

# The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation

England & Wales · Charity number 1140911

## Details

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**Other names** FABW, FIND A BETTER WAY

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [07574103](#)

**Registered** 2011-03-29

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** OBJECT 1THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE TO ADVANCE OR PROMOTE SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL IN THEIR DISCRETION THINK FIT AND IN PARTICULAR (WITHOUT LIMITATION) TO:1.1 CARRY OUT RESEARCH TO HELP INDIVIDUALS WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY CONFLICT AND WAR AND TO DISSEMINATE THE RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH;1.2 RELIEVE SUFFERING AND DISTRESS AND PRESERVE AND PROTECT HUMAN HEALTH, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY CONFLICT AND WAR; AND1.3 ADVANCE EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF ALLEVIATING SUFFERING AND DISTRESS WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM CONFLICT OR WAR.

**Activities:** The charity carries out research to help those whose lives have been affected by conflict and war. Money is raised to fund research into effective methods of mine detection and prevention of injury. We also support educational and humanitarian programs which help improve the lives of the victims enabling indigenous communities to better manage the risks posed by explosive remnants of war.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Economic/community Development/employment, Other 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

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- Cambodia
- Ukraine

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£97,664	£280,091	-	-
2024-06-30	£188,100	£200,420	-	-
2023-06-30	£50,946	£573,763	-	-
2022-06-30	£55,171	£1,256,763	-	-
2021-06-30	£119,484	£1,449,073	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Stephen Cross</b>	Chair	2015-05-13
Jane Bateman		2019-07-01
John Shiels		2017-02-17
Kate Nixon		2025-09-15
Rupert Cecil		2019-01-17

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number 1140911

Company registration number 07574103 (England and Wales)

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Lady N Charlton Mr S W Cross Mr J T Shiels Mr R L A Cecil Ms J E Bateman Ms K V Nixon	(Appointed 15 September 2025)
<b>Founder</b>	Sir R Charlton	
<b>Charity number</b>	1140911	
<b>Company number</b>	07574103	
<b>Principal address</b>	Bartle House 9 Oxford Court Manchester M2 3WQ	
<b>Registered office</b>	Bartle House 9 Oxford Court Manchester M2 3WQ	
<b>Auditor</b>	Azets Audit Services 4 Greek Street Stockport Cheshire Sk3 8AB	

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# **THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**

## **FOUNDER'S REPORT**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025***

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### **Statement from the Founder, Sir Bobby Charlton**

'While visiting Cambodia in 2008 I was shocked to see the continued suffering of the people long after the war had ended, especially those living in poor farming communities.

I committed myself to doing all I could to help these people. Today I am proud to be surrounded by a committed group of people who share my vision and determination to do all they can for the victims of conflict.'

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

#### **Overview**

The period 2024-25 was defined by building on the refreshed structure and strategy of the Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation, following the death of Sir Bobby (Founder and President) in October 2023. The key drivers for this year were stability and project growth, as a strong foundation for establishing the Charity's sustainability. Alongside this, the expansion of marketing and communications efforts continued to bring to life Sir Bobby's humanitarian story (less known than his football career and achievements), the public profile of the Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation and the potential to increase both fundraising and charitable benefit in future years.

#### **Governance & Staffing**

The day-to-day operations of the Charity were led by Jane Bateman (Vice Chair & Trustee) as Executive Director. Rupert Cecil (Trustee) continued to lead financial matters, including SBCF investments and banking. The Executive Director and Trustee Board were supported by Collette Hall in the role of EA (virtual) to the Board, by Alan White of Higher Capacity Ltd as governance adviser, and by the design and marketing agency Bella to manage the website, communications and social media campaigns. This cost-effective mix of executive management, volunteering and service contracts successfully brought stability to the Charity and to the administration of current and projected commitments.

#### **Marketing & Communications**

The public profile of the Charity grew substantially, with increased following on all social media platforms and a growing subscriber database for the SBCF Newsletter. Collaborative posts with partners such as FC Shakhtar, the Lowry and the Manchester United Foundation yielded considerable interest and will continue to be a major focus for the Charity over the year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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### Achievements and performance

#### Core Projects

The Trustees continued to adhere to the strategic direction agreed during the 2023-24 review, which entailed working with a narrower focus whilst improving the Charity's profile and networks as a basis for creating future fundraising opportunities. Workstreams in the three agreed geographical areas of Cambodia, Ukraine and Greater Manchester continued to grow: -

#### Cambodia

Visiting Cambodia was the inspiration for Sir Bobby to set up his charity in 2011, where his commitment to those suffering disabilities caused by landmine blasts was the Charity's raison d'être. Over time, this led to the establishment of its broader core purpose of supporting victims of conflict. In 2024/25, Trustees agreed to extend and expand the partnership with Exceed Worldwide. In addition to pledging to provide and fit 150 prosthetic limbs, SBCF committed to vocational training and business start-up grants for 15 young people whose potential to build their own lives and support themselves is impeded by blast injuries and other disabilities.

#### Ukraine

The partnership with FC Shakhtar's 'United Together' project is now an established flagship SBCF international project. SBCF funds three football hubs in Ukraine - Lozova, Pershotravensk and Zaporizhzhia - where 180 youngsters play football three times a week, safe from the terrors of the ongoing war. They are supported by specialist psychologists trained to deal with trauma. In 2024-25:

- A campaign was launched to draw attention to the frequent air-raid sirens which result in the need to take shelter in underground bunkers. SBCF raised funds for table football games to alleviate the stress caused to the children by their often-prolonged internment underground. The project has been so successful in terms of addressing the children's emotional wellbeing that FC Shakhtar are now fundraising to install table football games into all their hubs.

- Reports of various successes within the project were reported back to Trustees, including the story of a boy in Zaporizhzhia who transformed from a shy youngster to a goalscoring team leader under the tutelage and care of Shakhtar coaches and counsellors, demonstrating the healing power of football and community.

#### Manchester

The Trustees are reassured of the value of pursuing a domestic agenda, as Sir Bobby's name and reputation continue to resonate, benefiting the profile of both the Charity and of Sir Bobby's humanitarian work. It forms a key part of fundraising proposals and potential.

**Sir Bobby's Street Reds:** partnering with this Manchester-based project was motivated by Sir Bobby's strong association with Manchester and the Northwest. Moss Side, the project base, has a dense population of displaced people who have been affected by war and are therefore target beneficiaries for the Charity. Led by the Manchester United Foundation, it was originally kicked off by Sir Bobby himself in 2016. The SBCF partnership has thrived, with youngsters attending weekly sessions, and learning and adopting the values endorsed by Sir Bobby throughout his life, including the importance of teambuilding, respect and fair play.

**"Going to the Match":** building on Sir Bobby's attachment to Manchester, a partnership was established with the Lowry, Salford, and the Northwest tour of its flagship football artwork, LS Lowry's "Going to the Match". It included dedicated art and football-themed workshops – funded by SBCF – for displaced Ukrainian families, demonstrating the value of art and football as integration and wellbeing tools. The tour culminated in a reception to which current and potential SBCF supporters were invited.

#### Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025*

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### **Investment Policy**

The board has reviewed its investment policy and a policy is in place, designed with the help of expert advisors. This is a comprehensive policy covering all areas including ethical investing and management of risk. The chair and board members maintain oversight of these investments. Investment management is to be reviewed biannually with the policy reviewed annually by the trustees. A formal appraisal is to be conducted on a three-year basis. In making such investments, the charity seeks a long-term appreciation of the portfolio.

The investment portfolio was previously managed by HSBC Private Bank and following the appraisal of the management of the investment fund as noted above, the board has decided to engage with Weatherbys and transfer all of the assets from HSBC Private Bank. This is a discretionary service aiming for growth and income with a medium level of risk that is appropriate for the time horizon and purposes agreed. SBCF ensures that no investments are made in the manufacture of landmines or cluster munitions in accordance with the SBCF investment policy.

### **Risk Management**

The board continues to recognise the importance of managing risk to enable the charity to continue to perform at the highest level. The trustees require a continuous review of the risk register and the senior management team are challenged to report routinely to the trustee meetings.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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### Plans for future periods

#### 2025-26: A Forward Look

Whilst 2023-24 was a period of taking stock, reviewing and refreshing the strategy, 2024-25 focused on embedding the new, more sustainable approach to the Charity's management. The primary focus of 2025-26 will be fundraising: attracting corporate and individual donors and growing a stakeholder and donor database for the future. The addition of a new Trustee with event management experience will support the planned activations and campaigns.

#### The SBCF will continue to work in:

**Cambodia**, continuing to support the provision of prosthetics to conflict-affected communities, and vocational training to help people with disabilities build careers, preserving Sir Bobby's humanitarian legacy in the country.

**Ukraine**, continuing the partnership with FC Shakhtar in the three venues, adding additional table football games for underground shelters in other parts of Ukraine together with an art therapy component to further address trauma and promote resilience amongst the programme participants.

