

Company registration number: 06706212

Charity registration number: 1135828

The Friendship Circle (UK)

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mrs Mireille Lyons Rabbi Anthony Joel Jaffe Rabbi David Jaffe Mr Philip Pink Mr Timothy Dempsey
Secretary	Mrs Mireille Lyons
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Charity Registration Number	1135828
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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

Trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Mrs Mireille Lyons

Rabbi Anthony Joel Jaffe

Rabbi David Jaffe

Mr Philip Pink

Mr Timothy Dempsey

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated 24 September 2008 as amended by special resolution registered at Companies House on 12 February 2012.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Appointment by Trustees

Organisational structure

Company limited by guarantee

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Chief Executive Officer Statement

Early 2022 saw an internal restructuring. Rabbi Daniel Walker came on board as Chief Executive Officer to fulfil some of the role of Rabbi Dovid Jaffe who had stepped down from his position as chairman of trustees after 15 years of dedicated and very active service.

At that time, the charity was in a very positive position. The Friendship Circle community was more united than ever before, having received national and local recognition for an exceptional operational response during the pandemic. Having weathered the storm financially, it was in secure position after a hugely successful Charity Extra campaign in May 2021. Volunteer numbers were at an all-time high, with many new joiners following the Covid Pandemic. Member numbers had also significantly grown.

Throughout 2022 The Friendship Circle team have worked tirelessly to build on their earlier successes and to continue growing and building the organisation. A major area of growth was the expansion into the field of employment and training. A working partnership has been formed the Focus Foundation to support their residents on their journey into finding employment and this service has been extended to all Friendship Circle members.

In the area of communal engagement, a flourishing partnership with the Prestwich Hebrew Congregation (Shrubberies) is paving the way for greater inclusivity in the synagogue setting and is a blueprint that will be extended to other shuls in the Manchester area.

The team were thrilled to host the Chief Rabbi, an honorary Patron of the charity, for afternoon tea. His passion for the charity was very evident and his kind words of support and encouragement inspired staff, volunteers, and members alike and motivated them in the quest for ever increasing excellence.

A high point in the year was the charity's fully inclusive Fashion Show where demand for tickets was so great it had to be extended over two nights. Over 400 people watched the groundbreaking show, where members walked side by side with their volunteer buddies, challenging the stereotypes surrounding disability, raising the profile of the charity, and bringing in much needed funds.

Ongoing expansion and continued growth have led to some operational challenges. The talented and dedicated staff give their all to the Friendship Circle and regularly go above and beyond what could reasonably be expected from them. However, to sustain the current high level of service and to continue the current trajectory of growth the charity urgently needs to expand the team.

As the team grows the charity will also need to expand their workspace, together with a continued need for more adequate event and programme space.

It has been identified that the trustee board needs to grow to better reflect the size of our organisation and to deepen the pool of experience and skill at the charity's disposal.

The goal for the coming year is to maintain the current level of growth, without compromising the excellent quality of provision, by securing new premises that can better accommodate the service; to grow the staffing team particularly in the programme division and to expand the trustee board.

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Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in the governing document

Object 1

To promote, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Greater Manchester and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship, or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

Object 2

To promote general charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Greater Manchester and the surrounding area, and to provide relief from financial hardship and social and/or economic disadvantage and to advance the education of its residents of all ages and to provide opportunities for the aforementioned residents to participate fully in the life of the community in ways which address and alleviate social and economic disadvantage.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Friendship Circle provides recreational programmes and activities for people who are isolated from the community due to their infirmity or disablement. The organisation works closely with the residential care organisations in the Greater Manchester area to fill any gaps they may have from a social and cultural perspective, as well as supporting families in the community and individuals.

Programmes include community meals, parties, social days and nights out, trips to theme parks, bowling and so on. The service also includes a wide range of clubs and classes such as singing, dance, art, discussion groups where members gain confidence, learn new skills as well as make new friends and have fun. The portfolio of clubs is continually being diversified to suit different tastes and interests.

A one-to-one buddy programme matches users to community volunteers for users who may not be comfortable in a group setting. A growing "teen" provision supports children between the ages of 12 and 18.

The charity continues to be far reaching in its mission to better assimilate people with learning disabilities into the community and are striving to build a more accepting and inclusive community. The disability education in schools programme is key to this which aims to quash negative perceptions and fears surrounding disability among school children.

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity

Programmes

This period began with real optimism with face-to-face activities having finally fully resumed and participation levels at an all-time high.

There has been a steady growth in new participants with 12 new joiners, many who receive little or no support from elsewhere.

The organisation continues to build productive partnerships with the residential organisations in the community including Langdon, Brookvale, Outreach and The Focus Foundation supporting their residents from a social and integrational perspective.

