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the group. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

On the grounds that the charitable company's results are consolidated into the charitable company's group accounts the charitable company has taken advantage of certain exemptions conferred by section 1.11 of FRS 102 as follows:

- Exemption from presenting a charitable company statement of cash flows as a primary statement to the financial statements.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and not less than one year from the date of approval. The Trustees are constantly monitoring the financial position of the group. The group has no borrowings and operates as a grant maker, as such the current economic climate is not expected to give rise to a material uncertainty in regard to going concern.

Group financial statements

The financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiary Making A Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd on a line by line basis. The summarised profit and loss account for the subsidiary is shown in note 5. A separate Statement of Financial Activities, including the income and expenditure account, for the charity itself is not presented because the charity has taken advantage of the exemptions offered by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The gross income of the charity was £1,177,208 (2023: £1,206,577) and the net surplus was £119,073 (2023: £98,820).

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund accounting

General funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds held to be applied by the trustees in line with the wishes of retailers supplied by Nisa Retail or the Head office staff of Nisa as set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

Income includes the total receivable during the period from grants, sponsorship, donations, gift aid and other income.

Gift Aid is recognised on the same basis as donations. The charity receives gift aid each year from Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd, under the provisions related to Gift Aid as at the point there is a legal obligation or it is physically settled in cash.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Charitable expenditure comprises of grants made to nominated charities or good causes, as well as national charities and those charities nominated by the staff of Nisa Retail or Retailer Supermarkets which are made in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity.

The Charity applies a grant making policy to the above charitable expenditure, which requires members to submit an application for a grant to be paid. Applications are subject to a review process and require approval from the Board of Trustees before being issued. The grants must be made to causes that are compliant with the Charity's core values, considered to be local to the member, and not for purposes that are unlawful or prohibited by the Board of Trustees.

Support costs allocated to charitable expenditure comprise all costs relating to the running and administration of the charity, these costs include legal and audit fees.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost and the Trustees review the carrying value annually for indications of impairment.

Financial instruments

The group has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity held for working capital. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowing in current liabilities.

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Creditors, loans and provisions

Creditors, loans and provisions are recognised where the group has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors, loans and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial liabilities are only derecognised when, and only when, the group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

Amounts recognised as provisions are best estimates of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

Taxation

Making a Difference Locally Limited is a registered charity and as such is a charity within the meaning of schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the parent charitable company is potentially entitled to tax exemption under part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 in respect of income and gains arising.

The trading subsidiary is liable to corporation tax on their chargeable profits. Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date. As all profits arising in the subsidiary are payable to the parent charitable company under a deed of covenant and will be paid within 9 months of the year end, no corporation tax charge arises.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the group's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future.

The Trustees consider that there are no assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities recognised in the balance sheet as at 30 June 2024.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Expenditure on charitable activity

Year ended 30 June 2024:	Direct costs	Support costs	2024
	£	£	£
Grants awarded to:			
Retailers' nominated institutions	815,946	206,782	1,022,728
National institutions	171,804	43,539	215,343
Local institutions	24,386	6,180	30,566
Total cost	1,012,136	256,501	1,268,637

Year ended 30 June 2023:	Direct costs	Support costs	2023
	£	£	£
Grants awarded to:			
Retailers nominated institutions	709,202	182,879	892,081
National institutions	320,261	82,584	402,845
Local institutions	5,250	1,354	6,604
Total cost	1,034,713	266,817	1,301,530

Direct costs of charitable activity represents a total 1,836 (2023: 1,882) grants awarded totalling £1,012,136 (2023: £1,034,713) which have been paid from designated funds.

Owing to the nature of the organisations to which grants and awards are made they vary in size with modest grants making a very meaningful difference to these local and community causes. Grants are paid to causes across the charitable objects of good health and wellbeing, education, employment, good food and nutrition, shelter and security.

Support costs totalling £256,501 (2023: £266,817) relate to general unrestricted expenditure and are reported as unrestricted expenditure for transparency.

Grants to Institutions over £10,000	2024	2023
	£	£
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	-	21,951
Rapid Relief Team	-	19,098
Jempsons Foundation	-	12,499
Duke of Edinburgh	-	11,935
Together for Short Lives	-	11,691
FareShare South West	-	10,250
London Community Kitchen	56,233	-
	56,233	87,424

Notes to the financial statements

2 Expenditure on charitable activity (continued)

Analysis of Support Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
NISA administration costs	222,092	171,584
Governance costs	18,610	18,553
Advertising costs	3,661	66,445
Other expenses	12,138	10,314
Bank charges	-	(79)
Total support costs	256,501	266,817

Governance costs included within support costs include fees payable to the auditor as detailed in note 3.

3 Net income for the year is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Auditor's remuneration		
- audit of the financial statements	13,300	12,500
- other services	4,625	4,325

4 Employees

No trustees received any remuneration, benefits, or out of pocket expenses from the group for the performance of their duties during the year under review (2023: No Trustees).

There were no employees of the charitable group during the year. Support costs include an administration and advertising recharge of £189,610 (2023: £243,078) of which £189,055 (2023: £163,020) relates to recharged staff costs.

5 Fixed asset investments

Company

	2024	2023
	£	£
Subsidiary undertaking	10	10

The parent charity owns the entire issued ordinary share capital of Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd, a company registered in England and Wales, whose principal activity is the raising of funds to further the aims of its parent undertaking, Making a Difference Locally Ltd.

Notes to the financial statements

5 Fixed asset investments (continued)

The result of the Company's trading activities through its subsidiary undertaking is detailed below.

	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover	1,282,279	1,321,562
Expenditure for the year	(210,502)	(193,773)
Profit for the financial year	1,071,777	1,127,789
Distribution to parent charity under gift aid	(1,071,777)	(1,127,789)
Retained profit	-	-
Reconciliation of retained earnings		
Share capital	10	10
Total retained earnings brought forward	-	-
Total retained earnings carried forward	-	-
Total equity and reserves	10	10

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

	2024 £	2023 £
Assets	360,455	350,565
Liabilities	(360,445)	(350,555)
Funds	10	10

6 Debtors

	Group 2024 £	Company 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Company 2023 £
Trade debtors	135,034	2,000	158,867	15,000
Other debtors	102,243	-	132,000	-
Amounts owed from subsidiary undertaking	-	228,700	-	206,923
Total debtors	237,277	230,700	290,867	221,923

Notes to the financial statements

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2024 £	Company 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Company 2023 £
Other creditors	159,463	27,718	171,350	27,718
Total creditors	159,463	27,718	171,350	27,718

8 Statement of funds

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 30 June 2024 £
Group Funds:					
Designated funds	1,253,262	1,387,710	(1,012,136)	(256,501)	1,372,335
Unrestricted funds	240,000	-	(256,501)	256,501	240,000
Total funds	1,493,262	1,387,710	(1,268,637)	-	1,612,335

Designated Funds – These funds relate to donations committed to retailers supplied by Nisa. During the year, a transfer of £256,501 (2023: £266,817) was recognised to ensure that sufficient funds are allocated to cover administrative costs in the following financial year.

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Group Funds:					
Designated funds	1,154,442	1,400,350	(1,034,713)	(266,817)	1,253,262
Unrestricted funds	240,000	-	(266,817)	266,817	240,000
Total funds	1,394,442	1,400,350	(1,301,530)	-	1,493,262

Notes to the financial statements

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

For the year ended 30 June 2024	Net current assets	Total 2024
	£	£
Group		
Designated funds	1,372,335	1,372,335
Unrestricted funds	240,000	240,000
Total Group Funds	1,612,335	1,612,335

For the year ended 30 June 2023	Net current assets	Total 2023
	£	£
Group		
Designated funds	1,253,262	1,253,262
Unrestricted funds	240,000	240,000
Total Group Funds	1,493,262	1,493,262

10 Related party transactions

Income of £1,289,301 (2023: £1,320,231) was collected by Nisa Retail Limited and transferred to Making a Difference Locally Ltd via its subsidiary Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd. In addition £189,610 (2023: £243,078) of administration and advertising costs were originally incurred by Nisa Retail Limited, then recharged to Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd. As at the year end, an amount of £235,277 (2023: £275,867) was owed from Nisa Retail Limited.

As at the year end, Making a Difference Locally Limited had a debtor balance owed from Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Limited amounting to £228,700 (2023: £206,923).

Andrew Barber, one of the Trustees until March 2023, was the CEO of the Hey Smile Foundation. During the prior year, grant awards of £850 were made to the Hey Smile Foundation.

The Trustees consider themselves to be key management personnel.

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Net movement in funds	119,073	98,820
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(31,346)	(9,241)
Increase/(Decrease) in debtors	53,590	(185,867)
(Increase)/Decrease in creditors	(11,887)	95,900
Net cash used in operating activities	129,430	(388)

Notes to the financial statements

12 Analysis of changes in net debt

The group had no debt during the current or previous year.

13 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations	1,391,109	-	1,391,109
Investment income	9,241	-	9,241
Total income	1,400,350	-	1,400,350
Expenditure on:			
Expenditure on charitable activities:			
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
- Retailers' institutions	709,202	182,879	892,081
- National institutions	320,261	82,584	402,845
- Local institution	5,250	1,354	6,604
Total expenditure	1,034,713	266,817	1,301,530
Net income/(expenditure) for the year before transfers	365,637	(266,817)	98,820
Transfer between funds	(266,817)	266,817	-
Net income for the year and net movement in funds	98,820	-	98,820
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	1,154,442	240,000	1,394,442
Total funds carried forward	1,253,262	240,000	1,493,262

MAKING A DIFFERENCE LOCALLY LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1123800

Accounts

Financial statements
Making a Difference Locally Ltd
(a company limited by guarantee)

For the year ended 30 June 2023



Company No. 06502266

Legal and Administrative Information

Company registration number	06502266
Registered charity number	1123800
Principal and registered office	Waldo Way Normanby Enterprise Park Scunthorpe DN15 9GE
Trustees	J McNeill K Marsden M Aslam V Aston M Gisby D H Batty (appointed 28 March 2023) V J Lockie (appointed 28 March 2023) T S Hardcastle-Hill (appointed 28 March 2023) A Barber (resigned 28 March 2023) D Stokes (resigned 17 May 2023)
Secretary	C Sellers
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Sheffield and Rotherham Group Leicester LE87 2BB
Auditor	Azets Audit Services Limited Triune Court Monks Cross Drive York YO32 9GZ
Solicitors	Wrigley's Solicitors LLP 3 rd Floor 3 Wellington Place, Leeds, LS1 4AP

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 30 June 2023, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association, and 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 the republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The Legal and Administrative Information on page 1 forms part of this report.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Making a Difference Locally Ltd ('MADL', 'the company' or 'the charity') is both a company (Registered in England & Wales number 06502266) and a registered charity (Registered in England & Wales number 1123800).

The Governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association (Amended 10 January 2013). MADL is a company limited by guarantee, the liability of each member being limited to £1.

Public Benefit Statement

We provide public benefit through making donations to local charities and good causes. When reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity, and in planning future activities, the trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and operate with the recommended practice set out in the Charity Governance Code.

Trustees and management

The trustees of the charitable company are its directors for the purposes of company law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees and directors: J McNeill
K Marsden
A Barber (resigned 28th March 2023)
D Stokes (resigned 17th May 2023)
M Aslam
V Aston
M Gisby
D H Batty (appointed 28th March 2023)
T S Hardcastle-Hill (appointed 28th March 2023)
V J Lockie (appointed 28th March 2023)

Secretary: C Sellers

The Board is subject to rotation and election by the members.

The trustees are responsible for the operation of the company including the raising of funds and approving donations to charities and good causes nominated by Nisa retailers and employees.

The trustees are appointed for 3 year periods. Training is provided to ensure the Board comply with statutory and other requirements applicable to charities and seek to follow best practice.

Report of the Trustees

Objectives and activities

The company was incorporated on 12 February 2008 with the objectives to support charitable purposes approved by the Board. The principal aim of the company is to invest in building stronger local communities by making donations to local charities and good causes. It seeks to bring communities together where everyone has equal access to good health and wellbeing, education, employment, good food and nutrition, shelter and security so that in the end we have been a catalyst for sustainable change and can leave a lasting legacy.

Achievements and performance

The charity's main focus continues to be supporting smaller, regional charities and community causes where donations are more measurable and impactful and to help Nisa retailers donate funds to good causes within their local communities.

The strategy for achieving this has been founded upon securing donations through Nisa.

The company via its trading subsidiary continues to raise significant sums which will support the charity in the forthcoming year. Amounts received in 2022/23 totalled £1,400,350 an increase of £227,629 / +19.4% (2021/22: £1,172,721). The charity's sole funder, Nisa Retail Limited had strong own label performance and high inflation both helping to drive higher contributions. The focus continues to be encouraging Nisa retailers to engage with their local communities and use their store's fund balances.

The number of Nisa retailers who donated money for the first time was 332 donating £137,033 (2021/22: 189 retailers, donating £126,729). Donations in the first half of the 2022/23 year were £632,312 (2021/22: £473,805).

In the current year a total of 137 donations exceeding £1,000 were made to charities and community groups across the UK.

In total, 1,882 individual donations were made totalling £1,034,713 being donated to small charities and good causes in the retailers' local communities, with donations ranging in value from £0.9p to £6000 (2021/22: Total donations £1,015,198).

Funding

Nisa Retail is the sole funder of the charity; all products included in the Co-op and Heritage own-label ranges carry a 0.6% donation to the charity.

Plans for future periods

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years.

Fundraising

Section 162a of the Charities Act 2011 requires charities to make a statement regarding fundraising activities. The legislation defines fundraising as "soliciting or otherwise procuring money or other property for charitable purposes". The charity collects cash donations from the general public mainly via collection tins left on till points, however this makes up a significantly small proportion of income.

Given the nature of the funding of the charity the trustees consider that it remains appropriate not to be voluntarily bound to be regulated by the Fundraising Regulator.

The charity has received no complaints in relation to fundraising activity for the year under review.

Report of the Trustees

Donation Making Policy and Procedure

Retailers supplied by Nisa nominate charities or good causes from their local communities to receive donations. The charity administrative team verifies the charity or good cause to ensure it meets the requirements of the charity, then pass the request to the board of trustees who approve or decline the donation, based on the aims of the company. The administrative team then processes the donation to the charity or good cause.

In addition, donations are made to two other groups: charities nominated by Nisa employees and regional community causes and charities determined by the board of trustees.

The significant activities are the making of donations in line with the objectives of the charity to approved charities and good causes. The donation making policies are set out above.

Reserves policy

The trustees propose to maintain reserves in order to safeguard the activities of the charity for a period of time in the event that donations fall or cease. The reserves will allow the charity to continue to operate while seeking further funding, which will help to safeguard the interests of beneficiaries.