**Greater Manchester** with Sir Bobby's Street Reds ("SBSR"), renewing the contract for an additional two years to enable SBCF to fully embed Sir Bobby's name and historic association with the project and build on its achievements with young people in Moss Side. The Charity will also commit additional funding for a repeat of the successful Easter Camp trialled in 2025 and for an additional SBSR youngster to take part in the annual visit to Munich to mark the anniversary of the air crash which took so many of the Manchester United players' lives in 1958 and which Sir Bobby was fortunate to survive.

#### Fundraising plans:

SBCF will continue to review low cost/high impact opportunities to increase its profile and grow Sir Bobby's humanitarian legacy of supporting victims of conflict. Most importantly, Trustees will focus on fundraising to enable the full delivery of the strategy, the build-up of reserves and the security of the Charity's financial future. The following proposals are being developed:

#### Bobby Charlton Soccer Schools Alumni Campaign

A campaign to track down alumni of the pioneering Bobby Charlton Soccer Schools, of whom the most famous was Sir David Beckham. The campaign has the potential to attract national and international attention as high profile alumni emerge as well as those with interesting stories to tell. This new network will be encouraged to talk about the impact Sir Bobby had on their lives, whilst helping to raise the profile of and financial support for the Charity.

#### Bespoke fundraising events

A variety of events are planned with money-raising components such as auctions. A network of former players and other high-profile individuals is accessible to the Trustees to support raising the profile of events, encouraging participation and enhancing raffle/auction potential.

#### Patrons & Ambassadors

Proposals for appointing Patrons & Ambassadors will be explored, who will have the potential to raise the profile of the Charity and act as a collective mouthpiece for attracting funding.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The charity was incorporated on 22 March 2011 and is constituted under its Articles of Association. It is a registered charity under charity number 1140911 and company number 07574103.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Lady N Charlton  
Mr S W Cross  
Mr J T Shiels  
Mr R LA Cecil  
Ms J E Bateman  
Ms K V Nixon

(Appointed 15 September 2025)

Existing trustees have the power to appoint new trustees.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

### Trustee Recruitment & Governance

The board of trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the organisation. Operational decision making is currently undertaken by the board of trustees following the resignation of the CEO and subsequent restructure of the SBCF. All trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or financial benefit in their capacity as trustees. Details of trustees' expenses are disclosed in the accounts. Trustees are required to declare all relevant interests and the charity maintains a register of interests as an internal record of trustees' interests.

Trustees are recruited for their individual knowledge and expertise to help benefit the objectives of the charity. Trustees are expected to use their influence and assist in fundraising efforts to financially support the charity. They are also expected to help in raising awareness of the charity's work and support its advocacy efforts.

### Governance plans:

Trustees will appoint at least one new Board member to ensure that the Board of Trustees has the optimum skillset to support and deliver the Charity's strategy, notably the 2025-26 fundraising focus.

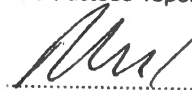
### Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Azets Audit Services be reappointed as auditor of the charitable company will be put at a General Meeting.

### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr R LA Cecil  
Trustee

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026

# **THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025***

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The trustees, who are also the directors of The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and 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 charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **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 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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' 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, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

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#### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting 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 entity 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.

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 company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company'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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Jonathan Ward (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of

29/01/2026.  
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**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds designated		Restricted funds		Total	
		2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>									
Donations and legacies	3	6,941	-	-	-	127,452	-	6,941	127,452
Other trading activities	4	14	-	-	-	505	-	14	505
Investments	5	90,709	-	-	-	60,143	-	90,709	60,143
<b>Total income</b>		<b>97,664</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>188,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,664</b>	<b>188,100</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>									
Raising funds	6	32,963	-	-	-	44,268	-	32,963	44,268
Charitable activities	7	67,029	180,099	-	-	156,152	178,064	247,128	334,216
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>99,992</b>	<b>180,099</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200,420</b>	<b>178,064</b>	<b>280,091</b>	<b>378,484</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	-	-	-	-	94,586	-	-	94,586

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds designated		Restricted funds		Total	
		2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Net outgoing resources before transfers</b>		(2,328)	(180,099)	-	(182,427)	82,266	(178,064)	-	(95,798)
Gross transfers between funds		(259,997)	270,219	(10,222)	-	(27,875)	27,875	-	-
<b>Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		(262,325)	90,120	(10,222)	(182,427)	54,391	(150,189)	-	(95,798)
Fund balances at 1 July 2024		1,956,986	44,506	10,222	2,011,714	1,902,595	194,695	10,222	2,107,512
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2025</b>		1,694,661	134,626	-	1,829,287	1,956,986	44,506	10,222	2,011,714

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

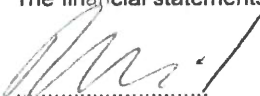
# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	14		327		1,311
Investments	15		-		77,525
			<u>327</u>		<u>78,836</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	16	1,285		2,162	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,847,474		1,949,362	
		<u>1,848,759</u>		<u>1,951,524</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17	(19,799)		(18,646)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>1,828,960</u>		<u>1,932,878</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>1,829,287</u>		<u>2,011,714</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	18		-		10,222
Endowment funds - designated			134,626		44,506
Unrestricted funds			1,694,661		1,956,986
			<u>1,829,287</u>		<u>2,011,714</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Mr R L A Cecil  
Trustee

Company registration number 07574103

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash absorbed by operations	22		(270,122)		(238,126)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Other investment transactions		-		(28,772)	
Purchase of investments		-		(580,946)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		77,525		2,575,155	
Investment income received		90,709		60,143	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			168,234		2,025,580
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(101,888)		1,787,454
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,949,362		161,908
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u>1,847,474</u>		<u>1,949,362</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Bartle House, 9 Oxford Court, Manchester, M2 3WQ, United Kingdom 10 Queens Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE.

The principal activities of the charity can be split into three separate categories:

- The first is to provide funding for research to help those whose lives have been affected by the continued presence of landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW) and to disseminate the results of such research.
- The charity also supports educational programmes to mitigate against the risk of further injury from landmines and ERW to the most vulnerable sections of afflicted communities.
- The final focus of the charity falls on humanitarian programmes, aiming to improve the lives of those already affected.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

However, the management has confidence that by building the profile and work that the charity undertakes through public, corporate, national and international governments, trusts and foundations that over the coming years the charity will be able to build on its present adequate resources.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT where it is not recoverable.

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 include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly whilst others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Office equipment	20% straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.10 Financial instruments

The charity 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.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

#### 1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.13 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity'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 where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no critical accounting estimates or judgements.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and gifts	6,941	127,452

### 4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Trading activity income	14	505

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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### 5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Income from listed investments	-	35,032
Interest receivable	90,709	25,111
	<u>90,709</u>	<u>60,143</u>

### 6 Cost of generating funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Advertising	32,963	27,566
	<u>-</u>	<u>16,702</u>
<u>Investment management</u>	<u>32,963</u>	<u>44,268</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 7 Charitable activities

	Humanitarian	Research	Education	General	Total 2025	Total 2024
	2025	2025	2025	2025		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Travel expenses	-	-	-	171	171	1,442
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	37,596	37,596	20,723
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,767</u>	<u>37,767</u>	<u>22,165</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	68,810	87,289	24,000	-	180,099	178,064
Share of support costs (see note 9)	4,766	2,118	530	3,371	10,785	120,999
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	-	-	-	18,477	18,477	12,988
	<u>73,576</u>	<u>89,407</u>	<u>24,530</u>	<u>59,615</u>	<u>247,128</u>	<u>334,216</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds	4,766	2,118	530	59,615	67,029	156,152
Designated funds	68,810	87,289	24,000	-	180,099	178,064
	<u>73,576</u>	<u>89,407</u>	<u>24,530</u>	<u>59,615</u>	<u>247,128</u>	<u>334,216</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

#### 7 Charitable activities

(Continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Humanitarian	Research	Education	General	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Travel expenses	-	-	-	1,442	1,442
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	20,723	20,723
	-	-	-	22,165	22,165
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	140,496	25,568	12,000	-	178,064
Share of support costs (see note 9)	54,449	24,200	6,050	36,300	120,999
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	-	-	-	12,988	12,988
	194,945	49,768	18,050	71,453	334,216
<b>Analysis by fund</b>					
Unrestricted funds	54,449	24,200	6,050	71,453	156,152
Designated funds	140,496	25,568	12,000	-	178,064
	194,945	49,768	18,050	71,453	334,216

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

8 Grants payable	Humanitarian		Research		Education		Total Humanitarian		Research		Education		Total	
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants to institutions:														
Glasgow University	-	51,136	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,568	-	-	-	25,568	-
Manchester United Foundation	-	-	24,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exceed	39,305	-	-	-	-	-	127,991	-	-	-	-	-	127,991	-
The Lowry Centre Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,000	-	-	12,000	-
University College London	-	36,152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,000
Shakhtar Social	29,505	-	-	-	-	-	12,505	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,505
	<u>68,810</u>	<u>87,289</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>180,099</u>	<u>140,496</u>	<u>25,568</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>178,064</u>					

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	Support costs	Governance costs	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	-	-	-	103,132	-	103,132
Depreciation	984	-	984	1,107	-	1,107
Exchange Losses	-	-	-	521	-	521
Sundry expenses	1,309	-	1,309	6,679	-	6,679
Rent and office costs	3,446	-	3,446	3,496	-	3,496
IT and telecommunications	4,616	-	4,616	4,598	-	4,598
Bank charges and interest	430	-	430	1,466	-	1,466
Audit fees	-	13,800	13,800	-	10,680	10,680
Accountancy	-	4,677	4,677	-	2,308	2,308
	<u>10,785</u>	<u>18,477</u>	<u>29,262</u>	<u>120,999</u>	<u>12,988</u>	<u>133,987</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>10,785</u>	<u>18,477</u>	<u>29,262</u>	<u>120,999</u>	<u>12,988</u>	<u>133,987</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £13,800 (2024 £10,680) for audit fees.