Demand for practical and emotional support grew dramatically over Covid and members are being provided with a more holistic offering with increased one to one support and signposting to other crucial services. Links have been forged with local therapists, mental health professionals and bereavement counsellors.

A partnership with The Focus Foundation to deliver employment services to people with disabilities in the community. This is a complete service with the aim of providing beneficiaries with the necessary vocational skills and training opportunities to enter the workplace. Currently 17 members are on or have completed a training course, 8 have been placed in a volunteer role and 4 are in paid employment. Members are also being helped to produce their CVs.

In addition to the wide range of daily social activities, there has been an increased focus on implementing skills-based programmes that enable members to advocate for themselves, such as the Speaking Out Forum, designed to give the members a "voice" through public speaking training and the Equal Voices Programme which connects members to people of influence and have their voices heard. Health & Wellbeing activities have also been introduced into the calendar encouraging members to stay fit and active.

The Boys Teen Club continues to thrive with over 20 boys regularly attending and a similar girl's provision will be launched in the coming year.

Promoting inclusivity and acceptance in all areas of the community is fundamental to the charity's mission. Several joint programmes and social events have been organised with The Shrubberies Synagogue in Prestwich with a view to promoting a more inclusive culture in the synagogue setting. Plans are in place to coordinate similar initiatives with other synagogues in the area.

Finance

Despite the economic climate, the charity began the year in a strong financial position, with significant cash reserves, due to the successful "I Am Me" crowd funding campaign in May 2021, which brought in a large proportion of the charities budget for the year.

As the charity is almost entirely reliant on voluntary income and receives no government funding the trustees are aware that the current economic climate poses a risk to its financial stability. The charity has focussed its efforts on strengthening the relationships with its long-standing donors and the Trustees have been encouraged by their increasing allegiance and loyalty. A growing patron scheme continues to give the charity long term sustainability with pledged income increasing by almost two thirds since the previous year.

An emphasis has also been placed on understanding external funding opportunities that may be available via grants and trusts. This has proven to be very challenging given the huge competition and the current economic climate.

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The year culminated in the "Be Beautiful Be Yourself" fully inclusive Fashion Show which was complete sell-out over two nights, with over 400 people in attendance, significantly raising the profile of the charity in the community, as well as raising over £75,000.

The trustees remain cautious due to the uncertain economic climate and in the face of rising demand for our service and are continually balancing increasing costs and economic challenges with the growing needs of the charity.

Investments have been made to expand the charity's programme staffing team to enable them to widen their offering with the Employment Programme. A new member of staff has been recruited specifically to facilitate this programme and is already making an impact. The charity has also invested in a new Donor Management System specifically for the fundraising department.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Use of volunteers

Volunteers continue to be key to service provision and as many as 150 volunteers, aged between 16 and 75, are supporting the activities and programmes. 31 new volunteers have joined The Friendship Circle Community with a steady increase of volunteers over the age of 50, giving them a new sense of purpose and meaning.

Policy on reserves

Historically the charity aims to hold 3 months reserves in general funds to cover at least three months expenditure; but are now looking to build those reserves to 6 months due to the challenging economic climate. This will provide the level of confidence needed to ensure continuity with the provision of regular weekly programmes and to cover staffing, volunteer expenses and office costs. It will also allow for the growth of the charity.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Friendship Circle (UK) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. 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 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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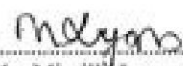
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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 charitable 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.

Reappointment of independent examiner

Gordon Levy, Chartered Accountant has been re-appointed as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 19 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs Mircille Lyons
Company Secretary and Trustee


.....
Mr Timothy Dempsey
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Friendship Circle (UK)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 9 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ICAEW.

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

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

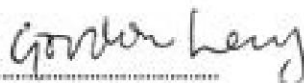
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

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



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19 September 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022 **(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3	374,463	374,463
Investment income	4	641	641
Other income	5	18,597	18,597
Total Income		<u>393,701</u>	<u>393,701</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	6	<u>(421,855)</u>	<u>(421,855)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(421,855)</u>	<u>(421,855)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(28,154)</u>	<u>(28,154)</u>
Net movement in funds		(28,154)	(28,154)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>314,401</u>	<u>314,401</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>286,247</u>	<u>286,247</u>
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3	487,590	487,590
Investment income	4	105	105
Other income	5	5,245	5,245
Total Income		<u>492,940</u>	<u>492,940</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	6	<u>(294,665)</u>	<u>(294,665)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(294,665)</u>	<u>(294,665)</u>
Net income		<u>198,275</u>	<u>198,275</u>
Net movement in funds		198,275	198,275
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>116,127</u>	<u>116,127</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>314,402</u>	<u>314,402</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and
Losses)**