The charity will maintain reserves at a level which is approximately one year's estimated operational expenditure. Operating costs in 2022/23 were £266,817 (2021/22: £217,987). Free reserves as at the yearend amounted to £604,836 (2021/22: £624,857). This includes a fixed £240,000 allocated to unrestricted funds in the current year to cover one year's worth of estimated operating costs.

Financial review

The charitable group had a net surplus of £98,820 (2021/22: net deficit of £60,464). Reserves have increased mainly due to higher contributions from Nisa driven by Own Label performance and inflation, with donations to charities remaining at around the same level. The target for future years is to donate more to local causes than is raised through contributions, until the reserves represent one year's administration costs in advance plus an amount representing approximately 3-6 months of accrued income restricted for the Retailers' nominations.

Administration costs have increased over the year, mainly as a result of additional resource and a change to marketing expenditure funding.

Pay policy for senior staff

The charity does not employ any staff; however the charity is administered by colleagues employed by Nisa Retail. The charity has a Manager and three Executive Assistants who work for the charity with their salary cost recharged in its entirety by Nisa Retail. In addition, four other individuals work in part for the charity and in part for Nisa Retail. A proportion of their salary cost, based on actual time spent, is charged by Nisa Retail to the charity on an actual cost basis.

The recharged salaries are based on actual costs and time allocated to MADL, pay awards are inflationary.

Risk management

The board reviews annually the material financial and non-financial risks facing the charity and, on a rolling cycle basis, reviews the effectiveness of the risk management process and the resources that our business devotes to them.

Report of the Trustees

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and not less than one year from the date of approval. The Trustees are constantly monitoring the financial position of the group. The group has no borrowings and operates as a grant maker, as such the current economic climate is not expected to give rise to a material uncertainty in regard to going concern.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees (who are also directors of Making a Difference Locally Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company, the group and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Report of the Trustees

Statement of disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the group's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees, having made enquiries of fellow trustees and the group's auditor that they have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditor, Azets Audit Services Limited, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

J McNeill
Director and Trustee

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Making a Difference Locally Ltd (the “parent charity”) and its subsidiary (the “group”) for the year ended 30 June 2023 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated and charity balance sheets, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes to the financial statements, including 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 charity's affairs as at 30 June 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 charity 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 or parent charity'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 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.

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

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 trustees' report (incorporating 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 the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the group or parent charity or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made;
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of 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 trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement within the Trustees' Report, 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 they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our 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.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of identifying irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the group through enquiry and inspection;
- 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 bias and 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 indicators of potential bias;
- Performing audit work over the timing and recognition of income and in particular whether it has been recorded in the correct accounting period.

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

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 of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members 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 charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Alan Sidebottom
Senior Statutory Auditor

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For and on behalf of Azets Audit Services Limited
Statutory Auditor

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Consolidated statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Note	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations		1,391,109	-	1,391,109	1,172,589
Investment income		9,241	-	9,241	132
Total income		1,400,350	-	1,400,350	1,172,721
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities:					
Grants awarded to:					
- Retailers institutions	2	709,202	182,879	892,081	865,238
- National institutions	2	320,261	82,584	402,845	328,886
- Local institution	2	5,250	1,354	6,604	39,061
Total expenditure		1,034,713	266,817	1,301,530	1,233,185
Net income/(expenditure) for the year before transfers	3	365,637	(266,817)	98,820	(60,464)
Transfer between funds		(266,817)	266,817	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year and net movement in funds		98,820	-	98,820	(60,464)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,154,442	240,000	1,394,442	1,454,906
Total funds carried forward	9	1,253,262	240,000	1,493,262	1,394,442

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

All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

A fully detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30 June 2022 is shown at note 13.

Balance sheets

		Group 2023 £	Company 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2022 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	5	-	10	-	10
Current assets					
Debtors	6	290,867	221,923	105,000	149,134
Cash at bank		1,373,745	1,299,047	1,364,892	1,250,726
		1,664,612	1,520,970	1,469,892	1,399,860
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(171,350)	(27,718)	(75,450)	(5,427)
Net current assets		1,493,262	1,493,252	1,394,442	1,394,433
Total assets less current liabilities		1,493,262	1,493,262	1,394,442	1,394,433
Funds					
Designated funds	9	1,253,262	1,253,262	1,154,442	1,154,433
General funds	9	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
Total funds		1,493,262	1,493,262	1,394,442	1,394,433

The notes on pages 15-23 form part of these financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:

J McNeill
 Director and Trustee

Company Registration Number: 06502266

Consolidated statement of cashflow

	<i>Note</i>	2023 £	2022 £
Net cash used in operating activities	11	(388)	(50,190)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest received		9,241	132
Net cash provided by investing activities		9,241	132
 Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		 8,853	 (50,058)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,364,892	1,414,950
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		1,373,745	1,364,892

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Company information

Making a Difference Locally Limited ("MADL") is a company limited by guarantee registration number 06502266. The guarantors are the trustees named on page 1. The liability in respect of this guarantee, as set out in the memorandum, is limited to £1 per member. The Company is also a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, Registration Number 1123800.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

MADL meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the group. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

On the grounds that the charitable company's results are consolidated into the charitable company's group accounts the charitable company has taken advantage of certain exemptions conferred by section 1.11 of FRS 102 as follows:

- Exemption from presenting a charitable company statement of cash flows as a primary statement to the financial statements.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and not less than one year from the date of approval. The Trustees are constantly monitoring the financial position of the group. The group has no borrowings and operates as a grant maker, as such the current economic climate is not expected to give rise to a material uncertainty in regard to going concern.

Group financial statements

The financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiary Making A Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd on a line by line basis. The summarised profit and loss account for the subsidiary is shown in note 5. A separate Statement of Financial Activities, including the income and expenditure account, for the charity itself is not presented because the charity has taken advantage of the exemptions offered by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The gross income of the charity was £1,206,577 (2022: £1,619,622) and the net surplus was £98,820 (2022: £552,412).

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund accounting

General funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds held to be applied by the trustees in line with the wishes of retailers supplied by Nisa Retail or the Head office staff of Nisa as set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

Income includes the total receivable during the period from grants, sponsorship, donations, gift aid and other income.

Gift Aid is recognised on the same basis as donations. The charity receives gift aid each year from Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd, under the provisions related to Gift Aid as at the point there is a legal obligation or it is physically settled in cash.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Charitable expenditure comprises of grants made to nominated charities or good causes, as well as national charities and those charities nominated by the staff of Nisa Retail or Retailer Supermarkets which are made in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity.

The Charity applies a grant making policy to the above charitable expenditure, which requires members to submit an application for a grant to be paid. Applications are subject to a review process and require approval from the Board of Trustees before being issued. The grants must be made to causes that are compliant with the Charity's core values, considered to be local to the member, and not for purposes that are unlawful or prohibited by the Board of Trustees.

Support costs allocated to charitable expenditure comprise all costs relating to the running and administration of the charity, these costs include legal and audit fees.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost and the Trustees review the carrying value annually for indications of impairment.

Financial instruments

The group has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity held for working capital. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowing in current liabilities.

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Creditors, loans and provisions

Creditors, loans and provisions are recognised where the group has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors, loans and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial liabilities are only derecognised when, and only when, the group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

Amounts recognised as provisions are best estimates of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

Taxation

Making a Difference Locally Limited is a registered charity and as such is a charity within the meaning of schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the parent charitable company is potentially entitled to tax exemption under part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 in respect of income and gains arising.

The trading subsidiary is liable to corporation tax on their chargeable profits. Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date. As all profits arising in the subsidiary were gift aided to the parent charitable company within nine months of the year end, in both the current and prior financial year, no corporation tax arises.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the group's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future.

The Trustees consider that there are no assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities recognised in the balance sheet as at 30 June 2023.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Expenditure on charitable activity

Year ended 30 June 2023:	Direct costs	Support costs	2023
	£	£	£
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
Retailers nominated institutions	709,202	182,879	892,081
National institutions	320,261	82,584	402,845
Local institutions	5,250	1,354	6,604
Total cost	1,034,713	266,817	1,301,530

Year ended 30 June 2022:	Direct costs	Support costs	2022
	£	£	£
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
Retailers nominated institutions	712,292	152,946	865,238
National institutions	270,750	58,136	328,886
Local institutions	32,156	6,905	39,061
Total cost	1,015,198	217,987	1,233,185

Direct costs of charitable activity represents a total 1,882 (2022: 1,503) grants awarded totalling £1,034,713 (2022: £1,015,198) which have been paid from designated funds.

Owing to the nature of the organisations to which grants and awards are made they vary in size with modest grants making a very meaningful difference to these local and community causes. Grants are paid to causes across the charitable objects of good health and wellbeing, education, employment, good food and nutrition, shelter and security.

Support costs totalling £266,817 (2022: £217,987) relate to general unrestricted expenditure.

Grants to Institutions over £10,000	2023	2022
	£	£
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	21,951	17,865
The Trussell Trust	-	14,403
Rapid Relief Team	19,098	13,461
Jempsons Foundation	12,499	-
Duke of Edinburgh	11,935	-
Together for Short Lives	11,691	-
FareShare South West	10,250	-
	39,248	45,729

Notes to the financial statements

2 Expenditure on charitable activity (continued)

Analysis of Support Costs	2023 £	2022 £
NISA administration costs	171,584	156,809
Governance costs	18,553	18,212
Advertising costs	66,445	33,155
Other expenses	10,314	9,682
Bank charges	(79)	129
Total support costs	266,817	217,987

Governance costs included within support costs include fees payable to the auditor as detailed in note 3.

3 Net income for the period is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditor's remuneration		
- audit of the financial statements	12,500	10,900
- other services	4,325	3,950

4 Employees

No trustees received any remuneration, benefits, or out of pocket expenses from the group for the performance of their duties during the period under review (2022: No Trustees).

There were no employees of the charitable group during the year. Support costs include an administration and advertising recharge of £243,078 (2022: £184,711) of which £163,020 (2022: £150,833) relates to recharged staff costs.

5 Fixed asset investments

Company	2023 £	2022 £
Subsidiary undertaking	10	10

The parent charity owns the entire issued ordinary share capital of Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd, a company registered in England and Wales, whose principal activity is the raising of funds to further the aims of its parent undertaking, Making a Difference Locally Ltd.

Notes to the financial statements

5 Fixed asset investments (continued)

The result of the Company's trading activities through its subsidiary undertaking is detailed below.

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover	1,321,562	1,135,935
Expenditure for the year	(193,773)	(165,985)
Profit for the financial year	1,127,789	969,950
Distribution to parent charity under gift aid	(1,127,789)	(1,582,836)
Retained profit	-	(612,886)
Reconciliation of retained earnings		
Share capital	10	10
Total retained earnings brought forward	-	612,886
Total retained earnings carried forward	-	-
Total equity and reserves	10	10

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

	2023 £	2022 £
Assets	350,565	219,166
Liabilities	(350,555)	(219,156)
Funds	10	10

6 Debtors

	Group 2023 £	Company 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2022 £
Trade debtors	158,867	15,000	-	-
Other debtors	132,000	-	105,000	-
Amounts owed from subsidiary undertaking	-	206,923	-	149,134
Total debtors	290,867	221,923	105,000	149,134

Notes to the financial statements

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2023 £	Company 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2022 £
Other creditors	171,350	27,718	75,450	5,427
Total creditors	171,350	27,718	75,450	5,427

8 Statement of funds

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Group Funds:					
Designated funds	1,154,442	1,400,350	(1,034,713)	(266,817)	1,253,262
Unrestricted funds	240,000	-	(266,817)	266,817	240,000
Total funds	1,394,442	1,400,350	(1,301,530)	-	1,493,262

Designated Funds – These funds relate to donations committed to retailers supplied by Nisa. During the year, a transfer of £266,817 (2022: £217,987) was recognised to ensure that sufficient funds are allocated to cover administrative costs in the following financial year.

For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Group Funds:					
Designated funds	1,214,906	1,172,721	(1,015,198)	(217,987)	1,154,442
Unrestricted funds	240,000	-	(217,987)	217,987	240,000
Total funds	1,454,906	1,172,721	(1,233,185)	-	1,394,442

Notes to the financial statements

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

For the year ended 30 June 2023	Net current assets	Total
	£	£
Group		
Designated funds	1,253,262	1,253,262
Unrestricted funds	240,000	240,000
Total Group Funds	1,493,262	1,493,262

For the year ended 30 June 2022	Net current assets	Total
	£	£
Group		
Designated funds	1,154,442	1,154,442
Unrestricted funds	240,000	240,000
Total Group Funds	1,394,442	1,394,442

10 Related party transactions

Income of £1,320,231 (2022: £1,135,935) was collected by Nisa Retail Limited and transferred to Making a Difference Locally Ltd via its subsidiary Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd. In addition £243,078 (2022: £184,711) of administration and advertising costs were originally incurred by Nisa Retail Limited, then recharged to Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd. As at the year end, an amount of £275,867 (2022: £105,000) was owed from Nisa Retail Limited.

As at the year end, Making a Difference Locally Limited had a debtor balance owed from Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Limited amounting to £206,923 (2022: £149,134).

Andrew Barber, one of the Trustees until March 2023, is the CEO of the Hey Smile Foundation. During the year, grant awards of £850 (2022: £4,000) were made to the Hey Smile Foundation.

The Trustees consider themselves to be key management personnel.

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds	98,820	(60,464)
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(9,241)	(132)
(Decrease)/increase in debtors	(185,867)	13,351
Decrease/(increase) in creditors	95,900	(2,945)
Net cash used in operating activities	(388)	(50,190)

Notes to the financial statements

12 Analysis of changes in net debt

The group had no debt during the current or previous year.

13 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations	1,172,589	-	1,172,589
Investment income	132	-	132
Total income	1,172,721	-	1,172,721
Expenditure on:			
Expenditure on charitable activities:			
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
- Retailers institutions	712,292	152,946	865,238
- National institutions	270,750	58,136	328,886
- Local institution	32,156	6,905	39,061
Total expenditure	1,015,198	217,987	1,233,185
Net expenditure for the year before transfers	157,523	(217,987)	(60,464)
Transfer between funds	(217,987)	217,987	-
Net expenditure for the year and net movement in funds	(60,464)	-	(60,464)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	1,214,906	240,000	1,454,906
Total funds carried forward	1,154,442	240,000	1,394,442

MAKING A DIFFERENCE LOCALLY LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1123800

Accounts

Financial statements
Making a Difference Locally Ltd
(a company limited by guarantee)

For the year ended 30 June 2022



Charity Information

Company registration number	06502266
Registered charity number	1123800
Principal and registered office	Waldo Way Normanby Enterprise Park Scunthorpe DN15 9GE
Trustees	A Barber S Leach D Stokes J McNeill K Marsden M Aslam (appointed 17 November 2021) V Aston (appointed 17 November 2021) M Gisby (appointed 9 June 2022)
Secretary	C Sellers
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Sheffield and Rotherham Group Leicester LE87 2BB
Auditor	Azets Audit Services Limited Triune Court Monks Cross Drive York YO32 9GZ
Solicitors	Wrigley's Solicitors LLP 3 rd Floor 3 Wellington Place, Leeds, LS1 4AP

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ending 30 June 2022, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association, and 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 the republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Making a Difference Locally Ltd ('MADL', 'the Company' or 'the Charity') is both a charitable company (Registered in England number 06502266) and a registered charity (Registered number 1123800).

The Governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association (Amended 10 January 2013). MADL is a company limited by guarantee, the liability of each member being limited to £1.

Public Benefit Statement

We provide public benefit through making donations to local charities and good causes. This public benefit is directly related to our charitable objectives. We confirm that we follow the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Trustees and management

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of company law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees and directors: J McNeill
S Leach (resigned 18th May 2022)
K Marsden
A Barber
D Stokes
S Etherington
Mohammed Aslam
Valerie Aston
Mike Gisby (appointed 9th June 2022)

Secretary: C Sellers

The Board is subject to rotation and election by the members.

The Trustees are responsible for the operation of the Company including the raising of funds and approving donations to charities and good causes nominated by Nisa retailers and employees.

The Trustees are appointed for 3 year periods. Training is provided to ensure the Board comply with statutory and other requirements applicable to Charities and seek to follow best practice.

Report of the Trustees

Objectives and activities

The Company was incorporated on 12 February 2008 with the objectives to support charitable purposes approved by the Board. The principal aim of the Company is to invest in building stronger local communities by making donations to local charities and good causes. It seeks to bring communities together where everyone has equal access to good health and wellbeing, education, employment, good food and nutrition, shelter and security so that in the end we have been a catalyst for sustainable change and can leave a lasting legacy.

When reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity, and in planning future activities, the Trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and operate with the recommended practice set out in the Charity Governance Code.

Achievements and performance

The Charity's main focus continues to be supporting smaller, regional charities and community causes where donations are more measurable and impactful and to help Nisa retailers donate funds to good causes within their local communities.

The strategy for achieving this has been founded upon securing donations through Nisa.

The company via its trading subsidiary continues to raise significant sums which will support the Charity in the forthcoming year. Amounts received in 2021/22 totalled £1,172,721- a drop year on year of £27,156 (2.2%) (2021: £1,199,887). This was better than expectations given the anticipated post-pandemic declining trading conditions for the charity's sole funder, Nisa Retail Limited.

The focus continues to be encouraging Nisa retailers to engage with their local communities and use their store's fund balances.

The number of Nisa retailers who donated money for the first time was 189 donating £126,729 (2021: 316 retailers, donating £202,815). Donations in the first half of the 2021/22 year were £473,805 (2021: £403,041).

In the current year a total of 278 donations exceeding £1,000 were made to charities and community groups across the UK.

In total, 1,936 individual donations were made totalling £920,759 being donated to small charities and good causes in the retailers' local communities, with donations ranging in value from £2.65 to £14,403 (2021: 1,725 totalling £1,058,188).

Funding

Nisa Retail is the sole funder of the charity; all products included in the Co-op and Heritage own-label ranges carry a 0.6% donation to the charity.

Plans for future periods

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years.

Fundraising

Section 162a of the Charities Act 2011 requires charities to make a statement regarding fundraising activities. The legislation defines fundraising as "soliciting or otherwise procuring money or other property for charitable purposes". The charity collects cash donations from the general public mainly via collection tins left on till points, however this makes up a significantly small proportion of income.

Report of the Trustees

Given the nature of the funding of the charity the Trustees consider that it remains appropriate not to be voluntarily bound to be regulated by the Fundraising Regulator but is voluntarily registered with it.

The charity has received no complaints in relation to fundraising activity for the year under review.

Donation Making Policy and Procedure

Retailers supplied by Nisa nominate charities or good causes from their local communities to receive donations. The Charity administrative team verifies the charity or good cause to ensure it meets the requirements of the charity, then pass the request to the Board of Trustees who approve or decline the donation, based on the aims of the Company. The administrative team then processes the donation to the charity or good cause.

In addition, donations are made to two other groups: charities nominated by Nisa employees and regional community causes and charities determined by the Board of Trustees.

The significant activities are the making of donations in line with the objectives of the charity to approved charities and good causes. The donation making policies are set out above.

An exercise to measure the impact of MADL was carried out in 2017 with the result that for every £1 donated by MADL, £5.16 is returned in social value.

Reserves policy

The trustees propose to maintain reserves in order to safeguard the activities of the charity for a period of time in the event that donations fall or cease. The reserves will allow the charity to continue to operate while seeking further funding, which will help to safeguard the interests of beneficiaries.

Operating costs in 2021/22 were £217,987 (2021: £277,427). The charity will maintain reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to one year's estimated operational expenditure. Free reserves as at the year-end amounted to £240,000 (2021: £240,000).

Financial review

The Charitable group had a net expenditure of £60,464 (2020/21: net expenditure of £135,738) as set out in the financial statements. Reserves have decreased due to the desire of the Trustees to reduce these funds so that they can be put to work in our local communities. It is planned that this trend will continue until the reserves represent one year's administration costs in advance plus an amount representing approximately 3-6 months of accrued income restricted for the Retailers' nominations.

The administration costs were stable over the year.

Pay policy for senior staff

The charity does not employ any staff; however, the charity is administered by colleagues employed by Nisa Retail. The charity has a Manager and three Executive Assistants who work for the Charity with their salary cost recharged in its entirety by Nisa Retail. In addition four other individuals work in part for the Charity and in part for Nisa Retail. A proportion of their salary cost, based on actual time spent, is charged by Nisa Retail to the Charity on an actual cost basis.

The recharged salaries are based on industry averages and pay awards are inflationary.

Report of the Trustees

Risk management

The Board reviews annually the material financial and non-financial risks facing the charity and, on a rolling cycle basis, reviews the effectiveness of the risk management process and the resources that our business devotes to them.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and not less than one year from the date of approval. The Trustees are constantly monitoring the financial position of the charity and the ongoing economic uncertainties. The charity has no borrowings and operates as a grant maker, as such awards can be flexed so not to give rise to a material uncertainty in regard to going concern.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees (who are also directors of Making a Difference Locally Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company, the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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.

Report of the Trustees

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the group's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees, having made enquiries of fellow directors and the group's auditor that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

A resolution proposing that Azets Audit Services Limited be re-appointed as auditor of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on..... and signed on its behalf by:

J McNeill
Director and Trustee

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Making a Difference Locally Ltd (the "parent charity" and its subsidiary (the "group") for the year ended 30 June 2022 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated and charity balance sheets, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes to the financial statements, including 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 charity's affairs as at 30 June 2022 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Charity 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 or Parent Charity'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 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.

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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 trustees' report (incorporating 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 the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made;
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of 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 trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement within the Trustees' Report, 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 they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our 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.

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 extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of identifying irregularities, including fraud

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, through discussion with the trustees and other management, and from inspection of the charitable company's regulatory and legal correspondence. We discussed with the trustees and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance during the audit.

The charitable company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies and charities legislation), pensions legislation, taxation legislation and further laws and regulations that could indirectly affect the financial statements. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. These procedures did not identify any potentially material actual or suspected non-compliance.

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud we considered the opportunities and incentives and pressures that may exist within the charitable company to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included: enquiry of trustees and other management to understand the high level policies and procedures in place to prevent and detect fraud, reading Board minutes and considering performance targets and incentive schemes in place for management. We communicated identified fraud risks throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of fraud during the audit.

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

As a result of these procedures we identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following areas:

- income recognition and in particular the risks that income is recognised in the wrong reporting period or income relating to cash donations is omitted from the accounting records; and
- subjective accounting estimates.

Fraud risks may arise due to a potential desire to present the results in a differing light to suit management objectives.

As required by auditing standards we also identified and addressed the risk of management override of controls.

We performed the following procedures to address the risks of fraud identified:

- identifying and testing high risk journal entries through vouching the entries to supporting documentation;
- assessing significant accounting estimates for bias;
- testing controls around the handling of cash; and
- testing the recognition of income and in particular that it was recognised in the correct period.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members 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 Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Alan Sidebottom
Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of Azets Audit Services Limited
Statutory Auditor

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Consolidated statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Note	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and Gift Aid		1,172,589	-	1,172,589	1,199,250
Investment income		132	-	132	627
Total income		1,172,721	-	1,172,721	1,199,877
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities:					
Grants awarded to:					
- Retailers institutions	2	712,292	152,946	865,238	1,096,373
- National institutions	2	270,750	58,136	328,886	173,934
- Local institution	2	32,156	6,905	39,061	65,308
Total expenditure		1,015,198	217,987	1,233,185	1,335,615
Net income/(expenditure) for the year before transfers	3	157,523	(217,987)	(60,464)	(135,738)
Transfer between funds		(217,987)	217,987	-	-
Net expenditure for the year		(60,464)	-	(60,464)	(135,738)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,214,906	240,000	1,454,906	1,590,644
Total funds carried forward	9	1,154,442	240,000	1,394,442	1,454,906

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

All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

A fully detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30 June 2021 is shown at note 13.

The notes on pages 16-24 comprise part of these financial statements.

Balance sheets

		Group 2022 £	Company 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Company 2021 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	5	-	10	-	10
Current assets					
Debtors	6	105,000	149,134	118,351	-
Cash at bank		1,364,892	1,250,726	1,414,950	1,277,563
		1,469,892	1,399,860	1,533,301	1,277,563
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(75,450)	(5,427)	(78,395)	(435,552)
Net current assets		1,394,442	1,394,433	1,454,906	842,011
Total assets less current liabilities		1,394,442	1,394,433	1,454,906	842,021
Funds					
Designated funds	9	1,154,442	1,154,433	1,214,906	602,021
General funds	9	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
Total funds		1,394,442	1,394,433	1,454,906	842,021

The notes on pages 16-24 form part of these financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:

J McNeill
 Director and Trustee

Company Registration Number: 06502266

Consolidated cash flow statement

	<i>Note</i>	2022 £	2021 £
Net cash produced by operating activities	11	(50,190)	24,506
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest received		132	627
Net cash provided by investing activities		132	627
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(50,058)	25,133
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,414,950	1,389,817
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		1,364,892	1,414,950

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Company information

Making a Difference Locally Limited ("MADL") is a company limited by guarantee registration number 06502266. The guarantors are the trustees named on page 1. The liability in respect of this guarantee, as set out in the memorandum, is limited to £1 per member. The Company is also a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, Registration Number 1123800.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

MADL meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

On the grounds that the charitable company's results are consolidated into the charitable company's group accounts the charitable company has taken advantage of certain exemptions conferred by section 1.11 of FRS 102 as follows:

- Exemption from presenting a charitable company statement of cash flows as a primary statement to the financial statements.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and not less than one year from the date of approval. The Trustees are constantly monitoring the financial position of the charity. The charity has no borrowings and operates as a grant maker, as such the current economic climate is not expected to give rise to a material uncertainty in regard to going concern.

Group financial statements

The financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiary Making A Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd on a line by line basis. The summarised profit and loss account for the subsidiary is shown in note 5. A separate Statement of Financial Activities, including the income and expenditure account, for the charity itself is not presented because the charity has taken advantage of the exemptions offered by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The gross income of the charity was £1,619,622 (2021: £1,142,291) and the net surplus was £552,412 (2021: £42,929 net deficit).

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company.

Designated funds are funds held to be applied by the trustees in line with the wishes of retailers supplied by Nisa Retail or the Head office staff of Nisa as set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

Income includes the total receivable during the period from grants, sponsorship, donations, gift aid and other income.

Gift Aid is recognised on the same basis as donations. The company receives gift aid each year from Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd, under the provisions related to Gift Aid as at the point there is a legal obligation or it is physically settled in cash.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Charitable expenditure comprises of grants made to nominated charities or good causes, as well as national charities and those charities nominated by the staff of Nisa Retail or Retailer Supermarkets which are made in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity.

The Charity applies a grant making policy to the above charitable expenditure, which requires members to submit an application for a grant to be paid. Applications are subject to a review process and require approval from the Board of Trustees before being issued. The grants must be made to causes that are compliant with the Charity's core values, considered to be local to the member, and not for purposes that are unlawful or prohibited by the Board of Trustees.

Support costs allocated to charitable expenditure comprise all costs relating to the running and administration of the charity, these costs include legal and audit fees.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost and the Trustees review the carrying value annually for indications of impairment.

Financial instruments

The group has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity held for working capital. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowing in current liabilities.

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Creditors, loans and provisions

Creditors, loans and provisions are recognised where the group has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors, loans and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial liabilities are only derecognised when, and only when, the group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

Amounts recognised as provisions are best estimates of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

Taxation

Making a Difference Locally Limited is a registered charity and as such is a charity within the meaning of schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the parent charitable company is potentially entitled to tax exemption under part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 in respect of income and gains arising.

The trading subsidiary is liable to corporation tax on their chargeable profits. Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date. As all profits arising in the subsidiary were gift aided to the parent charitable company within nine months of the year end, in both the current and prior financial year, no corporation tax arises.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the group's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future.

The Trustees consider that there are no assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities recognised in the balance sheet as at 30 June 2022.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Expenditure on charitable activity

Year ended 30 June 2022:	Direct costs	Support costs	2022
	£	£	£
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
Retailers nominated institutions	712,292	152,946	865,238
National institutions	270,750	58,136	328,886
Local institutions	32,156	6,905	39,061
Total cost	1,015,198	217,987	1,233,185

Year ended 30 June 2021:	Direct costs	Support costs	2021
	£	£	£
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
Retailers nominated institutions	868,640	227,733	1,096,373
National institutions	137,805	36,129	173,934
Local institutions	51,743	13,565	65,308
Total cost	1,058,188	277,427	1,335,615

Direct costs of charitable activity represents a total 1,503 (2021 – 1,725) grants awarded totalling £1,015,198 (2021 - £1,058,188) which have been paid from designated funds.

Owing to the nature of the organisations to which grants and awards made they vary in size with modest grants making a very meaningful difference to these local and community causes. Grants are paid to causes across the charitable objects of good health and wellbeing, education, employment, good food and nutrition, shelter and security.

Support costs totalling £217,987 (2021 - £277,427) relate to unrestricted expenditure.