### 10 Trustees

During the year Trustees were reimbursed expenses totalling £172 (2024 £1,077) for travel costs. This was for one Trustee only.

Included in the financial statements is expenditure totalling £29,547 (2024 £5,472) payable to Jane Bateman, a Trustee of the Charity, for consultancy services provided. The Board of Trustees have referenced this in their Trustees Report on page 2.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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### 11 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Office and management	-	1

#### Employment costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	-	92,187
Social security costs	-	9,427
Other pension costs	-	1,518
	-	103,132

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity was £NIL (2024 £nil).

### 12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2025 £	2024 £
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	-	94,586

### 13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 July 2024	15,164
At 30 June 2025	<u>15,164</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 July 2024	13,853
Depreciation charged in the year	984
At 30 June 2025	<u>14,837</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 30 June 2025	<u>327</u>
At 30 June 2024	<u>1,311</u>

### 15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 July 2024	77,525
Disposals	<u>(77,525)</u>
At 30 June 2025	<u>-</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 30 June 2025	<u>-</u>
At 30 June 2024	<u>77,525</u>

### 16 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,285</u>	<u>2,162</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	1,775	1,762
Other creditors	-	5
Accruals and deferred income	18,024	16,879
	<u>19,799</u>	<u>18,646</u>

### 18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Balance at 1 July 2024 £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2025 £
SafePlay Fund	9,222	-	9,222	(9,222)	-
Syrian Refugees	1,000	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>10,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,222</u>	<u>(10,222)</u>	<u>-</u>

### 19 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

- Humanitarian and Development Assistance**  
 Projects supporting both the immediate humanitarian needs of those caught up in current conflicts and the longer-term development challenges of people living with the legacy of past wars.
- Education and Training**  
 Through our conflict recovery centres and partnerships, The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation offers vocational and small business training for people in conflict-affected communities who have a disability and for those living in poverty.
- Research and Innovation**  
 We support innovative research into both medical and technological solutions that assist the physical and psychological rehabilitation of war victims and aid the clearance of landmines and unexploded ordnance.

The designated fund at year end is £134,626. this is comprised of the following balances:

Exceed - £72,976  
 Shakhtar Foundation - £30,000  
 Street Reds - £27,650  
 Mural - £4,000

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

20 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted		Designated		Restricted		Total Unrestricted		Designated		Restricted		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 30 June 2025 are represented by:														
Tangible assets	327	-	-	-	-	-	1,311	-	-	-	-	-	1,311	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,019	44,506	-	-	-	-	77,525	-
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,694,334	134,626	-	-	-	-	1,922,656	-	-	-	10,222	-	1,932,878	-
	<u>1,694,661</u>	<u>134,626</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,956,986</u>	<u>44,506</u>	<u>44,506</u>	<u>10,222</u>	<u>10,222</u>	<u>2,011,714</u>	<u>2,011,714</u>	<u>-</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 21 Related party transactions

The only related party transactions relates to transactions with Trustees, these are disclosed on note 10 of these financial statements.

### 22 Cash generated from operations

	2025 £	2024 £
Deficit for the year.	(182,427)	(95,798)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(90,709)	(60,143)
Gain on disposal of investments	-	(94,586)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	984	1,107
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in debtors	877	3,479
Increase in creditors	1,153	7,815
<b>Cash absorbed by operations</b>	<u>(270,122)</u>	<u>(238,126)</u>

### 23 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.



**The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation**

England & Wales - Charity number 1140911

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number 1140911

Company registration number 07574103 (England and Wales)

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Lady N Charlton Mr S W Cross Mr J T Shiels Mr R L A Ceci Ms J E Bateman
<b>Founder</b>	Sir R Charlton
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Mr S Hughes Mr G Duley
<b>Charity number</b>	1140911
<b>Company number</b>	07574103
<b>Principal address</b>	Booths Hall Booths Park Chelford Road Knutsford Cheshire WA16 8GS
<b>Registered office</b>	Booths Hall Booths Park Chelford Road Knutsford Cheshire WA16 8GS
<b>Auditor</b>	Azets Audit Services 4 Greek Street Stockport Cheshire Sk3 8AB

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# **THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**

## **FOUNDER'S REPORT**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024***

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### **Statement from the Founder, Sir Bobby Charlton**

'While visiting Cambodia in 2008 I was shocked to see the continued suffering of the people long after the war had ended, especially those living in poor farming communities.

I committed myself to doing all I could to help these people. Today I am proud to be surrounded by a committed group of people who share my vision and determination to do all they can for the victims of conflict.'

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

#### Objectives and activities

##### Overview

The period 2023-24 was marked by the death of Sir Bobby Charlton on 21 October 2023, founder and President of the Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation. The subsequent outpouring of grief from the football community and beyond was remarkable, engendering incredible coverage of his life: his stunning playing career, his close family life, together with his humility, and the respect he commanded as a football legend and as a gentleman. It also brought to the fore his extraordinary benevolence and compassion to those less fortunate than himself, encapsulated by his charity, and the opportunity to tell that story more.

Sir Bobby's passing also led to considerable donations from football bodies such as Manchester United, FIFA and UEFA, as well as smaller organisations and individuals, totalling in excess of £120k. These donations were received with great appreciation, and will be invested into project delivery in the next financial year.

In the weeks preceding his death, the Trustees had continued to recognise the ongoing, challenging economic situation, with the Ukraine war still in play, high costs of living across the country and the uncertainty threatened by a change of government. With the Charity's sustainability of paramount importance, reducing the cost base and overheads of the Charity in 2023-24 was a key driver of strategy and operations. In practice, this approach meant pursuing the plan to narrow the focus of the workstreams, reviewing the governance and structure of the charity, and reviewing all outgoings. Alongside this, much effort was focused on communications to bring to life Sir Bobby's humanitarian story, a side of Sir Bobby less known to the world.

##### Governance & Staffing

In October 2023, the SBCF COO (and only permanent employee) left the Charity along with the part-time book-keeper. In March 2024, the Trustees appointed Collette Hall to the role of EA to the Board in a virtual capacity, significantly reducing staff overheads. Alan White of Higher Capacity was brought in as an adviser on governance, and the partnership with the design and marketing agency Bella was reviewed and upscaled to raise the profile of SBCF through an updated website and pro-active social media campaigns.

Following the COO's departure, tasks relating to the management of the Charity were temporarily delegated to Trustees in voluntary capacities. For example, Jane Bateman led much of the day-to-day administration and Rupert Cecil the financial matters, including the wholesale review of SBCF investments and banking. This cost-effective mix of volunteering and service contracts stabilised the Charity during this period. In May 2024, following consultation with lawyers, Jane Bateman was appointed Vice Chair and Executive Director on a consultancy basis. The Trustees are satisfied that the current combination of executive and voluntary support is adequate to service the management of the Charity and its current and projected commitments.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024*

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### **Achievements and performance**

#### **Projects**

The Trustees adhered to the strategic direction agreed which was a narrower focus to create improved opportunities for fundraising and provide the Charity with a more sustainable future. The three activity areas agreed were:

#### **Cambodia**

Visiting Cambodia was the inspiration for Sir Bobby to establish his charity in 2011. Here he witnessed the continuing, devastating impact of decades-old landmines on communities, where the reality of losing limbs was still prevalent. The Trustees agreed to extend the partnership with Exceed Worldwide to provide and fit 800 prosthetic limbs for people suffering from blast injuries and other disabilities. Jane Bateman met with Exceed Worldwide in Cambodia in May 2024, and was introduced to beneficiaries of the SBCF funding, including those with life-restoring prosthetic limbs, to observe progress on behalf of the Board. A memorial service was also held for Sir Bobby.