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 11.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		321,894	359,681
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(9,869)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		312,025	359,681
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	10	<u>(25,778)</u>	<u>(45,279)</u>
Net assets		<u>286,247</u>	<u>314,402</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>286,247</u>	<u>314,402</u>
Total funds	11	<u>286,247</u>	<u>314,402</u>

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


Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 9 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 19 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:


 Mrs Mireille Lyons
 Company Secretary and Trustee


 Mr Timothy Dempsey
 Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

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

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The Friendship Circle (UK) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Debt instruments

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:

- (a) The contractual return to the holder is (i) a fixed amount; (ii) a positive fixed rate or a positive variable rate; or (iii) a combination of a positive or a negative fixed rate and a positive variable rate.
- (b) The contract may provide for repayments of the principal or the return to the holder (but not both) to be linked to a single relevant observable index of general price inflation of the currency in which the debt instrument is denominated, provided such links are not leveraged.
- (c) The contract may provide for a determinable variation of the return to the holder during the life of the instrument, provided that (i) the new rate satisfies condition (a) and the variation is not contingent on future events other than (1) a change of a contractual variable rate; (2) to protect the holder against credit deterioration of the issuer; (3) changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law; or (ii) the new rate is a market rate of interest and satisfies condition (a).
- (d) There is no contractual provision that could, by its terms, result in the holder losing the principal amount or any interest attributable to the current period or prior periods.
- (e) Contractual provisions that permit the issuer to prepay a debt instrument or permit the holder to put it back to the issuer before maturity are not contingent on future events, other than to protect the holder against the credit deterioration of the issuer or a change in control of the issuer, or to protect the holder or issuer against changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law.
- (f) Contractual provisions may permit the extension of the term of the debt instrument, provided that the return to the holder and any other contractual provisions applicable during the extended term satisfy the conditions of paragraphs (a) to (c).

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

With the exception of some hedging instruments, other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

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Derivative financial instruments

The charity uses derivative financial instruments to reduce exposure to foreign exchange risk and interest rate movements. The charity does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in statement of financial activities immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in statement of financial activities depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2022	2021
		£	£
Donations and legacies;			
Donations	286,908	286,908	393,240
Gift aid reclaimed	53,140	53,140	62,879
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	-	-	7,651
Grants from other charities	34,415	34,415	23,820
	<u>374,463</u>	<u>374,463</u>	<u>487,590</u>

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2022	2021
		£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	641	641	105

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5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	General £	£	£
Programme income	7,026	7,026	5,245
Recharges	11,571	11,571	-
	<u>18,597</u>	<u>18,597</u>	<u>5,245</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	General £	£	£
Activities undertaken directly	421,855	421,855	294,665
	Activity undertaken directly £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Wages & salaries	274,648	274,648	168,482
Staff training	3,167	3,167	-
Rent & rates	11,600	11,600	7,800
Utilities	3,962	3,962	3,375
Office expenses	3,214	3,214	2,288
Computer & IT	8,445	8,445	-
Insurance	1,544	1,544	1,480
Printing, postage & delivery	1,422	1,422	2,718
Fundraising & marketing	38,079	38,079	37,107
Programme expenses	66,068	66,068	48,772
Loan interest	1,016	1,016	603
Professional fees & consultancy	8,226	8,226	20,607
Bank charges	464	464	1,433
	<u>421,855</u>	<u>421,855</u>	<u>294,665</u>

Included in Wages & salaries are wages and salaries relating to Programme expenses.

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7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Mrs Mireille Lyons

Mrs Mireille Lyons received remuneration of £39,694 (2021: £29,000) during the year.

Mrs Lyons received the above mentioned remuneration in her capacity as fund raising and operations director of the charity.

The remuneration was paid under the power in the Charities Act 2011.

8 Staff costs

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2022 No	2021 No
Total employees	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £
Other loans	<u>9,869</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other loans	<u>25,778</u>	<u>45,279</u>

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11 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>(314,401)</u>	<u>(393,701)</u>	<u>421,855</u>	<u>(286,247)</u>
	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>(116,127)</u>	<u>(492,940)</u>	<u>294,665</u>	<u>(314,402)</u>

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Current assets	321,894	321,894
Creditors over 1 year	<u>(25,778)</u>	<u>(25,778)</u>
Total net assets	<u>296,116</u>	<u>296,116</u>

13 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2022 £	Cash flow £	At 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	359,681	(37,787)	321,894
Net debt	<u>359,681</u>	<u>(37,787)</u>	<u>321,894</u>