Grants to Institutions over £10,000	2022	2021
	£	£
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	17,865	-
The Trussell Trust	14,403	17,528
Rapid Relief Team	13,461	-
	45,729	17,528

Notes to the financial statements

2 Expenditure on charitable activity (continued)

Analysis of Support Costs

	2022 £	2021 £
NISA administration costs	156,809	150,154
Governance costs	18,212	14,655
Advertising costs	33,155	111,938
Other expenses	9,772	454
Bank charges	129	226
Total support costs	217,987	277,427

Governance costs included within support costs include fees payable to the auditor as detailed in note 3.

3 Net income for the period is stated after charging:

	2022 £	2021 £
Auditor's remuneration		
- audit of the financial statements	10,900	10,100
- other services	3,950	3,300

4 Employees

No trustees received any remuneration, benefits, or out of pocket expenses from the company for the performance of their duties during the period under review (2021: No Trustees).

There were no employees of the charitable company during the year. Support costs include an administration and advertising recharge of £184,711 (2021 - £237,847) of which £150,833 (2021 - £143,279) relates to recharged staff costs.

5 Fixed asset investments

Company

	2022 £	2021 £
Subsidiary undertaking	10	10

The Company owns the entire issued ordinary share capital of Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd, a company registered in England and Wales, whose principal activity is the raising of funds to further the aims of its parent undertaking, Making a Difference Locally Ltd.

Notes to the financial statements

5 Fixed asset investments (continued)

The result of the Company's trading activities through its subsidiary undertaking is detailed below.

	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover	1,135,935	1,163,310
Expenditure for the year	(165,985)	(150,394)
Profit for the financial year	969,950	1,012,916
Distribution to parent charity under gift aid	(1,582,836)	(1,105,724)
Retained profit	(612,886)	(92,808)
Reconciliation of retained earnings		
Share capital	10	10
Total retained earnings brought forward	612,886	705,694
Total retained earnings carried forward	-	612,886
Total equity and reserves	10	612,896

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

	2022 £	2021 £
Assets	219,366	677,229
Liabilities	(219,356)	(64,333)
Funds	10	612,896

6 Debtors

	Group 2022 £	Company 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Company 2021 £
Other debtors	105,000	-	118,351	-
Amounts owed from subsidiary undertaking	-	149,134	-	-
Total debtors	105,000	149,134	118,351	-

Notes to the financial statements

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2022 £	Company 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Company 2021 £
Trade creditors	-	-	-	93,539
Other creditors	75,450	5,427	78,395	186,503
Amounts due to subsidiary undertaking	-	-	-	155,510
Total creditors	75,450	5,427	78,395	435,552

8 Statement of funds

For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Group Funds:					
Designated funds	1,214,906	1,172,721	(1,015,198)	(217,987)	1,154,442
Unrestricted funds	240,000	-	(217,987)	217,987	240,000
Total funds	1,454,906	1,172,721	(1,233,185)	-	1,394,442

Designated Funds – These funds relate to donations committed to retailers supplied by Nisa. During the year, a transfer of £217,987 (2021: £277,427) was recognised to ensure that sufficient funds are allocated to cover administrative costs in the following financial year.

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Balance at 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 30 June 2021 £
Group Funds:					
Designated funds	1,350,644	1,199,877	(1,058,188)	(277,427)	1,214,906
Unrestricted funds	240,000	-	(277,427)	277,427	240,000
Total funds	1,590,644	1,199,877	(1,335,615)	-	1,454,906

Notes to the financial statements

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

For the year ended 30 June 2022	Net current assets	Total 2022
	£	£
Group		
Designated funds	1,154,442	1,154,442
Unrestricted funds	240,000	240,000
Total Group Funds	1,394,442	1,394,442

For the year ended 30 June 2021	Net current assets	Total 2021
	£	£
Group		
Designated funds	1,214,906	1,214,906
Unrestricted funds	240,000	240,000
Total Group Funds	1,454,906	1,454,906

10 Related party transactions

Income of £1,135,935 (2021: £1,163,310) was collected by Nisa Retail Limited and transferred to Making a Difference Locally Ltd via its subsidiary Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd. In addition £184,711 (2021: £237,847) of administration and advertising costs were originally incurred by Nisa Retail Limited, then recharged to Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd. As at the year end, an amount of £105,000 (2021 - £118,351) was owed from Nisa Retail Limited.

As at the year end, Making a Difference Locally Limited had a debtor balance owed from Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Limited amounting to £149,134 (2021 creditor balance - £155,510).

Andrew Barber, one of the Trustees, is the CEO of the Hey Smile Foundation. During the year, grant awards of £4,000 (2021 - £2,000) were made to the Hey Smile Foundation.

The Trustees consider themselves to be key management personnel.

Notes to the financial statements

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net movement in funds	(60,464)	(135,738)
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(132)	(627)
Decrease in debtors	13,351	171,712
Decrease in creditors	(2,945)	(10,841)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(50,190)	24,506

12 Analysis of changes in net debt

The Charity had no debt during the current or previous year.

Notes to the financial statements

13 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ending 30 June 2021

	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:			
Donations and Gift Aid	1,199,250	-	1,199,250
Investment income	627	-	627
Total income	1,199,877	-	1,199,877
Expenditure on:			
Expenditure on charitable activities:			
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
- Retailers institutions	868,640	227,733	1,096,373
- National institutions	137,805	36,129	173,934
- Local institution	51,743	13,565	65,308
Total expenditure	1,058,188	277,427	1,335,615
Net expenditure for the year before transfers	141,689	(277,427)	(135,738)
Transfer between funds	(277,427)	277,427	-
Net expenditure for the year	(135,738)	-	(135,738)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	1,350,644	240,000	1,590,644
Total funds carried forward	1,214,906	240,000	1,454,906

MAKING A DIFFERENCE LOCALLY LTD

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Making a Difference Locally Ltd (a company limited by guarantee)

For the year ended 30 June 2021



Charity Information

Company registration number	06502266
Registered charity number	1123800
Principal and registered office	Waldo Way Normanby Enterprise Park Scunthorpe DN15 9GE
Trustees	A Barber S Leach D Stokes J McNeill K Marsden (appointed 1 July 2020) M Aslam (appointed 17 November 2021) V Aston (appointed 17 November 2021)
Secretary	C Sellers
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Sheffield and Rotherham Group Leicester LE87 2BB
Auditor	Azets Audit Services Limited Triune Court Monks Cross Drive York YO32 9GZ
Solicitors	Wrigley's Solicitors LLP 19 Cookridge Street Leeds LS2 3AG

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ending 30 June 2021, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association, and 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 the republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Making a Difference Locally Ltd ('MADL', 'the Company' or 'the Charity') is both a charitable company (Registered in England number 06502266) and a registered charity (Registered number 1123800).

The Governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association (Amended 10 January 2013). MADL is a company limited by guarantee, the liability of each member being limited to £1.

Public Benefit Statement

We provide public benefit through making donations to local charities and good causes. This public benefit is directly related to our charitable objectives. We confirm that we follow the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Trustees and management

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of company law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees and directors: J McNeill
S Leach
K Marsden (appointed 1 July 2020)
P Rondepierre (resigned 31 August 2020)
C Taylor (resigned 22 September 2021)
A Barber
D Stokes
S Etherington (resigned 22 September 2021)
Mohammed Aslam (appointed 17 November 2021)
Valerie Aston (appointed 17 November 2021)

Secretary: C Sellers

The Board is subject to rotation and election by the members.

The Trustees are responsible for the operation of the Company including the raising of funds and approving donations to charities and good causes nominated by Nisa retailers and employees.

The Trustees are appointed for 3 year periods. Training is provided to ensure the Board comply with statutory and other requirements applicable to Charities and seek to follow best practice.

Report of the Trustees

Objectives and activities

The Company was incorporated on 12 February 2008 with the objectives to support charitable purposes approved by the Board. The principal aim of the Company is to invest in building stronger local communities by making donations to local charities and good causes. It seeks to bring communities together where everyone has equal access to good health and wellbeing, education, employment, good food and nutrition, shelter and security so that in the end we have been a catalyst for sustainable change and can leave a lasting legacy.

When reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity, and in planning future activities, the Trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and operate with the recommended practice set out in the Charity Governance Code.

Achievements and performance

The Charity's main focus continues to be supporting smaller, regional charities and community causes where donations are more measurable and impactful and to help Nisa retailers donate funds to good causes within their local communities.

The strategy for achieving this has been founded upon securing donations through Nisa.

The company via its trading subsidiary continues to raise significant sums which will support the Charity in the forthcoming year. Amounts received in 2020/21 totalled £1,199,877- a small increase of £1,951 (0.2%) on the prior year despite difficult trading conditions for the charity's sole funder, Nisa Retail Limited. The focus continues to be encouraging Nisa retailers to engage with their local communities and use their fund balances.

The number of Nisa retailers who donated money for the first time was 316 donating £202,815 (2020: 213 retailers, donating £140,197). Donations in the first half of the 2020/21 year were £403,041 (2020: £366,450).

In the current year a total of 323 donations exceeding £1,000 were made to charities and community groups across the UK.

In total, 1,725 individual donations were made totalling £1,058,188 being donated to small charities and good causes in the retailers' local communities, with donations ranging in value from £1.30 to £17,528.

Funding

Nisa Retail is the sole funder of the charity; all products included in the Co-op and Heritage own-label ranges carry a 0.6% donation to the charity.

Plans for future periods

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years.

Fundraising

Section 162a of the Charities Act 2011 requires charities to make a statement regarding fundraising activities. The legislation defines fundraising as "soliciting or otherwise procuring money or other property for charitable purposes". The charity collects cash donations from the general public mainly via collection tins left on till points, however this makes up a significantly small proportion of income.

Given the nature of the funding of the charity the Trustees consider that it remains appropriate not to be voluntarily bound to be regulated by the Fundraising Regulator but is voluntarily registered with it. The charity has received no complaints in relation to fundraising activity for the year under review.

Report of the Trustees

Donation Making Policy and Procedure

Retailers supplied by Nisa nominate charities or good causes from their local communities to receive donations. The Charity administrative team verifies the charity or good cause to ensure it meets the requirements of the charity, then pass the request to the Board of Trustees who approve or decline the donation, based on the aims of the Company. The administrative team then processes the donation to the charity or good cause.

In addition, donations are made to two other groups: charities nominated by Nisa employees and regional community causes and charities determined by the Board of Trustees.

The significant activities are the making of donations in line with the objectives of the charity to approved charities and good causes. The donation making policies are set out above.

An exercise to measure the impact of MADL was carried out in 2017 with the result that for every £1 donated by MADL, £5.16 is returned in social value.

Reserves policy

The trustees propose to maintain reserves in order to safeguard the activities of the charity for a period of time in the event that donations fall or cease. The reserves will allow the charity to continue to operate while seeking further funding, which will help to safeguard the interests of beneficiaries.

The charity will maintain reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to one year's estimated operational expenditure. Operating costs in 2020/21 were £277,427 (2019/20: £198,424). Free reserves as at the year end amounted to £240,000 (2020 - £240,000).

Financial review

The Charitable group had a net deficit of £135,738 (2019/20: net surplus of £189,439) as set out in the financial statements. Reserves have decreased due to the desire of the Trustees to reduce these funds so that they can be put to work in our local communities. It is planned that this trend will continue until the reserves represent one year's administration costs in advance plus an amount representing approximately 3-6 months of accrued income restricted for the Retailers' nominations.

The administration costs were stable over the year.

Pay policy for senior staff

The charity does not employ any staff; however the charity is administered by staff employed by Nisa Retail. The charity has a Manager and two Executive Assistants who work for the Charity with their salary cost recharged in its entirety by Nisa Retail. In addition four other individuals work in part for the Charity and in part for Nisa Retail. A proportion of their salary cost, based on actual time spent, is charged by Nisa Retail to the Charity on an actual cost basis.

The recharged salaries are based on industry averages and pay awards are inflationary.

Risk management

The Board reviews annually the material financial and non-financial risks facing the charity and, on a rolling cycle basis, reviews the effectiveness of the risk management process and the resources that our business devotes to them. The principal risks and corresponding mitigation set out below represent the principal uncertainties that the Board believes may impact the company's ability to deliver effectively its strategy in the future. The list does not include all risks that the charity faces, and it does not list the risks in any order of priority.

Report of the Trustees

Risk Type	Description	Mitigation
Financial and treasury	The availability of funding and management of cash flow to meet the objectives of the charity. This depends on the ongoing support of Nisa Retail for funding.	- The charity has reserves equal to more than one year's donations allowing an orderly cessation of activity were that to become necessary. - Nisa Retail's retail partners understand the clear interaction between the benefits of being engaged with and supporting the community and sharing good news stories of charitable activities.
People	We are a small organisation and our people are all critical to our operation. There is a risk that if we fail to attract, retain or motivate talented colleagues, we will not provide the quality of service that our members expect.	- We have competitive employment policies, remuneration and benefits packages. - Our training and development programmes are designed to give colleagues the skills they need to do their jobs and support their career aspirations. - Line managers conduct talent reviews and processes are in place to identify and actively manage talent. - Colleague engagement surveys, listening sessions and forums are used to understand and respond to our colleagues' needs and are reported regularly to the Board.
Changes in regulation	The charity operates in an environment governed by strict regulations to ensure the safety and protection of its stakeholders. Changing legislation, whether charity or company, may impact our ability to operate or give rise to reputational damage.	- The charity abides by government legislation, including food hygiene, health and safety and data protection. - The Board takes its responsibilities seriously and recognises that any breach of regulation could cause reputational and financial damage to the company.
Fraud	Charity and good causes are not who they claim to be with the result that they gain financially/ Payments are made to the wrong individuals or organisations.	- Checks are made of all charities and good causes. - All cheques signed by two people. - Audit trail is retained for all payments made.
Financial and treasury	The availability of funding and management of cash flow to meet the objectives of the charity. This depends on the ongoing support of Nisa Retail for funding.	- The charity has reserves equal to more than one year's donations allowing an orderly cessation of activity were that to become necessary. - Nisa Retail's retail partners understand the clear interaction between the benefits of being engaged with and supporting the community and sharing good news stories of charitable activities.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and not less than one year from the date of approval. The Trustees are constantly monitoring the financial position of the charity and the ongoing uncertain situation in respect of Covid-19. The charity has no borrowings and operates as a grant maker, as such the pandemic is not expected to give rise to a material uncertainty in regard to going concern.