#### **Ukraine**

Having worked previously in Ukraine, the Trustees looked for a new opportunity which would address the effect on children in this war-torn country through the vehicle of football, signing an agreement in April with FC Shakhtar's 'United Together' project. The SBCF funds three football hubs in Ukraine where 180 youngsters can play football safely three times a week, with specialist psychologists trained to deal with suffering from the impact and emotional stress of conflict.

#### **Manchester**

As Sir Bobby's adopted home, Greater Manchester was identified as a key project workstream and fundraising focus for SBCF. A partnership with the Lowry, Salford, with its tour of its flagship artwork by LS Lowry around the Northwest, was signed in February 2024. The display of "Going to the Match" has been supported with dedicated workshops for refugee communities, and will culminate with its return to Manchester in summer 2025. The Trustees also prepared to support the Manchester United Foundation's community programme in Moss Side, first kicked off by Sir Bobby and Lady Norma in 2017, engaging and upskilling youngsters from challenging communities through football. (This project was launched in August 2024).

#### **In 2024/25, the Trustees will also:**

- refresh the Charity's approach to fundraising to grow funds available for delivery of our strategy, replenish our reserves and to secure the Charity's financial future;
- continue to review low cost/high impact opportunities to increase the profile of the Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation, to tell the story of Sir Bobby the humanitarian, and to grow his legacy of supporting those suffering from the effects of war and conflict;
- review the governance of the charity, and explore the appointment of at least one new Board member to help ensure that the Board of Trustees has the optimum skillset to support and oversee the Charity's work;
- finalise a staffing structure to support the delivery of the strategy.

#### **Financial review**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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### Investment Policy

The board has reviewed its investment policy and a policy is in place, designed with the help of expert advisors. This is a comprehensive policy covering all areas including ethical investing and management of risk. The chair and board members maintain oversight of these investments. Investment management is to be reviewed biannually with the policy reviewed annually by the trustees. A formal appraisal is to be conducted on a three-year basis. In making such investments, the charity seeks a long-term appreciation of the portfolio.

The investment portfolio is managed by HSBC Private Bank and following the appraisal of the management of the investment fund as noted above, the board has decided to engage with Weatherbys and transfer all of the assets from HSBC Private Bank. This is a discretionary service aiming for growth and income with a medium level of risk that is appropriate for the time horizon and purposes agreed. SBCF ensures that no investments are made in the manufacture of landmines or cluster munitions in accordance with the SBCF investment policy.

### Risk Management

The board continues to recognise the importance of managing risk to enable the charity to continue to perform at the highest level. The trustees require a continuous review of the risk register and the senior management team are challenged to report routinely to the trustee meetings.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The charity was incorporated on 22 March 2011 and is constituted under its Articles of Association. It is a registered charity under charity number 1140911 and company number 07574103.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Lady N Charlton  
Mr S W Cross  
Mr J T Shiels  
Mr R L A Cecil  
Ms J E Bateman

Existing trustees have the power to appoint new trustees.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

### Trustee Recruitment & Governance

The board of trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the organisation. Operational decision making is currently undertaken by the board of trustees following the resignation of the CEO and subsequent restructure of the SBCF. All trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or financial benefit in their capacity as trustees. Details of trustees' expenses are disclosed in the accounts. Trustees are required to declare all relevant interests and the charity maintains a register of interests as an internal record of trustees' interests.

Trustees are recruited for their individual knowledge and expertise to help benefit the objectives of the charity. Trustees are expected to use their influence and assist in fundraising efforts to financially support the charity. They are also expected to help in raising awareness of the charity's work and support its advocacy efforts.

### Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Azets Audit Services be reappointed as auditor of the charitable company will be put at a General Meeting.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

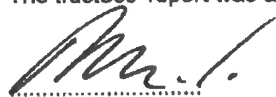
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### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr R L A Cecil  
Trustee

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

# **THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024***

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The trustees, who are also the directors of The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and 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 charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### 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 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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' 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, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

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#### Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting 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 entity 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.

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 company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company'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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jonathan Ward (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of

21 / 03 / 2025 .  
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**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds designated		Restricted funds		Total	
		2024	£	2024	£	2024	£	2023	£
<b>Income from:</b>									
Donations and legacies	3	127,452	-	-	-	5,787	-	127,452	6,845
Other trading activities	4	505	-	-	-	-	-	505	-
Investments	5	60,143	-	-	-	44,101	-	60,143	44,101
<b>Total income</b>		<b>188,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,888</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>188,100</b>	<b>50,946</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>									
Raising funds	6	44,268	-	-	-	19,810	-	44,268	19,810
Charitable activities	7	156,152	178,064	-	-	311,681	237,979	334,216	549,660
Other	12	-	-	-	-	4,293	-	-	4,293
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>200,420</b>	<b>178,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>335,784</b>	<b>237,979</b>	<b>378,484</b>	<b>573,763</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	94,586	-	-	-	57,485	-	94,586	57,485



# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15		1,311		2,417
Investments	16		77,525		1,948,377
			<u>78,836</u>		<u>1,950,794</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	17	2,162		5,641	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,949,362		161,908	
		<u>1,951,524</u>		<u>167,549</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	(18,646)		(10,831)	
Net current assets			<u>1,932,878</u>		<u>156,718</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u><u>2,011,714</u></u>		<u><u>2,107,512</u></u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	19		10,222		10,222
Endowment funds - designated			44,506		194,695
Unrestricted funds			1,956,986		1,902,595
			<u>2,011,714</u>		<u>2,107,512</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



Mr R L A Cecil  
Trustee

Company registration number 07574103

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash absorbed by operations	23		(238,126)		(779,454)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Other investment transactions		(28,772)		-	
Purchase of investments		(580,946)		(1,073,628)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		2,575,155		1,030,609	
Investment income received		60,143		44,101	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			2,025,580		1,082
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>			1,787,454		(778,372)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			161,908		940,280
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u>1,949,362</u>		<u>161,908</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Booths Hall, Booths Park, Chelford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 8GS, United Kingdom 10 Queens Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE.

The principal activities of the charity can be split into three separate categories:

- The first is to provide funding for research to help those whose lives have been affected by the continued presence of landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW) and to disseminate the results of such research.
- The charity also supports educational programmes to mitigate against the risk of further injury from landmines and ERW to the most vulnerable sections of afflicted communities.
- The final focus of the charity falls on humanitarian programmes, aiming to improve the lives of those already affected.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

However, the management has confidence that by building the profile and work that the charity undertakes through public, corporate, national and international governments, trusts and foundations that over the coming years the charity will be able to build on its present adequate resources.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT where it is not recoverable.

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 include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly whilst others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Office equipment	20% straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.10 Financial instruments

The charity 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.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

#### 1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.13 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity'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 where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no critical accounting estimates or judgements.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	127,452	5,787	1,058	6,845

### 4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2024	2023
	£	£
Trading activity income	505	-

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from listed investments	35,032	43,411
Interest receivable	25,111	690
	<u>60,143</u>	<u>44,101</u>

### 6 Cost of generating funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Advertising	27,566	-
<u>Investment management</u>	16,702	19,810
	<u>44,268</u>	<u>19,810</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 7 Charitable activities

	Humanitarian	Research	Education	General	Total 2024	Total 2023
	2024	2024	2024	2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Travel expenses	-	-	-	1,442	1,442	261
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	20,723	20,723	16,801
	-	-	-	22,165	22,165	17,062
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	140,496	25,568	12,000	-	178,064	237,979
Share of support costs (see note 9)	54,449	24,200	6,050	36,300	120,999	281,910
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	-	-	-	12,988	12,988	12,709
	<u>194,945</u>	<u>49,768</u>	<u>18,050</u>	<u>71,453</u>	<u>334,216</u>	<u>549,660</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds	54,449	24,200	6,050	71,453	156,152	311,681
Designated funds	140,496	25,568	12,000	-	178,064	237,979
	<u>194,945</u>	<u>49,768</u>	<u>18,050</u>	<u>71,453</u>	<u>334,216</u>	<u>549,660</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

**7 Charitable activities** **(Continued)**

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Humanitarian	Research	Education	General	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Travel expenses	-	-	-	261	261
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	16,801	16,801
	-	-	-	17,062	17,062
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	170,574	53,014	14,391	-	237,979
Share of support costs (see note 9)	126,859	56,382	14,096	84,573	281,910
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	-	-	-	12,709	12,709
	<u>297,433</u>	<u>109,396</u>	<u>28,487</u>	<u>114,344</u>	<u>549,660</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>					
Unrestricted funds	126,859	56,382	14,096	114,344	311,681
Designated funds	170,574	53,014	14,391	-	237,979
	<u>297,433</u>	<u>109,396</u>	<u>28,487</u>	<u>114,344</u>	<u>549,660</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

8 Grants payable	Humanitarian		Research		Education		Total		Humanitarian		Research		Education		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants to institutions: Glasgow University	-	-	25,568	-	-	-	25,568	-	97,156	-	17,046	-	-	-	17,046	97,156
Exceed	-	-	-	-	-	-	127,991	-	-	-	6,951	-	-	-	6,951	-
The Lowry Centre Trust	127,991	-	-	-	12,000	-	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	14,391	-	14,391	14,391
H Moasaes, Scholarship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,418	-	-	-	-	-	64,418	64,418
Protheses Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,000	-	-	-	-	-	9,000	9,000
Training of Ukraine Nationals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,017	-	-	-	29,017	29,017
University College London	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shakhtar Social	12,505	-	-	-	-	-	12,505	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>140,496</u>		<u>25,568</u>		<u>12,000</u>		<u>178,064</u>		<u>170,574</u>		<u>53,014</u>		<u>14,391</u>		<u>237,979</u>	

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

9 Support costs	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	Support costs	Governance costs	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	103,132	-	103,132	259,736	-	259,736
Depreciation	1,107	-	1,107	1,107	-	1,107
Exchange Losses	521	-	521	3,485	-	3,485
Sundry expenses	6,679	-	6,679	2,246	-	2,246
Rent and office costs	3,496	-	3,496	5,307	-	5,307
Postage and stationary	-	-	-	183	-	183
IT and telecommunications	4,598	-	4,598	6,968	-	6,968
Bank charges and interest	1,466	-	1,466	2,878	-	2,878
Audit fees	-	10,680	10,680	-	9,900	9,900
Accountancy	-	2,308	2,308	-	2,809	2,809
	<u>120,999</u>	<u>12,988</u>	<u>133,987</u>	<u>281,910</u>	<u>12,709</u>	<u>294,619</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>120,999</u>	<u>12,988</u>	<u>133,987</u>	<u>281,910</u>	<u>12,709</u>	<u>294,619</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £10,680 (2023 £9,900) for audit fees.

### 10 Trustees

During the year trustees were reimbursed expenses totalling £1,077 (2023 £100).

Included in the financial statements is accrued expenditure totalling £5,472 (2023 £nil) payable to Jane Bateman, a Trustee of the Charity, for consultancy services provided. The Board of Trustees have referenced this in their Trustees Report on page 3.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 11 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Office and management	1	2

#### Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	92,187	230,599
Social security costs	9,427	23,102
Other pension costs	1,518	6,035
	<u>103,132</u>	<u>259,736</u>

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
£160,001 - £170,000	-	1

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity was £NIL (2023 £165,015).

### 12 Other

	Total £	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	4,293
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,293</u>

### 13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024 £	2023 £
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	<u>94,586</u>	<u>57,485</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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### 14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 15 Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 July 2023	15,164
At 30 June 2024	<u>15,164</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 July 2023	12,746
Depreciation charged in the year	1,107
At 30 June 2024	<u>13,853</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 30 June 2024	<u>1,311</u>
At 30 June 2023	<u><u>2,417</u></u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 16 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 July 2023	1,948,377
Additions	580,946
Valuation changes	94,586
Other investment transactions	28,771
Disposals	(2,575,155)
	<u>77,525</u>
At 30 June 2024	
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 30 June 2024	<u>77,525</u>
At 30 June 2023	<u>1,948,377</u>

### 17 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	-	507
Prepayments and accrued income	2,162	5,134
	<u>2,162</u>	<u>5,641</u>

### 18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	1,762	687
Other creditors	5	4
Accruals and deferred income	16,879	10,140
	<u>18,646</u>	<u>10,831</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 19 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds	
	Incoming resources £	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Balance at 30 June 2024 £
SafePlay Fund	-	9,222	-	9,222
Syrian Refugees	-	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,222</u>

### 20 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

- **Humanitarian and Development Assistance**  
Projects supporting both the immediate humanitarian needs of those caught up in current conflicts and the longer-term development challenges of people living with the legacy of past wars.
- **Education and Training**  
Through our conflict recovery centres and partnerships, The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation offers vocational and small business training for people in conflict-affected communities who have a disability and for those living in poverty.
- **Research and Innovation**  
We support innovative research into both medical and technological solutions that assist the physical and psychological rehabilitation of war victims and aid the clearance of landmines and unexploded ordnance.

The designated fund at year end is £44,506, this is comprised of the following balances:

LS Lowry painting tour - £8,000  
Shakhtar Foundation - £12,506  
Street Reds - £24,000

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 30 June 2024 are represented by:

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Designated 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total Unrestricted 2024 £	Designated 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Tangible assets	1,311	-	-	1,311	2,417	-	2,417
Investments	33,019	44,506	-	77,525	1,892,485	55,892	1,948,377
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,922,656	-	10,222	1,932,878	7,693	138,803	156,718
	<u>1,956,986</u>	<u>44,506</u>	<u>10,222</u>	<u>2,011,714</u>	<u>1,902,595</u>	<u>194,695</u>	<u>2,107,512</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 22 Related party transactions

The only related party transactions relates to transactions with Trustees, these are disclosed on note 10 of these financial statements.

23 Cash generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £
Deficit for the year	(95,798)	(465,332)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(60,143)	(44,101)
(Gain)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	4,293
Gain on disposal of Investments	(94,586)	(57,485)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	1,107	1,107
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in debtors	3,479	55,824
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	7,815	(273,760)
<b>Cash absorbed by operations</b>	<b>(238,126)</b>	<b>(779,454)</b>

### 24 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.



**The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation**

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# Accounts

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# SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

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## Re: The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation

To whom it may concern

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your audit of the charity's financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2023. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate and are sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can make each of the following representations. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

### GENERAL

1. We have fulfilled my responsibility / our responsibilities as directors / trustees as set out in the terms of your engagement letter dated 28 September 2023, under the Companies Act 2006 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
2. All the transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
3. All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the charity, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustee meetings and correspondence with the Charity Commission.

### ADJUSTMENTS & DISCLOSURES

4. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
5. The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole.

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6. We have reviewed and approved all audit adjustments made in the financial statements.
7. We have reviewed and approved all disclosures made in the financial statements and we are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with the requirements of applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

#### **INTERNAL CONTROL AND FRAUD**

8. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud and error, and we believe that we have appropriately fulfilled these responsibilities. We have disclosed to you the results of our risk assessment that the financial statements may be misstated as a result of fraud.
9. We have disclosed to you all instances of known or suspected fraud affecting the charity involving management, employees who have a significant role in internal control or others where fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
10. We have also disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the charity's financial statements communicated by current or former employees, analysts, regulators or others.

#### **ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

11. The charity has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charity's assets except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
12. There were no changes in fixed assets during the period ended 30 June 2023 other than those disclosed in the accounts.
13. We have reviewed the residual values attached to fixed assets and confirm they are still appropriate and reasonable reflections of these assets condition and usage.
14. All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.
15. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and, where relevant, the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
16. We confirm that all bank accounts have been disclosed to you and are included within the financial statements.
17. We confirm that the charity has not contracted for any capital expenditure other than as disclosed in the financial statements.

#### **ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

18. The methods, data and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement and disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.

#### **LOANS AND ARRANGEMENTS**

19. The charitable company has not granted any advances or credits to, or made guarantees on behalf of, directors other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

#### **LEGAL CLAIMS**

20. We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements.

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#### **LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

21. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements and disclosures, including non-compliance matters:
  - a. Involving financial impropriety;
  - b. Related to laws or regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the charity's financial statements;
  - c. Related to laws and regulations that have an indirect effect on amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, but compliance with which may be fundamental to the operations of the charity's business, its ability to continue in business, or to avoid material penalties; and
  - d. Involving management, or employees who have significant roles in internal control, or others.
22. We are unaware of any known or probable instances of non-compliance with the requirements of regulatory or governmental authorities, including their financial reporting requirements, and there have been no communications from regulatory agencies or government representatives concerning investigations or allegations of non-compliance, other than those already disclosed.

#### **RELATED PARTIES**

23. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and we confirm that such information is complete. We are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

#### **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

24. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

#### **GOING CONCERN**

25. We believe that the charity's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that existing cash reserves will be more than adequate for the charity's needs.
26. We also confirm our plans for future action required to enable the charity to continue as a going concern are feasible.
27. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

#### **GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

28. All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE AUDITOR**

29. We acknowledge our legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information to you as auditor and confirm that so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information needed by you in connection with preparing your audit report of which you are unaware.
30. Each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that you are aware of that information.

Yours faithfully

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*Rupert Cecil*  
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Signed on behalf of the board of directors by:

Name..... *Rupert Cecil* .....

Date:..... *28<sup>th</sup> March 2024* .....