Report of the Trustees

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees (who are also directors of Making a Difference Locally Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company, the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the group's auditor is unaware, and
- the trustees, having made enquiries of fellow directors and the group's auditor that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Report of the Trustees

Auditor

Azets Audit Services Limited were appointed auditor to the charitable company following their acquisition of the trade of Garbutt & Elliott Audit Limited on 1 December 2021. Azets Audit Services Limited have indicated their willingness to stand for reappointment at the Annual General Meeting.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on ^{28/03/2022}..... and signed on its behalf by:

John McNeill

J McNeill
Director and Trustee

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Making a Difference Locally Ltd (the "parent charity" and its subsidiary (the "group") for the year ended 30 June 2021 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated and charity balance sheets, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes to the financial statements. 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 charity's affairs as at 30 June 2021 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Charity 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 or Parent Charity'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 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.

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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 trustees' report (incorporating 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 the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement within the Trustees' Report, the trustees 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 they 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 the parent charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Our 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 extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was capable of identifying irregularities, including fraud

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, through discussion with the trustees and other management, and from inspection of the charitable company's regulatory and legal correspondence. We discussed with the trustees and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance during the audit.

The charitable company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies and charities legislation), pensions legislation, taxation legislation and further laws and regulations that could indirectly affect the financial statements, comprising environmental, health and safety and employment legislation, and, in the current climate, Covid regulations. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. These procedures did not identify any potentially material actual or suspected non-compliance.

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud we considered the opportunities and incentives and pressures that may exist within the charitable company to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included: enquiry of trustees and other management to understand the high level policies and procedures in place to prevent and detect fraud, reading Board minutes and considering performance targets and incentive schemes in place for management. We communicated identified fraud risks throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of fraud during the audit.

As a result of these procedures we identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following areas:

- income recognition and in particular the risks that income is recognised in the wrong reporting period, income relation to cash donations is omitted from the accounting records or that restricted income is incorrectly recognised as unrestricted income; and
- subjective accounting estimates.

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These risks may arise due to a desire to present the results in a differing light to suit management objectives.

As required by auditing standards we also identified and addressed the risk of management override of controls.

We performed the following procedures to address the risks of fraud identified:

- identifying and testing high risk journal entries through vouching the entries to supporting documentation;
- assessing significant accounting estimates for bias; and
- testing the recognition of income and in particular that it was recognised in the correct period and any restrictions recognised.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members 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 Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Azets Audit Services Limited

Laura Masheder
Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of Azets Audit Services Limited
Statutory Auditor

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Consolidated statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Note	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and Gift Aid		1,199,250	-	1,199,250	1,191,284
Investment income		627	-	627	6,642
Total income		1,199,877	-	1,199,877	1,197,926
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities:					
Grants awarded to:					
- Retailers institutions	2	868,640	227,733	1,096,373	775,022
- National institutions	2	137,805	36,129	173,934	96,013
- Local institution	2	51,743	13,565	65,308	137,452
Total expenditure		1,058,188	277,427	1,335,615	1,008,487
Net (expenditure)/income for the year before transfers		141,689	(277,427)	(135,738)	189,439
Transfer between funds		(277,427)	277,427	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year		(135,738)	-	(135,738)	189,439
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,350,644	240,000	1,590,644	1,401,205
Total funds carried forward		1,214,906	240,000	1,454,906	1,590,644

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

All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

A fully detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30 June 2020 is shown at note 13.

The notes on pages 16-25 comprise part of these financial statements.

Balance sheets

		Group 2021 £	Company 2021 £	Group 2020 £	Company 2020 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	5	-	10	-	10
Current assets					
Debtors	6	118,351	-	290,063	1,260
Cash at bank		1,414,950	1,277,563	1,389,817	1,228,690
		1,533,301	1,277,563	1,679,880	1,229,950
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(78,395)	(435,552)	(89,236)	(345,010)
Net current assets		1,454,906	842,011	1,590,644	884,940
Total assets less current liabilities		1,454,906	842,021	1,590,644	884,950
Funds					
Designated funds	9	1,214,906	602,021	1,350,644	644,950
General funds	9	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
Total funds		1,454,906	842,021	1,590,644	884,950

The notes on pages 16-25 form part of these financial statements.

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

28/03/2022

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:

John McNeill

J McNeill
Trustee

Company Registration Number: 06502266

Consolidated cash flow statement

	<i>Note</i>	2021 £	2020 £
Net cash produced by operating activities	11	24,506	(349,637)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest received		627	6,642
Net cash provided by investing activities		627	6,642
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		25,133	(342,995)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,389,817	1,732,812
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		1,414,950	1,389,817

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Company information

Making a Difference Locally Limited ("MADL") is a company limited by guarantee registration number 06502266. The guarantors are the trustees named on page 1. The liability in respect of this guarantee, as set out in the memorandum, is limited to £1 per member. The Company is also a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, Registration Number 1123800.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

MADL meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are recognised to the £1.

On the grounds that the charitable company's results are consolidated into the charitable company's group accounts the charitable company has taken advantage of certain exemptions conferred by section 1.11 of FRS 102 as follows:

- Exemption from presenting a charitable company statement of cash flows as a primary statement to the financial statements.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and not less than one year from the date of approval. The Trustees are constantly monitoring the financial position of the charity and the ongoing uncertain situation in respect of Covid-19. The charity has no borrowings and operates as a grant maker, as such the current economic climate is not expected to give rise to a material uncertainty in regard to going concern.

Group financial statements

The financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiary Making A Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd on a line by line basis. The summarised profit and loss account for the subsidiary is shown in note 5. A separate Statement of Financial Activities, including the income and expenditure account, for the charity itself is not presented because the charity has taken advantage of the exemptions offered by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The gross income of the charity was £1,142,291 (2020: £1,020,469) and the net deficit was £42,929 (2020: £160,475 net surplus).

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company.

Designated funds are funds held to be applied by the trustees in line with the wishes of retailers supplied by Nisa Retail or the Head office staff of Nisa as set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

Income includes the total receivable during the period from grants, sponsorship, donations, gift aid and other income.

Gift Aid is recognised on the same basis as donations. The company receives gift aid each year from Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd, under the provisions related to Gift Aid as at the point there is a legal obligation or it is physically settled in cash.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Charitable expenditure comprises of grants made to nominated charities or good causes, as well as national charities and those charities nominated by the staff of Nisa Retail or Retailer Supermarkets which are made in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity.

The Charity applies a grant making policy to the above charitable expenditure, which requires members to submit an application for a grant to be paid. Applications are subject to a review process and require approval from the Board of Trustees before being issued. The grants must be made to causes that are compliant with the Charity's core values, considered to be local to the member, and not for purposes that are unlawful or prohibited by the Board of Trustees.

Support costs allocated to charitable expenditure comprise all costs relating to the running and administration of the charity, these costs include legal and audit fees.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost and the Trustees review the carrying value annually for indications of impairment.

Financial instruments

The group has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity held for working capital. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowing in current liabilities.

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Creditors, loans and provisions

Creditors, loans and provisions are recognised where the group has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors, loans and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial liabilities are only derecognised when, and only when, the group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

Amounts recognised as provisions are best estimates of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

Taxation

Making a Difference Locally Limited is a registered charity and as such is a charity within the meaning of schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the parent charitable company is potentially entitled to tax exemption under part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 in respect of income and gains arising.

The trading subsidiary is liable to corporation tax on their chargeable profits. Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date. As all profits arising in the subsidiary were gift aided to the parent charitable company within nine months of the year end, in both the current and prior financial year, no corporation tax arises.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the group's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future.

The Trustees consider that there are no assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities recognised in the balance sheet as at 30 June 2021.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Expenditure on charitable activity

Year ended 30 June 2021:	Direct costs	Support costs	2021
	£	£	£
Grants awarded to:			
Retailers nominated institutions	868,640	227,733	1,096,373
National institutions	137,805	36,129	173,934
Local institutions	51,743	13,565	65,308
Total cost	1,058,188	277,427	1,335,615
Year ended 30 June 2020:	Direct costs	Support costs	2020
	£	£	£
Grants awarded to:			
Retailers nominated institutions	622,533	152,489	775,022
National institutions	77,122	18,891	96,013
Local institutions	110,408	27,044	137,452
Total cost	810,063	198,424	1,008,487

Direct costs of charitable activity represents a total 1,725 (2020 – 1,724) grants awarded totalling £1,058,188 (2020 - £810,063) which have been paid from designated funds.

Owing to the nature of the organisations to which grants and awards made they vary in size with modest grants making a very meaningful difference to these local and community causes. Grants are paid to causes across the charitable objects of good health and wellbeing, education, employment, good food and nutrition, shelter and security.

Support costs totalling £277,427 (2020 - £198,424) relate to unrestricted expenditure.

Grants to Institutions over £10,000	2021
	£
The Trussel Trust	17,528
Total	17,528

Notes to the financial statements

2 Expenditure on charitable activity (continued)

Analysis of Support Costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
NISA administration costs	150,154	171,356
Governance costs	14,655	12,181
Advertising costs	111,938	12,437
Other expenses	454	2,435
Bank charges	226	15
Total support costs	277,427	198,424

Governance costs included within support costs include fees payable to the auditor as detailed in note 3.

3 Net income for the period is stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Auditor's remuneration		
- audit of the financial statements	10,100	10,000
- other services	3,300	3,250

4 Employees

No trustees received any remuneration, benefits, or out of pocket expenses from the company for the performance of their duties during the period under review (2020: No Trustees).

There were no employees of the charitable company during the year. Support costs include an administration and advertising recharge of £237,847 (2020 - £170,720) of which £143,279 (2020 - £144,000) relates to recharged staff costs.

5 Fixed asset investments

Company

	2021	2020
	£	£
Subsidiary undertaking	10	10

The Company owns the entire issued ordinary share capital of Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd, a company registered in England and Wales, whose principal activity is the raising of funds to further the aims of its parent undertaking, Making a Difference Locally Ltd.

Notes to the financial statements

5 Fixed asset investments (continued)

The result of the Company's trading activities through its subsidiary undertaking is detailed below.

	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover	1,163,310	1,154,217
Net income attributable to parent undertaking	1,163,310	1,154,217
Expenditure for the year	(150,394)	(148,493)
Profit for the financial year	1,012,916	1,005,724
Distribution to parent charity under gift aid	(1,105,724)	(976,760)
Retained profit	(92,808)	28,964
Reconciliation of Retained Earnings		
Total retained earnings brought forward	705,694	676,730
Total retained earnings carried forward	612,886	705,694

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

	2021 £	2020 £
Assets	677,229	782,229
Liabilities	(64,333)	(76,525)
Funds	612,896	705,704

6 Debtors

	Group 2021 £	Company 2021 £	Group 2020 £	Company 2020 £
Other debtors	118,351	-	290,063	1,260
	118,351	-	290,063	1,260

Notes to the financial statements

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2021	Company 2021 £	Group 2020 £	Company 2020 £
Trade creditors	-	93,539	-	-
Other creditors	78,395	186,503	89,236	186,413
Amounts due to subsidiary undertaking	-	155,510	-	158,597
	78,395	435,552	89,236	345,010

8 Statement of funds

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Balance at 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 30 June 2021 £
Group Funds:					
Designated funds	1,350,644	1,199,877	(1,058,188)	(277,427)	1,214,906
Unrestricted funds	240,000	-	(277,427)	277,427	240,000
Total funds	1,590,644	1,199,877	(1,335,615)	-	1,454,906

Designated Funds – These funds relate to donations committed to retailers supplied by Nisa. During the year, a transfer of £277,427 (2020: £201,153) was recognised to ensure that sufficient funds are allocated to cover administrative costs in the following financial year.

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Balance at 1 July 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 30 June 2019 £
Group Funds:					
Designated funds	1,362,358	999,502	(810,063)	(201,153)	1,350,644
Unrestricted funds	38,847	198,424	(198,424)	201,153	240,000
Total funds	1,401,205	1,197,926	(1,008,487)	-	1,590,644

Notes to the financial statements

8 Statement of funds (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Balance at 1 July 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 30 June 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Company					
Funds:					
Designated funds	644,950	1,142,291	(1,058,188)	(127,032)	602,021
Unrestricted funds	240,000	-	(127,032)	127,032	240,000
Total funds	884,950	1,142,291	(1,185,220)	-	842,021

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Balance at 1 July 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 30 June 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Company					
Funds:					
Designated funds	689,308	970,538	(810,063)	(204,833)	644,950
Unrestricted funds	35,167	198,424	(198,424)	204,833	240,000
Total funds	724,475	1,168,962	(1,008,487)	-	884,950

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Net current assets	Total 2021
	£	£
Group		
Designated funds	1,214,906	1,214,906
Unrestricted funds	240,000	240,000
Total Group Funds	1,454,906	1,454,906

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Net current assets	Total 2020
	£	£
Group		
Designated funds	1,350,644	1,350,644
Unrestricted funds	240,000	240,000
Total Group Funds	1,590,644	1,590,644

Notes to the financial statements

10 Related party transactions

Income of £1,163,310 (2020: £1,154,217) was collected by Nisa Retail Limited and transferred to Making a Difference Locally Ltd via its subsidiary Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd. In addition £237,847 (2020: £170,720) of administration and advertising costs were originally incurred by Nisa Retail Limited, then recharged to Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd. As at the year end, an amount of £118,351 (2020 - £290,063 owed to) was owed from Nisa Retail Limited.

As at the year end, Making a Difference Locally Limited had a creditor balance owed to Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Limited amounting to £155,510 (2020 - £158,597).

Andrew Barber, one of the Trustees, is the CEO of the Hey Smile Foundation. During the year, no donations (2020 - £720) were made to the Hey Smile Foundation.

The Trustees consider themselves to be key management personnel.

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net movement in funds	(135,738)	189,439
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(627)	(6,642)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	171,712	(183,509)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(10,841)	(348,925)
Net cash provided by operating activities	24,506	(349,637)

12 Analysis of changes in net debt

The Charity had no debt during the current or previous year.

Notes to the financial statements

13 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ending 30 June 2020

	Designated funds	General funds	Total funds 2020
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and Gift Aid	993,960	197,324	1,191,284
Investment income	5,542	1,100	6,642
Total income	999,502	198,424	1,197,926
Expenditure on:			
Expenditure on charitable activities:			
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
- Retailers institutions	622,533	152,489	775,022
- National institutions	77,122	18,891	96,013
- Local institution	110,408	27,044	137,452
Total expenditure	810,063	198,424	1,008,487
 Net income for the year before transfers	 189,439	 -	 189,439
Transfer between funds	(201,153)	201,153	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(11,714)	201,153	189,439
 Reconciliation of Funds			
Total funds brought forward	1,362,358	38,847	1,401,205
Total funds carried forward	1,350,644	240,000	1,590,644

MAKING A DIFFERENCE LOCALLY LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1123800

Accounts

Financial statements
Making a Difference Locally Ltd
(a company limited by guarantee)

For the year ended 30 June 2020



Charity Information

Company registration number	06502266
Registered charity number	1123800
Principal and registered office	Waldo Way Normanby Enterprise Park Scunthorpe DN15 9GE
Trustees	C Taylor A Barber S Leach D Stokes M S Etherington (appointed 2 October 2019) J McNeill (appointed 2 October 2019) K Marsden (appointed 1 July 2020)
Secretary	C Sellers
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Sheffield and Rotherham Group Leicester LE87 2BB
Auditor	Garbutt & Elliot Audit Limited 33 Park Place Leeds LS1 2RY
Solicitors	Wrigley's Solicitors LLP 19 Cookridge Street Leeds LS2 3AG

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ending 30 June 2020, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association, and 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 the republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Making a Difference Locally Ltd ('MADL', 'the Company' or 'the Charity') is both a charitable company (Registered in England number 06502266) and a registered charity (Registered number 1123800).

The Governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association (Amended 10 January 2013). MADL is a company limited by guarantee, the liability of each member being limited to £1.

Public Benefit Statement

We provide public benefit through making donations to local charities and good causes. This public benefit is directly related to our charitable objectives. We confirm that we follow the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Trustees and management

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of company law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees and directors: N Gray (resigned 31st July 2019)
C Taylor
J Clark (resigned 11th July 2019)
A Barber
S Leach
P Rondepierre (resigned 31st August 2020)
D Stokes
J McNeill (appointed 2nd October 2019)
S Etherington (appointed 2nd October 2019)
K Marsden (appointed 1st July 2020)

Secretary: C Sellers

The Board is subject to rotation and election by the members.

The Trustees are responsible for the operation of the Company including the raising of funds and approving donations to charities and good causes nominated by Nisa retailers and employees.

The Trustees are appointed for 3 year periods. Training is provided to ensure the Board comply with statutory and other requirements applicable to Charities and seek to follow best practice.

Report of the Trustees

Objectives and activities

The Company was incorporated on 12 February 2008 with the objectives to support charitable purposes approved by the Board. The principal aim of the Company is to invest in building stronger local communities by making donations to local charities and good causes. It seeks to bring communities together where everyone has equal access to good health and wellbeing, education, employment, good food and nutrition, shelter and security so that in the end we have been a catalyst for sustainable change and can leave a lasting legacy.

When reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity, and in planning future activities, the Trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

The Charity's main focus continues to be supporting smaller, regional charities and community causes where donations are more measurable and impactful and to help Nisa retailers donate funds to good causes within their local communities.

The strategy for achieving this has been founded upon securing donations through Nisa.

The company via its trading subsidiary continues to raise significant sums which will support the Charity in the forthcoming year. Amounts received in 2020 totalled £1,154,217 a decrease of £76,070 (6.6%) on the prior year with the focus being towards encouraging Nisa retailers to engage better with their local communities and use their fund balances.

The number of Nisa retailers who donated money for the first time was 213 donating £140,197 (2019: 320 retailers, donating £120,253). Donations in the first half of the 2019/20 year were £366,450 (2019: £409,674).

In the current year there were 6 donations, in excess of £1,000, made from the Trustee National Fund totalling £84,500 made to the following charities across the UK:

BDFA	17,000
Lindsey Lodge Hospice	15,500
Health Stars	15,000
The Dash Charity	15,000
Children and Families in Grief	12,000
Adferiad Recovery	10,000

In addition, around 1,700 individual donations were made totalling £725,563 being donated to small charities and good causes in the retailers' local communities, with donations ranging in value from £10 to £1,000.

Funding

Nisa Retail is the sole funder of the charity; all products included in the Co-op and Heritage own-label ranges carry a 0.6% donation to the charity.

Plans for future periods

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years.

Report of the Trustees

Fundraising

Section 162a of the Charities Act 2011 requires charities to make a statement regarding fundraising activities. The legislation defines fundraising as “soliciting or otherwise procuring money or other property for charitable purposes”. The charity collects cash donations from the general public mainly via collection tins left on till points, however this makes up a significantly small proportion of income.

Given the nature of the funding of the charity the Trustees consider that it remains appropriate not to be voluntarily bound to be regulated by the Fundraising Regulator but is voluntarily registered with it.

The charity has received no complaints in relation to fundraising activity for the year under review.

Donation Making Policy and Procedure

Retailers supplied by Nisa nominate charities or good causes from their local communities to receive donations. The Charity administrative team verifies the charity or good cause to ensure it meets the requirements of the charity, then pass the request to the Board of Trustees who approve or decline the donation, based on the aims of the Company. The administrative team then processes the donation to the charity or good cause.

In addition, donations are made to two other groups: charities nominated by Nisa employees and regional community causes and charities determined by the Board of Trustees.

The significant activities are the making of donations in line with the objectives of the charity to approved charities and good causes. The donation making policies are set out above.

An exercise to measure the impact of MADL was carried out in 2017 with the result that for every £1 donated by MADL, £5.16 is returned in social value.

Reserves policy

The trustees propose to maintain reserves in order to safeguard the activities of the charity for a period of time in the event that donations fall or cease. The reserves will allow the charity to continue to operate while seeking further funding, which will help to safeguard the interests of beneficiaries.

The charity will maintain reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to one year’s operational expenditure. Operating costs in 2019/20 were £198,424 (2018/19: £ 217,345). Free reserves as at the year end amounted to £240,000 (2019: £38,847), following a transfer from designated funds during the year.

Financial review

The Charitable group had a net surplus of £189,439 (2018/19: £178,806) as set out in the financial statements. It is the desire of the Trustees to reduce these funds so that they can be put to work in our local communities. It is planned that this will continue until the reserves represent one year’s administration costs in advance plus an amount representing approximately 3-6 months of accrued income restricted for the Retailers’ nominations.

The administration costs were stable over the year.

Report of the Trustees

Pay policy for senior staff

The charity does not employ any staff; however the charity is administered by staff employed by Nisa Retail. The charity has a Manager and two Executive Assistants who work exclusively for the Charity with their salary cost recharged in its entirety by Nisa Retail. In addition four other individuals work in part for the Charity and in part for Nisa Retail. A proportion of their salary cost, based on actual time spent, is charged by Nisa Retail to the Charity on an actual cost basis.

The recharged salaries are based on industry averages and pay awards are inflationary.

Risk management

The Board reviews annually the material financial and non-financial risks facing the charity and, on a rolling cycle basis, reviews the effectiveness of the risk management process and the resources that our business devotes to them. The principal risks and corresponding mitigation set out below represent the principal uncertainties that the Board believes may impact the company's ability to deliver effectively its strategy in the future. The list does not include all risks that the charity faces, and it does not list the risks in any order of priority.

Risk Type	Description	Mitigation
Financial and treasury	The availability of funding and management of cash flow to meet the objectives of the charity. This depends on the ongoing support of Nisa Retail for funding.	- The charity has reserves equal to more than one year's donations allowing an orderly cessation of activity were that to become necessary. - Nisa Retail's retail partners understand the clear interaction between the benefits of being engaged with and supporting the community and sharing good news stories of charitable activities.
People	We are a small organisation and our people are all critical to our operation. There is a risk that if we fail to attract, retain or motivate talented colleagues, we will not provide the quality of service that our members expect.	- We have competitive employment policies, remuneration and benefits packages. - Our training and development programmes are designed to give colleagues the skills they need to do their jobs and support their career aspirations. - Line managers conduct talent reviews and processes are in place to identify and actively manage talent. - Colleague engagement surveys, listening sessions and forums are used to understand and respond to our colleagues' needs and are reported regularly to the Board.
Changes in regulation	The charity operates in an environment governed by strict regulations to ensure the safety and protection of its stakeholders. Changing legislation, whether charity or company, may impact our ability to operate or give rise to reputational damage.	- The charity abides by government legislation, including food hygiene, health and safety and data protection. - The Board takes its responsibilities seriously and recognises that any breach of regulation could cause reputational and financial damage to the company.
Fraud	Charity and good causes are not who they	Checks are made of all charities and good causes.

Report of the Trustees

	claim to be with the result that they gain financially/ Payments are made to the wrong individuals or organisations.	• All cheques signed by two people. • Audit trail is retained for all payments made.
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Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and not less than one year from the date of approval. The Trustees are constantly monitoring the financial position of the charity and the ongoing uncertain situation in respect of Covid-19. The charity has no borrowings and operates as a grant maker, as such the pandemic is not expected to give rise to a material uncertainty in regard to going concern.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees (who are also directors of Making a Difference Locally Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company, the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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.

Report of the Trustees

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the group's auditor is unaware, and
- the trustees, having made enquiries of fellow directors and the group's auditor that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, Garbutt & Elliott Audit Limited, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on **16/03/2021** and signed on its behalf by:



M S Etherington
Director and Trustee

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Making a Difference Locally Ltd (the “parent charity” and its subsidiary (the “group”) for the year ended 30 June 2020 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated and charity balance sheets, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes to the financial statements. 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 charity's affairs as at 30 June 2020 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Charity 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

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Making a Difference Locally Ltd (cont..)

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 strategic report and the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report (incorporating the strategic report 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 the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Making a Difference Locally Ltd (cont..)

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement within the Trustees' Report, the trustees 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 they 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 the parent charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our 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.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members 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 Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Garbutt & Elliott Audit Limited

Laura Masheder
Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of Garbutt & Elliott Audit Limited
Statutory Auditor

17/03/2021
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Consolidated statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Note	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income from:					
Donations and Gift Aid		993,960	197,324	1,191,284	1,268,440
Investment income		5,542	1,100	6,642	8,160
Total income		999,502	198,424	1,197,926	1,276,600
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities:					
Grants awarded to:					
- Retailers institutions	2	622,533	152,489	775,022	618,898
- National institutions	2	77,122	18,891	96,013	358,210
- Local institution	2	110,408	27,044	137,452	120,686
Total expenditure		810,063	198,424	1,008,487	1,097,794
Net income for the year before transfers		189,439	-	189,439	178,806
Transfer between funds		(201,153)	201,153	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(11,714)	201,153	189,439	178,806
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,362,358	38,847	1,401,205	1,222,399
Total funds carried forward		1,350,644	240,000	1,590,644	1,401,205

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

All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

A fully detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30 June 2019 is shown at note 13.

The notes on pages 15-24 comprise part of these financial statements.

Balance sheets

		Group 2020 £	Company 2020 £	Group 2019 £	Company 2019 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	5	-	10	-	10
Current assets					
Debtors	6	290,063	1,260	106,554	1,260
Cash at bank		1,389,817	1,228,690	1,732,812	1,160,796
		1,679,880	1,229,950	1,839,366	1,162,056
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(89,236)	(345,010)	(438,161)	(437,591)
Net current assets		1,590,644	884,940	1,401,205	724,465
Total assets less current liabilities		1,590,644	884,950	1,401,205	724,475
Funds					
Designated funds	9	1,350,644	644,950	1,362,358	689,308
General funds	9	240,000	240,000	38,847	35,167
Total funds		1,590,644	884,950	1,401,205	724,475

The notes on pages 15-24 form part of these financial statements.

The 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 Trustees on 16/03/2021 and are signed on their behalf by:



M S Etherington
Trustee

Company Registration Number: 06502266

Consolidated cash flow statement

	<i>Note</i>	2020 £	2019 £
Net cash produced by operating activities	11	(349,637)	161,294
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest received		6,642	8,160
Net cash provided by investing activities		6,642	8,160
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(342,995)	169,454
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,732,812	1,563,358
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		1,389,817	1,732,812

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Company information

Making a Difference Locally Limited ("MADL") is a company limited by guarantee registration number 06502266. The guarantors are the trustees named on page 1. The liability in respect of this guarantee, as set out in the memorandum, is limited to £1 per member. The Company is also a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, Registration Number 1123800.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

MADL meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are recognised to the £1.

On the grounds that the charitable company's results are consolidated into the charitable company's group accounts the charitable company has taken advantage of certain exemptions conferred by section 1.11 of FRS 102 as follows:

- Exemption from presenting a charitable company statement of cash flows as a primary statement to the financial statements.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and not less than one year from the date of approval. The Trustees are constantly monitoring the financial position of the charity and the ongoing uncertain situation in respect of Covid-19. The charity has no borrowings and operates as a grant maker, as such the pandemic is not expected to give rise to a material uncertainty in regard to going concern.

Group financial statements

The financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiary Making A Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd on a line by line basis. The summarised profit and loss account for the subsidiary is shown in note 5. A separate Statement of Financial Activities, including the income and expenditure account, for the charity itself is not presented because the charity has taken advantage of the exemptions offered by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The gross income of the charity was £1,020,469 (2019: £496,312) and the net surplus was £160,475 (net deficit 2019: £438,016).

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company.

Designated funds are funds held to be applied by the trustees in line with the wishes of retailers supplied by Nisa Retail or the Head office staff of Nisa as set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

Income includes the total receivable during the period from grants, sponsorship, donations, gift aid and other income.

Gift Aid is recognised on the same basis as donations. The company receives gift aid each year from Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd, under the provisions related to Gift Aid as at the point there is a legal obligation or it is physically settled in cash.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Charitable expenditure comprises of grants made to nominated charities or good causes, as well as national charities and those charities nominated by the staff of Nisa Retail or Retailer Supermarkets which are made in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity.

The Charity applies a grant making policy to the above charitable expenditure, which requires members to submit an application for a grant to be paid. Applications are subject to a review process and require approval from the Board of Trustees before being issued. The grants must be made to causes that are compliant with the Charity's core values, considered to be local to the member, and not for purposes that are unlawful or prohibited by the Board of Trustees.

Support costs allocated to charitable expenditure comprise all costs relating to the running and administration of the charity, these costs include legal and audit fees.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost and the Trustees review the carrying value annually for indications of impairment.

Financial instruments

The group has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity held for working capital. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowing in current liabilities.

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Creditors, loans and provisions

Creditors, loans and provisions are recognised where the group has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors, loans and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial liabilities are only derecognised when, and only when, the group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

Amounts recognised as provisions are best estimates of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

Taxation

Making a Difference Locally Limited is a registered charity and as such is a charity within the meaning of schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the parent charitable company is potentially entitled to tax exemption under part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 in respect of income and gains arising.

The trading subsidiary is liable to corporation tax on their chargeable profits. Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date. As all profits arising in the subsidiary were gift aided to the parent charitable company within nine months of the year end, in both the current and prior financial year, no corporation tax arises.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the group's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future.