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# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**Trustees**  
Lady N Charlton  
Mr S W Cross  
Mr J T Shiels  
Mr R L A Cecil  
Ms J E Bateman

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Sir R Charlton

**Ambassadors**  
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# **THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**

## **FOUNDER'S REPORT**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023***

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### **Statement from the Founder, Sir Bobby Charlton**

'While visiting Cambodia in 2008 I was shocked to see the continued suffering of the people long after the war had ended, especially those living in poor farming communities.

I committed myself to doing all I could to help these people. Today I am proud to be surrounded by a committed group of people who share my vision and determination to do all they can for the victims of conflict.'

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **Overview**

As the 2021-22 period drew to a close, the Trustees recognised the ongoing, challenging economic situation – borne of the Pandemic and exacerbated by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, high inflation and the swollen costs of living across the country – and the need to re-evaluate the charity's strategy to support its sustainability and the ongoing achievement of its charitable purpose.

In 2022-23, the Trustees implemented a plan to narrow the focus of the charity, in particular moving away from funding academic research which we had identified as costly and no longer an optimal use of charitable funds. The decision was made to focus on the core of Sir Bobby Charlton's vision when he established the charity in 2011, namely to support landmine victims in Cambodia, and provide education and safe places for football in areas affected by conflict.

#### **Activities**

The Trustees maintain their belief that a narrower focus will create improved opportunities for fundraising and provide the charity with a more sustainable future. Several of the charity's long-standing funding commitments came to a close in 2022-23 (or had already been completed) including research projects with the Universities of Manchester, Glasgow and University College London, together with humanitarian initiatives in Jordan and Iraq. We were able to adjust the focus of our activities without compromising existing commitments or failing our beneficiaries.

We launched one new project in 2022-23, which aligned closely with Sir Bobby's vision: the provision of prosthetics and orthotics to 800 beneficiaries in three centres in Cambodia, delivered via a longstanding partner, Exceed Worldwide.

As well as completing existing projects, much of 2022-23 was spent on defining a new strategic direction for the charity, focusing on identifying initiatives that are low cost but high impact and will be taken forward from 2023-24 onwards.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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### **Staff**

Changes in the personal circumstances of our two remaining staff members – including the retirement of the charity's CEO, Lou McGrath – have allowed the trustees to review the staffing strategy of the charity, and align it to our revised strategy and activities. In October 2023 the charity's sole remaining employee left the organisation. Activity in 2023-24 will be delivered through a cost-effective mix of volunteering and service contracts, and kept under review.

### **A forward-look**

Our revised strategy introduces a domestic workstream for the first time. This is motivated by the esteem in which Sir Bobby is held across England, and particularly his association with Manchester and the Northwest, his adopted home. It is the view of the Trustees that the resonance of his name will give additional and promising scope for the SBCF to raise more funds. Furthermore, the Northwest is home to many communities populated by large numbers of refugee families and asylum seekers who have been affected by war and are, therefore, target beneficiaries for the charity.

On 21 October 2023, Sir Bobby passed away. Such was the impact of his death across the world, that there was global coverage of his career, outpourings of grief and tributes, and a funeral at Manchester Cathedral attended by football legends and even HRH The Prince of Wales. Significant donations were received by the charity, demonstrating the love and respect he commands. The Trustees are reassured of the value of pursuing a domestic agenda, which will not only enhance the profile of the charity and of Sir Bobby's humanitarian work, but also stand the SBCF in good stead to attract funds to grow his legacy.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **Grant Applications**

Those seeking funds from SBCF are required to follow a set process which involves the completion of application forms, including the provision of legal, financial and policy information to complete the application process. Applicants are also required to provide copies of official documentation and other relevant supporting documents. If the grantee is likely to be working with young or vulnerable people as part of their proposed project, they must supply evidence of their safeguarding policies and procedures. Completed applications are taken to the board of trustees for final approval before funding is awarded. All projects funded by SBCF are comprehensively monitored and evaluated. A schedule of payments is drawn up as part of the contract and requires reports to be sent and approved by the senior management team prior to payments being made.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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#### Achievements and performance

##### The domestic plans for 2023-24 include:

- **The Lowry, Salford:** in touring its flagship artwork by LS Lowry around the Northwest, the "Going to the Match" painting evokes memories and thoughts about match-day, so special to Sir Bobby and evocative of 'the beautiful game' that he so loved. With funding provided by SBCF, venues will hold workshops for local communities, with some specifically dedicated to bringing in refugees and asylum-seekers, encouraging them to enjoy art and the storytelling around it, and to stimulate interest in art and culture as a potential relief from trauma and support for wellbeing.
- **Street Reds:** in 2017 Sir Bobby and Lady Norma kicked off a community project delivered by the Manchester United Foundation in Moss Side, that the Charity continues to sponsor. Street Reds encourages youngsters from challenging communities to come and play football in an inclusive environment, learning football, teambuilding, and social skills, whilst developing self-confidence and a resistance to anti-social behaviours into which these youngsters often get drawn. The Street Reds project will be named after Sir Bobby and will be funded by the SBCF. As well as its historic connection, this area of Manchester has a dense refugee community, which aligns to the SBCF charitable objectives.

##### Internationally, the SBCF will:

- In Ukraine, sponsor three venues in conjunction with the Shakhtar Foundation where youngsters can come together to play football safely three times a week and benefit from voluntary counselling from psychologists trained to deal with people suffering from the impact and emotional stress of conflict.
- In Cambodia, continue to support the provision of prosthetics to conflict-affected communities.

##### In 2023/24, Trustees will also:

- finalise, approve and begin the implementation of its revised strategy;
- continue to review low cost/high impact opportunities to increase the profile of the Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation, to tell the story of Sir Bobby the humanitarian, and to grow his legacy of supporting those suffering from war and conflict;
- refresh the charity's approach to fundraising to grow funds available for delivery of our strategy, replenish our reserves and to secure the charity's financial future;
- review the governance of the charity, and appoint new Board members to ensure that the Board of Trustees has the skillset to support and oversee the charity's work;
- agree a long-term staffing structure to support the delivery of the strategy.

#### Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

#### Investment Policy

The board has reviewed its investment policy and a policy is in place, designed with the help of expert advisors. This is a comprehensive policy covering all areas including ethical investing and management of risk. The chair and board members maintain oversight of these investments. Investment management is to be reviewed biannually with the policy reviewed annually by the trustees. A formal appraisal is to be conducted on a three-year basis. In making such investments, the charity seeks a long-term appreciation of the portfolio.

The investment portfolio is managed by HSBC Private Bank and following the appraisal of the management of the investment fund as noted above, the board has decided to engage with Weatherbys and transfer all of the assets from HSBC Private Bank. This is a discretionary service aiming for growth and income with a medium level of risk that is appropriate for the time horizon and purposes agreed. SBCF ensures that no investments are made in the manufacture of landmines or cluster munitions in accordance with the SBCF investment policy.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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### Risk Management

The board continues to recognise the importance of managing risk to enable the charity to continue to perform at the highest level. The trustees require a continuous review of the risk register and the senior management team are challenged to report routinely to the trustee meetings.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The charity was incorporated on 22 March 2011 and is constituted under its Articles of Association. It is a registered charity under charity number 1140911 and company number 07574103.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Lady N Charlton

Mr S W Cross

Mr T J Doherty

(Resigned 21 March 2023)

Mr J T Shiels

Mr R L A Cecil

Ms J E Bateman

Existing trustees have the power to appoint new trustees.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

### Trustee Recruitment & Governance

The board of trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the organisation. Operational decision making is currently undertaken by the board of trustees following the resignation of the CEO and subsequent restructure of the SBCF. All trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or financial benefit in their capacity as trustees. Details of trustees' expenses are disclosed in the accounts. Trustees are required to declare all relevant interests and the charity maintains a register of interests as an internal record of trustees' interests.

Trustees are recruited for their individual knowledge and expertise to help benefit the objectives of the charity. Trustees are expected to use their influence and assist in fundraising efforts to financially support the charity. They are also expected to help in raising awareness of the charity's work and support its advocacy efforts.

### Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Azets Audit Services be reappointed as auditor of the charitable company will be put at a General Meeting.

### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

  
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Mr R L A Cecil

Trustee

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

# **THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023***

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The trustees, who are also the directors of The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and 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 charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### 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 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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' 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, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

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#### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting 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 entity 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.

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 company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company'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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Jonathan Ward (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of .....

**Azets Audit Services**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Alpha House**  
**4 Greek Street**  
**Stockport**  
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**SK3 8AB**

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds designated	Restricted funds	Total
		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>									
Donations and legacies	3	5,787	-	1,058	6,845	2,666	-	5,907	8,573
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-	476	-	-	476
Investments	5	44,101	-	-	44,101	46,122	-	-	46,122
<b>Total income</b>		49,888	-	1,058	50,946	49,264	-	5,907	55,171
<b>Expenditure on:</b>									
Cost of generating funds	6	19,810	-	-	19,810	33,596	-	-	33,596
Charitable activities	7	311,681	237,979	-	549,660	307,309	915,858	-	1,223,167
Other	12	4,293	-	-	4,293	-	-	-	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>		335,784	237,979	-	573,763	340,905	915,858	-	1,256,763
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	57,485	-	-	57,485	(113,383)	-	-	(113,383)

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)  
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers</b>	(228,411)	(237,979)	1,058	(465,332)	(405,024)	(915,858)	5,907	(1,314,975)
Gross transfers between funds	502,290	(502,290)	-	-	(461,460)	461,460	(22,463)	(22,463)
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year/</b>								
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	273,879	(740,269)	1,058	(465,332)	(866,484)	(454,398)	(16,556)	(1,337,438)
Fund balances at 1 July 2022	1,628,716	934,964	9,164	2,572,844	2,495,200	1,389,362	25,720	3,910,282
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>1,902,595</b>	<b>194,695</b>	<b>10,222</b>	<b>2,107,512</b>	<b>1,628,716</b>	<b>934,964</b>	<b>9,164</b>	<b>2,572,844</b>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	14		2,417		7,818
Investments	15		1,948,377		1,847,872
			<u>1,950,794</u>		<u>1,855,690</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	17	5,641		61,465	
Cash at bank and in hand		161,908		940,280	
		<u>167,549</u>		<u>1,001,745</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	(10,831)		(284,591)	
Net current assets			156,718		717,154
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,107,512</u>		<u>2,572,844</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds			10,222		9,164
Endowment funds - designated			194,695		934,964
Unrestricted funds			1,902,595		1,628,716
			<u>2,107,512</u>		<u>2,572,844</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Mr R L A Cecil  
Trustee

Company registration number 07574103

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash absorbed by operations	23		(779,454)		(1,372,996)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(3,963)	
Purchase of investments		(1,073,628)		-	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		1,030,609		(9,852)	
Investment income received		44,101		46,122	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			1,082		32,307
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(778,372)		(1,340,689)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			940,280		2,280,969
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			161,908		940,280

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Booths Hall, Booths Park, Chelford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 8GS, United Kingdom 10 Queens Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE.

The principal activities of the charity can be split into three separate categories:

- The first is to provide funding for research to help those whose lives have been affected by the continued presence of landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW) and to disseminate the results of such research.
- The charity also supports educational programmes to mitigate against the risk of further injury from landmines and ERW to the most vulnerable sections of afflicted communities.
- The final focus of the charity falls on humanitarian programmes, aiming to improve the lives of those already affected.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

However, the management has confidence that by building the profile and work that the charity undertakes through public, corporate, national and international governments, trusts and foundations that over the coming years the charity will be able to build on its present adequate resources.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT where it is not recoverable.

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 include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly whilst others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Office equipment	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.10 Financial instruments

The charity 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.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

#### 1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.13 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity'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 where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no critical accounting estimates or judgements.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	5,787	1,058	6,845	2,666	5,907	8,573

### 4 Other trading activities

	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Trading activity income	-	476

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Income from listed investments	43,411	46,033
Interest receivable	690	89
	<u>44,101</u>	<u>46,122</u>

### 6 Cost of generating funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Seeking donations and other voluntary income	-	14,850
Publicity	-	512
	<u>-</u>	<u>15,362</u>
Fundraising and publicity	-	15,362
<u>Investment management</u>	19,810	18,234
	<u>19,810</u>	<u>33,596</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 7 Charitable activities

	Humanitarian	Research	Education	General	Total 2023	Total 2022
	2023	2023	2023	2023		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Event costs	-	-	-	-	-	1,282
Travel expenses	-	-	-	261	261	9,125
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	16,801	16,801	11,559
	-	-	-	17,062	17,062	21,966
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	170,574	53,014	14,391	-	237,979	915,858
Share of support costs (see note 9)	126,859	56,382	14,096	84,573	281,910	274,488
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	-	-	-	12,709	12,709	10,855
	297,433	109,396	28,487	114,344	549,660	1,223,167
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds	126,859	56,382	14,096	114,344	311,681	307,309
Designated funds	170,574	53,014	14,391	-	237,979	915,858
	297,433	109,396	28,487	114,344	549,660	1,223,167

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 7 Charitable activities

(Continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Humanitarian	Research	Education	General	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Event costs	1,282	-	-	-	1,282
Travel expenses	-	-	-	9,125	9,125
Legal and professional fees	1,058	-	-	10,501	11,559
	<u>2,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,626</u>	<u>21,966</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	258,033	594,244	63,581	-	915,858
Share of support costs (see note 9)	54,892	82,346	27,455	109,795	274,488
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	-	-	-	10,855	10,855
	<u>315,265</u>	<u>676,590</u>	<u>91,036</u>	<u>140,276</u>	<u>1,223,167</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>					
Unrestricted funds	57,232	82,346	27,455	140,276	307,309
Designated funds	258,033	594,244	63,581	-	915,858
	<u>315,265</u>	<u>676,590</u>	<u>91,036</u>	<u>140,276</u>	<u>1,223,167</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 8 Grants payable

	Humanitarian			Research			Education			Total 2023			Total 2022		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Grants to institutions:															
Manchester University - SEMSIS project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,000
Glasgow University	-	17,046	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,046	-	-	-	-	-	238,638
UCL & Cranefield University	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104,062
Human Study	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,237
TeachSafe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,217
SBC Centre Jordan / ABT	97,156	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97,156	172,760	-	-	-	-	172,760
Exceed	64,418	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,418	64,235	-	-	-	-	64,235
SBC Centre Cambodia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,794	-	-	-	-	17,794
Victims of conflict	-	-	6,951	-	-	-	-	-	6,951	-	-	-	-	-	46,307
Mine Clearance Training - Ukraine	9,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,000	3,244	-	-	-	-	3,244
H Moosaes, Scholarship	-	-	-	14,391	-	-	-	-	14,391	-	-	-	-	-	12,364
University College London	-	29,017	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,017	-	-	-	-	-	-
	170,574	53,014	-	14,391	-	-	-	-	237,979	258,033	-	-	-	-	915,858

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023 Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	259,736	-	259,736	216,118	216,118
Depreciation	1,107	-	1,107	4,231	4,231
Exchange Losses	3,485	-	3,485	6,251	6,251
Sundry expenses	2,246	-	2,246	4,272	4,272
Rent and office costs	5,307	-	5,307	30,602	30,602
Postage and stationary	183	-	183	1,630	1,630
IT and telecommunications	6,968	-	6,968	8,217	8,217
Bank charges and interest	2,878	-	2,878	3,167	3,167
Audit fees	-	9,900	9,900	-	7,500
Accountancy	-	2,809	2,809	-	1,500
Hire of meeting rooms	-	-	-	-	1,855
	<u>281,910</u>	<u>12,709</u>	<u>294,619</u>	<u>274,488</u>	<u>285,343</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>281,910</u>	<u>12,709</u>	<u>294,619</u>	<u>274,488</u>	<u>285,343</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £9,900 (2022 £7,500) for audit fees.

### 10 Trustees

During the year trustees were reimbursed expenses totalling £100 (2022 £NIL).

During the year trustees were remunerated £NIL (2022 £NIL).

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 11 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Office and management	2	4

#### Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	230,599	190,889
Social security costs	23,102	14,083
Other pension costs	6,035	11,146
	<u>259,736</u>	<u>216,118</u>

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
£100,001 - £110,000	-	1
£160,001 - £170,000	1	-

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity was £165,015 (2022 £100,191).

### 12 Other

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2023	2022
	£	£
Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	4,293	-
	<u>4,293</u>	<u>-</u>

### 13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	57,485	(113,383)

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 July 2022	1,015	23,101	24,116
Disposals	(1,015)	(7,937)	(8,952)
At 30 June 2023	-	15,164	15,164
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 July 2022	785	15,513	16,298
Depreciation charged in the year	-	1,107	1,107
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(785)	(3,873)	(4,658)
At 30 June 2023	-	12,747	12,747
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 30 June 2023	-	2,417	2,417
At 30 June 2022	230	7,588	7,818

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 July 2022	1,847,872
Additions	1,073,628
Unrealised gain	57,485
Disposals	(1,030,608)
At 30 June 2023	<u>1,948,377</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 30 June 2023	<u>1,948,377</u>
At 30 June 2022	<u>1,847,872</u>

16 Financial instruments	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	<u>1,948,377</u>	<u>1,847,872</u>

17 Debtors	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	2	23
Other debtors	507	954
Prepayments and accrued income	5,132	60,488
	<u>5,641</u>	<u>61,465</u>

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	-	(1,678)
Trade creditors	688	14,018
Other creditors	3	261,114
Accruals and deferred income	10,140	11,137
	<u>10,831</u>	<u>284,591</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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### 19 Retirement benefit schemes

#### Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £6,035 (2022 - £11,146).