The Trustees consider that there are no assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities recognised in the balance sheet as at 30 June 2020.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Expenditure on charitable activity

Year ended 30 June 2020:	Direct costs	Support costs	2020
	£	£	£
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
Retailers nominated institutions	622,533	152,489	775,022
National institutions	77,122	18,891	96,013
Local institutions	110,408	27,044	137,452
Total cost	810,063	198,424	1,008,487

Year ended 30 June 2019:	Direct costs	Support costs	2019
	£	£	£
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
Retailers nominated institutions	496,367	122,531	618,898
National institutions	287,290	70,920	358,210
Local institutions	96,792	23,894	120,686
Total cost	880,449	217,345	1,097,794

Direct costs of charitable activity represents a total 1,724 (2019 – 1,457) grants awarded totalling £810,063 (2019 - £880,449) which have been paid from designated funds.

Owing to the nature of the organisations to which grants and awards made they vary in size with modest grants making a very meaningful difference to these local and community causes. Grants are paid to causes across the charitable objects of good health and wellbeing, education, employment, good food and nutrition, shelter and security.

Grants to Institutions over £10,000	2020
	£
BDFA	17,000
Lindsey Lodge Hospice	15,500
Health Stars	15,000
The Dash Charity	15,000
Children and Families in Grief	12,000
Adferiad Recovery	10,000
Total	84,500

Notes to the financial statements

2 Expenditure on charitable activity (continued)

Analysis of Support Costs

	2020 £	2019 £
NISA administration costs	171,356	176,129
Governance costs	12,181	9,504
Other expenses	14,872	31,488
Bank charges	15	224
Total support costs	198,424	217,345

Governance costs included within support costs include fees payable to the auditor as detailed in note 3.

3 Net income for the period is stated after charging:

	2020 £	2019 £
Auditor's remuneration		
- audit of the financial statements	10,000	8,364
- other services	3,250	1,140

4 Employees

No trustees received any remuneration, benefits, or out of pocket expenses from the company for the performance of their duties during the period under review (2019: No Trustees).

There were no employees of the charitable company during the year. Support costs include an administration recharge of £170,720 (2019 - £191,352) of which £144,000 (2019 - £144,000) relates to recharged staff costs.

5 Fixed asset investments

Company

	2020 £	2019 £
Subsidiary undertaking	10	10

The Company owns the entire issued ordinary share capital of Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd, a company registered in England and Wales, whose principal activity is the raising of funds to further the aims of its parent undertaking, Making a Difference Locally Ltd.

Notes to the financial statements

5 Fixed asset investments (continued)

The result of the Company's trading activities through its subsidiary undertaking is detailed below.

	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover	1,154,217	1,230,287
Net income attributable to parent undertaking	1,154,217	1,230,287
Expenditure for the year	148,493	(163,466)
Profit for the financial year	1,005,724	1,066,821
Distribution to parent charity under gift aid	(976,760)	(450,000)
Retained profit	28,964	616,821
Reconciliation of Retained Earnings		
Total retained earnings brought forward	676,730	59,909
Total retained earnings carried forward	705,694	676,730

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

	2020 £	2019 £
Assets	782,229	971,304
Liabilities	(76,525)	(294,564)
Funds	705,704	676,740

6 Debtors

	Group 2020 £	Company 2020 £	Group 2019 £	Company 2019 £
Other debtors	290,063	1,260	106,554	1,260
	290,063	1,260	106,554	1,260

Notes to the financial statements

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2020	Company 2020	Group 2019	Company 2019
		£	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-	217,527	-
Other creditors	89,236	186,413	85,752	136,496
Older unreconciled donations	-	-	134,882	134,882
Amounts due to subsidiary undertaking	-	158,597	-	166,213
	89,236	345,010	438,161	437,591

8 Statement of funds

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Balance at 1 July 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 30 June 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Group Funds:					
Designated funds	1,362,358	999,502	(810,063)	(201,153)	1,350,644
Unrestricted funds	38,847	198,424	(198,424)	201,153	240,000
Total funds	1,401,205	1,197,926	(1,008,487)	-	1,590,644

Designated Funds – These funds relate to donations committed to retailers supplied by Nisa. During the year, a transfer of £201,153 was recognised to ensure that this balance directly agrees to such funds displayed on the charity's portal.

For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Balance at 1 July 2018	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 30 June 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Group Funds:					
Designated funds	1,183,552	1,059,255	(880,449)	-	1,362,358
Unrestricted funds	38,847	217,345	(217,345)	-	38,847
Total funds	1,222,399	1,276,600	(1,097,794)	-	1,401,205

Notes to the financial statements

8 Statement of funds (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Balance at 1 July 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 30 June 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Company Funds:					
Designated funds	689,308	970,538	(810,063)	(204,833)	644,950
Unrestricted funds	35,167	198,424	(198,424)	204,833	240,000
Total funds	724,475	1,168,962	(1,008,487)	-	884,950

For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Balance at 1 July 2018	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 30 June 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Company Funds:					
Designated funds	1,127,323	442,434	(880,449)	-	689,308
Unrestricted funds	35,167	217,345	(217,345)	-	35,167
Total funds	1,162,490	659,779	(1,097,794)	-	724,475

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Net current assets £	Total 2020 £
Group		
Designated funds	1,350,644	1,350,644
Unrestricted funds	240,000	240,000
Total Group Funds	1,590,644	1,590,644

For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Net current assets £	Total 2019 £
Group		
Designated funds	1,362,358	1,362,358
Unrestricted funds	38,847	38,847
Total Group Funds	1,401,205	1,401,205

Notes to the financial statements

10 Related party transactions

Income of £1,154,217 (2019: £1,230,287) was collected by Nisa Retail Limited and transferred to Making a Difference Locally Ltd via its subsidiary Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd. In addition £170,720 (2019: £191,352) of administration costs were originally incurred by Nisa Retail Limited, then recharged to Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd. As at the year end, an amount of £290,063 (2019 - £110,973 owed to) was owed from Nisa Retail Limited. During the year, Nisa charged £nil (2019 - £9,640) for the rental of Stoneleigh exhibition space.

As at the year end, Making a Difference Locally Limited had a creditor balance owed to Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Limited amounting to £158,598 (2019 - £166,213).

Andrew Barber, one of our Trustees, is the CEO of the Hey Smile Foundation. During the year, donations of £720 were made to the Hey Smile Foundation.

The Trustees consider themselves to be key management personnel.

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net movement in funds	189,439	178,806
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(6,642)	(8,160)
(Increase)/ Decrease in debtors	(183,509)	(82,370)
(Decrease)/ Increase in creditors	(348,925)	73,018
Net cash provided by operating activities	(349,637)	161,294

12 Analysis of changes in net debt

The Charity had no debt during the year.

Notes to the financial statements

13 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ending 30 June 2019

	Unrestricted designated funds £	Unrestricted general funds £	Total funds 2019 £
Income from:			
Donations and Gift Aid	1,052,484	215,956	1,268,440
Investment income	6,771	1,389	8,160
Total income	1,059,255	217,345	1,276,600
Expenditure on charitable activities:			
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
- Retailers institutions	496,367	122,531	618,898
- National institutions	287,290	70,920	358,210
- Local institution	96,792	23,894	120,686
Total expenditure	880,449	217,345	1,097,794
Net surplus and net movement in funds for the year	178,806	-	178,806
Reconciliation of Funds:			
Fund balances brought forward	1,183,552	38,847	1,222,399
Fund balances carried forward	1,362,358	38,847	1,401,205

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Making a Difference Locally Ltd
(a company limited by guarantee)

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Charity Information

Company registration number	06502266
Registered charity number	1123800
Principal and registered office	Waldo Way Normanby Enterprise Park Scunthorpe DN15 9GE
Trustees	C Taylor A Barber S Leach D Stokes M S Etherington (appointed 2 October 2019) J McNeill (appointed 2 October 2019) K Marsden (appointed 1 July 2020)
Secretary	C Sellers
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Sheffield and Rotherham Group Leicester LE87 2BB
Auditor	Garbutt & Elliot Audit Limited 33 Park Place Leeds LS1 2RY
Solicitors	Wrigley's Solicitors LLP 19 Cookridge Street Leeds LS2 3AG

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ending 30 June 2020, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association, and 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 the republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Making a Difference Locally Ltd ('MADL', 'the Company' or 'the Charity') is both a charitable company (Registered in England number 06502266) and a registered charity (Registered number 1123800).

The Governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association (Amended 10 January 2013). MADL is a company limited by guarantee, the liability of each member being limited to £1.

Public Benefit Statement

We provide public benefit through making donations to local charities and good causes. This public benefit is directly related to our charitable objectives. We confirm that we follow the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Trustees and management

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of company law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees and directors: N Gray (resigned 31st July 2019)
C Taylor
J Clark (resigned 11th July 2019)
A Barber
S Leach
P Rondepierre (resigned 31st August 2020)
D Stokes
J McNeill (appointed 2nd October 2019)
S Etherington (appointed 2nd October 2019)
K Marsden (appointed 1st July 2020)

Secretary: C Sellers

The Board is subject to rotation and election by the members.

The Trustees are responsible for the operation of the Company including the raising of funds and approving donations to charities and good causes nominated by Nisa retailers and employees.

The Trustees are appointed for 3 year periods. Training is provided to ensure the Board comply with statutory and other requirements applicable to Charities and seek to follow best practice.

Report of the Trustees

Objectives and activities

The Company was incorporated on 12 February 2008 with the objectives to support charitable purposes approved by the Board. The principal aim of the Company is to invest in building stronger local communities by making donations to local charities and good causes. It seeks to bring communities together where everyone has equal access to good health and wellbeing, education, employment, good food and nutrition, shelter and security so that in the end we have been a catalyst for sustainable change and can leave a lasting legacy.

When reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity, and in planning future activities, the Trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

The Charity's main focus continues to be supporting smaller, regional charities and community causes where donations are more measurable and impactful and to help Nisa retailers donate funds to good causes within their local communities.

The strategy for achieving this has been founded upon securing donations through Nisa.

The company via its trading subsidiary continues to raise significant sums which will support the Charity in the forthcoming year. Amounts received in 2020 totalled £1,154,217 a decrease of £76,070 (6.6%) on the prior year with the focus being towards encouraging Nisa retailers to engage better with their local communities and use their fund balances.

The number of Nisa retailers who donated money for the first time was 213 donating £140,197 (2019: 320 retailers, donating £120,253). Donations in the first half of the 2019/20 year were £366,450 (2019: £409,674).

In the current year there were 6 donations, in excess of £1,000, made from the Trustee National Fund totalling £84,500 made to the following charities across the UK:

BDFA	17,000
Lindsey Lodge Hospice	15,500
Health Stars	15,000
The Dash Charity	15,000
Children and Families in Grief	12,000
Adferiad Recovery	10,000

In addition, around 1,700 individual donations were made totalling £725,563 being donated to small charities and good causes in the retailers' local communities, with donations ranging in value from £10 to £1,000.

Funding

Nisa Retail is the sole funder of the charity; all products included in the Co-op and Heritage own-label ranges carry a 0.6% donation to the charity.

Plans for future periods

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years.

Report of the Trustees

Fundraising

Section 162a of the Charities Act 2011 requires charities to make a statement regarding fundraising activities. The legislation defines fundraising as “soliciting or otherwise procuring money or other property for charitable purposes”. The charity collects cash donations from the general public mainly via collection tins left on till points, however this makes up a significantly small proportion of income.

Given the nature of the funding of the charity the Trustees consider that it remains appropriate not to be voluntarily bound to be regulated by the Fundraising Regulator but is voluntarily registered with it.

The charity has received no complaints in relation to fundraising activity for the year under review.

Donation Making Policy and Procedure

Retailers supplied by Nisa nominate charities or good causes from their local communities to receive donations. The Charity administrative team verifies the charity or good cause to ensure it meets the requirements of the charity, then pass the request to the Board of Trustees who approve or decline the donation, based on the aims of the Company. The administrative team then processes the donation to the charity or good cause.

In addition, donations are made to two other groups: charities nominated by Nisa employees and regional community causes and charities determined by the Board of Trustees.

The significant activities are the making of donations in line with the objectives of the charity to approved charities and good causes. The donation making policies are set out above.

An exercise to measure the impact of MADL was carried out in 2017 with the result that for every £1 donated by MADL, £5.16 is returned in social value.

Reserves policy

The trustees propose to maintain reserves in order to safeguard the activities of the charity for a period of time in the event that donations fall or cease. The reserves will allow the charity to continue to operate while seeking further funding, which will help to safeguard the interests of beneficiaries.

The charity will maintain reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to one year’s operational expenditure. Operating costs in 2019/20 were £198,424 (2018/19: £ 217,345). Free reserves as at the year end amounted to £240,000 (2019: £38,847), following a transfer from designated funds during the year.

Financial review

The Charitable group had a net surplus of £189,439 (2018/19: £178,806) as set out in the financial statements. It is the desire of the Trustees to reduce these funds so that they can be put to work in our local communities. It is planned that this will continue until the reserves represent one year’s administration costs in advance plus an amount representing approximately 3-6 months of accrued income restricted for the Retailers’ nominations.

The administration costs were stable over the year.

Report of the Trustees

Pay policy for senior staff

The charity does not employ any staff; however the charity is administered by staff employed by Nisa Retail. The charity has a Manager and two Executive Assistants who work exclusively for the Charity with their salary cost recharged in its entirety by Nisa Retail. In addition four other individuals work in part for the Charity and in part for Nisa Retail. A proportion of their salary cost, based on actual time spent, is charged by Nisa Retail to the Charity on an actual cost basis.

The recharged salaries are based on industry averages and pay awards are inflationary.

Risk management

The Board reviews annually the material financial and non-financial risks facing the charity and, on a rolling cycle basis, reviews the effectiveness of the risk management process and the resources that our business devotes to them. The principal risks and corresponding mitigation set out below represent the principal uncertainties that the Board believes may impact the company's ability to deliver effectively its strategy in the future. The list does not include all risks that the charity faces, and it does not list the risks in any order of priority.

Risk Type	Description	Mitigation
Financial and treasury	The availability of funding and management of cash flow to meet the objectives of the charity. This depends on the ongoing support of Nisa Retail for funding.	- The charity has reserves equal to more than one year's donations allowing an orderly cessation of activity were that to become necessary. - Nisa Retail's retail partners understand the clear interaction between the benefits of being engaged with and supporting the community and sharing good news stories of charitable activities.
People	We are a small organisation and our people are all critical to our operation. There is a risk that if we fail to attract, retain or motivate talented colleagues, we will not provide the quality of service that our members expect.	- We have competitive employment policies, remuneration and benefits packages. - Our training and development programmes are designed to give colleagues the skills they need to do their jobs and support their career aspirations. - Line managers conduct talent reviews and processes are in place to identify and actively manage talent. - Colleague engagement surveys, listening sessions and forums are used to understand and respond to our colleagues' needs and are reported regularly to the Board.
Changes in regulation	The charity operates in an environment governed by strict regulations to ensure the safety and protection of its stakeholders. Changing legislation, whether charity or company, may impact our ability to operate or give rise to reputational damage.	- The charity abides by government legislation, including food hygiene, health and safety and data protection. - The Board takes its responsibilities seriously and recognises that any breach of regulation could cause reputational and financial damage to the company.
Fraud	Charity and good causes are not who they	Checks are made of all charities and good causes.

Report of the Trustees

	claim to be with the result that they gain financially/ Payments are made to the wrong individuals or organisations.	• All cheques signed by two people. • Audit trail is retained for all payments made.
Financial and treasury	The availability of funding and management of cash flow to meet the objectives of the charity. This depends on the ongoing support of Nisa Retail for funding.	• The charity has reserves equal to more than one year's donations allowing an orderly cessation of activity were that to become necessary. • Nisa Retail's retail partners understand the clear interaction between the benefits of being engaged with and supporting the community and sharing good news stories of charitable activities.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and not less than one year from the date of approval. The Trustees are constantly monitoring the financial position of the charity and the ongoing uncertain situation in respect of Covid-19. The charity has no borrowings and operates as a grant maker, as such the pandemic is not expected to give rise to a material uncertainty in regard to going concern.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees (who are also directors of Making a Difference Locally Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company, the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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.

Report of the Trustees

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the group's auditor is unaware, and
- the trustees, having made enquiries of fellow directors and the group's auditor that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, Garbutt & Elliott Audit Limited, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on **16/03/2021** and signed on its behalf by:



M S Etherington
Director and Trustee

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Making a Difference Locally Ltd (the "parent charity" and its subsidiary (the "group") for the year ended 30 June 2020 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated and charity balance sheets, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes to the financial statements. 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 charity's affairs as at 30 June 2020 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Charity 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

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Making a Difference Locally Ltd (cont..)

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 strategic report and the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report (incorporating the strategic report 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 the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Making a Difference Locally Ltd

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Making a Difference Locally Ltd (cont..)

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement within the Trustees' Report, the trustees 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 they 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 the parent charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our 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.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members 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 Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Laura Masheder

Laura Masheder
Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of Garbutt & Elliott Audit Limited
Statutory Auditor

17/03/2021
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Consolidated statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Note	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income from:					
Donations and Gift Aid		993,960	197,324	1,191,284	1,268,440
Investment income		5,542	1,100	6,642	8,160
Total income		999,502	198,424	1,197,926	1,276,600
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities:					
Grants awarded to:					
- Retailers institutions	2	622,533	152,489	775,022	618,898
- National institutions	2	77,122	18,891	96,013	358,210
- Local institution	2	110,408	27,044	137,452	120,686
Total expenditure		810,063	198,424	1,008,487	1,097,794
Net income for the year before transfers		189,439	-	189,439	178,806
Transfer between funds		(201,153)	201,153	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(11,714)	201,153	189,439	178,806
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,362,358	38,847	1,401,205	1,222,399
Total funds carried forward		1,350,644	240,000	1,590,644	1,401,205

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

All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

A fully detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30 June 2019 is shown at note 13.

The notes on pages 15-24 comprise part of these financial statements.

Balance sheets

		Group 2020 £	Company 2020 £	Group 2019 £	Company 2019 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	5	-	10	-	10
Current assets					
Debtors	6	290,063	1,260	106,554	1,260
Cash at bank		1,389,817	1,228,690	1,732,812	1,160,796
		1,679,880	1,229,950	1,839,366	1,162,056
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(89,236)	(345,010)	(438,161)	(437,591)
Net current assets		1,590,644	884,940	1,401,205	724,465
Total assets less current liabilities		1,590,644	884,950	1,401,205	724,475
Funds					
Designated funds	9	1,350,644	644,950	1,362,358	689,308
General funds	9	240,000	240,000	38,847	35,167
Total funds		1,590,644	884,950	1,401,205	724,475

The notes on pages 15-24 form part of these financial statements.

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

16/03/2021

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:



M S Etherington
Trustee

Company Registration Number: 06502266

Consolidated cash flow statement

	<i>Note</i>	2020 £	2019 £
Net cash produced by operating activities	11	(349,637)	161,294
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest received		6,642	8,160
Net cash provided by investing activities		6,642	8,160
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(342,995)	169,454
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,732,812	1,563,358
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		1,389,817	1,732,812

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Company information

Making a Difference Locally Limited ("MADL") is a company limited by guarantee registration number 06502266. The guarantors are the trustees named on page 1. The liability in respect of this guarantee, as set out in the memorandum, is limited to £1 per member. The Company is also a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, Registration Number 1123800.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

MADL meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are recognised to the £1.

On the grounds that the charitable company's results are consolidated into the charitable company's group accounts the charitable company has taken advantage of certain exemptions conferred by section 1.11 of FRS 102 as follows:

- Exemption from presenting a charitable company statement of cash flows as a primary statement to the financial statements.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and not less than one year from the date of approval. The Trustees are constantly monitoring the financial position of the charity and the ongoing uncertain situation in respect of Covid-19. The charity has no borrowings and operates as a grant maker, as such the pandemic is not expected to give rise to a material uncertainty in regard to going concern.

Group financial statements

The financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiary Making A Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd on a line by line basis. The summarised profit and loss account for the subsidiary is shown in note 5. A separate Statement of Financial Activities, including the income and expenditure account, for the charity itself is not presented because the charity has taken advantage of the exemptions offered by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The gross income of the charity was £1,020,469 (2019: £496,312) and the net surplus was £160,475 (net deficit 2019: £438,016).

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company.

Designated funds are funds held to be applied by the trustees in line with the wishes of retailers supplied by Nisa Retail or the Head office staff of Nisa as set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

Income includes the total receivable during the period from grants, sponsorship, donations, gift aid and other income.

Gift Aid is recognised on the same basis as donations. The company receives gift aid each year from Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd, under the provisions related to Gift Aid as at the point there is a legal obligation or it is physically settled in cash.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Charitable expenditure comprises of grants made to nominated charities or good causes, as well as national charities and those charities nominated by the staff of Nisa Retail or Retailer Supermarkets which are made in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity.

The Charity applies a grant making policy to the above charitable expenditure, which requires members to submit an application for a grant to be paid. Applications are subject to a review process and require approval from the Board of Trustees before being issued. The grants must be made to causes that are compliant with the Charity's core values, considered to be local to the member, and not for purposes that are unlawful or prohibited by the Board of Trustees.

Support costs allocated to charitable expenditure comprise all costs relating to the running and administration of the charity, these costs include legal and audit fees.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost and the Trustees review the carrying value annually for indications of impairment.

Financial instruments

The group has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity held for working capital. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowing in current liabilities.

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Creditors, loans and provisions

Creditors, loans and provisions are recognised where the group has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors, loans and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial liabilities are only derecognised when, and only when, the group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

Amounts recognised as provisions are best estimates of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

Taxation

Making a Difference Locally Limited is a registered charity and as such is a charity within the meaning of schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the parent charitable company is potentially entitled to tax exemption under part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 in respect of income and gains arising.

The trading subsidiary is liable to corporation tax on their chargeable profits. Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date. As all profits arising in the subsidiary were gift aided to the parent charitable company within nine months of the year end, in both the current and prior financial year, no corporation tax arises.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the group's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future.

The Trustees consider that there are no assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities recognised in the balance sheet as at 30 June 2020.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Expenditure on charitable activity

Year ended 30 June 2020:	Direct costs	Support costs	2020
	£	£	£
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
Retailers nominated institutions	622,533	152,489	775,022
National institutions	77,122	18,891	96,013
Local institutions	110,408	27,044	137,452
Total cost	810,063	198,424	1,008,487

Year ended 30 June 2019:	Direct costs	Support costs	2019
	£	£	£
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
Retailers nominated institutions	496,367	122,531	618,898
National institutions	287,290	70,920	358,210
Local institutions	96,792	23,894	120,686
Total cost	880,449	217,345	1,097,794

Direct costs of charitable activity represents a total 1,724 (2019 – 1,457) grants awarded totalling £810,063 (2019 - £880,449) which have been paid from designated funds.

Owing to the nature of the organisations to which grants and awards made they vary in size with modest grants making a very meaningful difference to these local and community causes. Grants are paid to causes across the charitable objects of good health and wellbeing, education, employment, good food and nutrition, shelter and security.

Grants to Institutions over £10,000	2020
	£
BDFA	17,000
Lindsey Lodge Hospice	15,500
Health Stars	15,000
The Dash Charity	15,000
Children and Families in Grief	12,000
Adferiad Recovery	10,000
Total	84,500

Notes to the financial statements

2 Expenditure on charitable activity (continued)

Analysis of Support Costs

	2020 £	2019 £
NISA administration costs	171,356	176,129
Governance costs	12,181	9,504
Other expenses	14,872	31,488
Bank charges	15	224
Total support costs	198,424	217,345

Governance costs included within support costs include fees payable to the auditor as detailed in note 3.

3 Net income for the period is stated after charging:

	2020 £	2019 £
Auditor's remuneration		
- audit of the financial statements	10,000	8,364
- other services	3,250	1,140

4 Employees

No trustees received any remuneration, benefits, or out of pocket expenses from the company for the performance of their duties during the period under review (2019: No Trustees).

There were no employees of the charitable company during the year. Support costs include an administration recharge of £170,720 (2019 - £191,352) of which £144,000 (2019 - £144,000) relates to recharged staff costs.

5 Fixed asset investments

Company

	2020 £	2019 £
Subsidiary undertaking	10	10

The Company owns the entire issued ordinary share capital of Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd, a company registered in England and Wales, whose principal activity is the raising of funds to further the aims of its parent undertaking, Making a Difference Locally Ltd.

Notes to the financial statements

5 Fixed asset investments (continued)

The result of the Company's trading activities through its subsidiary undertaking is detailed below.

	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover	1,154,217	1,230,287
Net income attributable to parent undertaking	1,154,217	1,230,287
Expenditure for the year	148,493	(163,466)
Profit for the financial year	1,005,724	1,066,821
Distribution to parent charity under gift aid	(976,760)	(450,000)
Retained profit	28,964	616,821
Reconciliation of Retained Earnings		
Total retained earnings brought forward	676,730	59,909
Total retained earnings carried forward	705,694	676,730

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

	2020 £	2019 £
Assets	782,229	971,304
Liabilities	(76,525)	(294,564)
Funds	705,704	676,740

6 Debtors

	Group 2020 £	Company 2020 £	Group 2019 £	Company 2019 £
Other debtors	290,063	1,260	106,554	1,260
	290,063	1,260	106,554	1,260

Notes to the financial statements

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2020	Company 2020	Group 2019	Company 2019
		£	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-	217,527	-
Other creditors	89,236	186,413	85,752	136,496
Older unreconciled donations	-	-	134,882	134,882
Amounts due to subsidiary undertaking	-	158,597	-	166,213
	89,236	345,010	438,161	437,591

8 Statement of funds

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Balance at 1 July 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 30 June 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Group Funds:					
Designated funds	1,362,358	999,502	(810,063)	(201,153)	1,350,644
Unrestricted funds	38,847	198,424	(198,424)	201,153	240,000
Total funds	1,401,205	1,197,926	(1,008,487)	-	1,590,644

Designated Funds – These funds relate to donations committed to retailers supplied by Nisa. During the year, a transfer of £201,153 was recognised to ensure that this balance directly agrees to such funds displayed on the charity's portal.

For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Balance at 1 July 2018	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 30 June 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Group Funds:					
Designated funds	1,183,552	1,059,255	(880,449)	-	1,362,358
Unrestricted funds	38,847	217,345	(217,345)	-	38,847
Total funds	1,222,399	1,276,600	(1,097,794)	-	1,401,205

Notes to the financial statements

8 Statement of funds (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Balance at 1 July 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 30 June 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Company					
Funds:					
Designated funds	689,308	970,538	(810,063)	(204,833)	644,950
Unrestricted funds	35,167	198,424	(198,424)	204,833	240,000
Total funds	724,475	1,168,962	(1,008,487)	-	884,950

For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Balance at 1 July 2018	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 30 June 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Company					
Funds:					
Designated funds	1,127,323	442,434	(880,449)	-	689,308
Unrestricted funds	35,167	217,345	(217,345)	-	35,167
Total funds	1,162,490	659,779	(1,097,794)	-	724,475

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Net current assets	Total 2020
	£	£
Group		
Designated funds	1,350,644	1,350,644
Unrestricted funds	240,000	240,000
Total Group Funds	1,590,644	1,590,644

For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Net current assets	Total 2019
	£	£
Group		
Designated funds	1,362,358	1,362,358
Unrestricted funds	38,847	38,847
Total Group Funds	1,401,205	1,401,205

Notes to the financial statements

10 Related party transactions

Income of £1,154,217 (2019: £1,230,287) was collected by Nisa Retail Limited and transferred to Making a Difference Locally Ltd via its subsidiary Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd. In addition £170,720 (2019: £191,352) of administration costs were originally incurred by Nisa Retail Limited, then recharged to Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Ltd. As at the year end, an amount of £290,063 (2019 - £110,973 owed to) was owed from Nisa Retail Limited. During the year, Nisa charged £nil (2019 - £9,640) for the rental of Stoneleigh exhibition space.

As at the year end, Making a Difference Locally Limited had a creditor balance owed to Making a Difference Locally (Marketing) Limited amounting to £158,598 (2019 - £166,213).

Andrew Barber, one of our Trustees, is the CEO of the Hey Smile Foundation. During the year, donations of £720 were made to the Hey Smile Foundation.

The Trustees consider themselves to be key management personnel.

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net movement in funds	189,439	178,806
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(6,642)	(8,160)
(Increase)/ Decrease in debtors	(183,509)	(82,370)
(Decrease)/ Increase in creditors	(348,925)	73,018
Net cash provided by operating activities	(349,637)	161,294

12 Analysis of changes in net debt

The Charity had no debt during the year.

Notes to the financial statements

13 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ending 30 June 2019

	Unrestricted designated funds £	Unrestricted general funds £	Total funds 2019 £
Income from:			
Donations and Gift Aid	1,052,484	215,956	1,268,440
Investment income	6,771	1,389	8,160
Total income	1,059,255	217,345	1,276,600
Expenditure on charitable activities:			
<i>Grants awarded to:</i>			
- Retailers institutions	496,367	122,531	618,898
- National institutions	287,290	70,920	358,210
- Local institution	96,792	23,894	120,686
Total expenditure	880,449	217,345	1,097,794
Net surplus and net movement in funds for the year	178,806	-	178,806
Reconciliation of Funds:			
Fund balances brought forward	1,183,552	38,847	1,222,399
Fund balances carried forward	1,362,358	38,847	1,401,205

MADL Accounts for Signing

Final Audit Report

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