### 20 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

- **Humanitarian and Development Assistance**  
Projects supporting both the immediate humanitarian needs of those caught up in current conflicts and the longer-term development challenges of people living with the legacy of past wars.
- **Education and Training**  
Through our conflict recovery centres and partnerships, The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation offers vocational and small business training for people in conflict-affected communities who have a disability and for those living in poverty.
- **Research and Innovation**  
We support innovative research into both medical and technological solutions that assist the physical and psychological rehabilitation of war victims and aid the clearance of landmines and unexploded ordnance.

The designated fund at year end is £194,695, this is comprised of the following balances:

Exceed - £125,685  
LS Lowry painting tour - £20,000  
Shakhtar Foundation - £25,010  
Street Reds - £24,000

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**21 Analysis of net assets between funds**

Fund balances at 30 June 2023 are represented by:

	Unrestricted 2023	Designated 2023	Restricted 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted 2022	Designated 2022	Restricted 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	2,417	-	-	2,417	7,818	-	-	7,818
Investments	1,892,485	55,892	-	1,948,377	1,620,898	226,974	-	1,847,872
Current assets/(liabilities)	7,693	138,803	10,222	156,718	-	707,990	9,164	717,154
	<u>1,902,595</u>	<u>194,695</u>	<u>10,222</u>	<u>2,107,512</u>	<u>1,628,716</u>	<u>934,964</u>	<u>9,164</u>	<u>2,572,844</u>

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 22 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

23 Cash generated from operations	2023 £	2022 £
Deficit for the year	(465,332)	(1,337,438)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(44,101)	(46,122)
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	4,293	-
(Gain)/loss on disposal of investments	(57,485)	113,383
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	-	1,428
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	1,107	2,803
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	55,824	(8,829)
(Decrease) in creditors	(273,760)	(98,221)
<b>Cash absorbed by operations</b>	<u>(779,454)</u>	<u>(1,372,996)</u>

### 24 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.





# Audit findings report

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation

Year ended 30 June 2023



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The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation  
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27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear The Trustees,

**The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation  
Audit findings for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

This Audit Findings Report highlights the significant findings arising from the audit for the benefit of those charged with governance. We appreciate that you may be aware of some of the matters contained in this report, however as required by International Standard on Auditing (UK) 260 we are communicating them to you formally.

As auditor we are responsible for performing the audit, in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs UK), which is directed towards forming and expressing an opinion on the financial statements. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities, including those in respect of the preparation of financial statements.

There is more detail in respect of the responsibilities of the auditor and those charged with governance within our engagement letter. Our standard terms and conditions can be found at <https://www.azets.co.uk/terms-of-business>.

The contents of this report relate only to those matters which came to our attention during the conduct of our normal audit procedures which are designed primarily for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. We do not accept any responsibility for any loss occasioned to any third party acting or refraining from acting on the basis of the content of this report, as this report was not prepared for, nor intended for, any other purpose.

We would like to take this opportunity to record our appreciation for the kind assistance provided by your team during our audit. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact Jon Ward ([jon.ward@azets.co.uk](mailto:jon.ward@azets.co.uk)).

Yours sincerely,

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# 1. Executive summary

## Audit overview

This table summarises the significant matters arising from the statutory audit of The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 for those charged with governance.

<b>Audit opinion</b>	<p>We do not propose any modifications to our audit opinion which is unqualified.</p> <p>We have no matters to report regarding the adoption of the going concern basis or inadequate disclosures relating to material uncertainties.</p> <p>Our audit work is substantially complete and there are currently no matters which would require modification of our audit report, subject to the outstanding matters detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signing of financial statements</li> <li>• Signing of letter of representation</li> </ul>
<b>Audit approach</b>	<p>There were no changes to our audit approach as set out to you in our letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023.</p>
<b>Significant audit findings</b>	<p>There are no significant audit findings to report.</p>
<b>Audit adjustments</b>	<p>We are required to communicate all potential adjustments, other than those considered to be clearly trivial, to management and to request that management corrects them.</p> <p>All audit adjustments have been detailed in the attached profit reconciliation.</p> <p>All unadjusted differences are collectively and individually under materiality.</p>
<b>Internal controls</b>	<p>The purpose of the audit was for us to express an opinion on the financial statements. The audit included consideration of internal controls relevant to the preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. Our audit is, therefore, not designed to identify all control weaknesses.</p> <p>However, where, as part of our testing, we identify deficiencies in internal control, we have reported these to you in the internal control section.</p>

## 2. Significant audit findings

This section of our report includes a summary of significant audit findings relating to significant risk areas identified at planning and other risk areas that required special consideration or arose during the course of the audit.

### Significant risk areas identified at planning

Significant risks are risks that require special audit consideration and include identified risks of material misstatement that:

- our risk assessment procedures identified as being close to the upper range of the spectrum of inherent risk due to their nature and a combination of the likelihood and potential magnitude of misstatement; or
- are required to be treated as significant risks due to requirements of ISAs (UK), for example in relation to management override of internal controls.

### Significant risks at the financial statement level

The below table summarises conclusions in relation to significant risks of material misstatement identified at the financial statement level. These risks are considered to have a pervasive impact on the financial statements as a whole and potentially affect many assertions for classes of transaction, account balances and disclosures.

Key risk area	Audit Approach	Conclusions
<p><b>Management override of controls</b></p> <p>Management is in a unique position to perpetrate fraud because of management's ability to manipulate accounting records and prepare fraudulent financial statements by overriding controls that otherwise appear to be operating effectively.</p> <p>Although the level of risk of management override of controls will vary from entity to entity, the risk is nevertheless present in all entities. Due to the unpredictable way in which such override could occur, it is a risk of material misstatement due to fraud and thus a significant risk.</p> <p>Risk of material misstatement: <b>Low</b></p>	<p>Procedures performed to mitigate risks of material misstatement in this area will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of accounting estimates, judgements and decisions made by management;</li> <li>• Testing of journal entries;</li> <li>• Review of any unusual significant transactions</li> </ul>	<p>There was no evidence of management override identified.</p>

**Going Concern**

Due to the nature and funding of the charity, a thorough and robust review of the going concern position was needed.

Risk of material misstatement: **Low**

The Trustees have demonstrated that the charity has access to sufficient funds and can remain solvent for at least 12 months from the approval of the financial statements.

Our testing found no evidence that there currently is a going concern risk

**Significant risks at the assertion level for classes of transaction, account balances and disclosures**

The below table summarises conclusions in relation to significant risks of material misstatement assertion level for classes of transaction, account balances and disclosures.

Key risk area	Audit Approach	Conclusions
<p><b>Fraud in income recognition</b></p> <p>Material misstatement due to fraudulent financial reporting relating to revenue recognition is a presumed risk in ISA 240 (The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Fraud in an Audit of Financial Statements).</p> <p><b>Inherent risk of material misstatement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk of material misstatement: <b>Low</b></li> </ul>	<p>Procedures performed to mitigate risks of material misstatement in this area will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and testing of income recognition policies</li> </ul>	<p>Our testing identified no evidence of fraud within income recognition.</p>

### 3. Going concern

As auditors, we are required to “obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence about the appropriateness of management’s use of the going concern assumption in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and to conclude whether there is a material uncertainty about the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern” (ISA (UK) 570).

#### Management’s assessment of going concern

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation has prepared its financial statements on the going concern basis.

Management’s assessment covers a period of at least 12 months from expected date of approval of the accounts

#### Audit work performed

ISA 570 (revised) specifies mandatory procedures that we are required to carry out on going concern.

We have had discussions with management and reviewed key financials at year end, including the bank and investment balances. We have determined that the charity has sufficient funds to operate for the next 12 months at least.

#### Disclosures

We have reviewed the disclosures set out in note 1.2 of the financial statements and are satisfied with the disclosure made.

#### Conclusion

We concur with management’s assessment that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis and there are no material uncertainties relating to going concern which should be disclosed in the financial statements.

## 4. Audit communication



### Materiality

Whilst our audit procedures are designed to identify misstatements which are material to our audit opinion, we also report to those charged with governance and management any uncorrected misstatements of lower value errors to the extent that our audit identifies these.

Under ISA (UK) 260 'Communication with those charged with governance', we are obliged to report uncorrected omissions or misstatements other than those which are 'clearly trivial' to those charged with governance. ISA (UK) 260 defines 'clearly trivial' as matters that are clearly inconsequential, whether taken individually or in aggregate and whether judged by any quantitative or qualitative criteria.

An omission or misstatement is regarded as material if it would reasonably influence the users of the financial statements. The assessment of what is material is a matter of professional judgement and is affected by our assessment of the risk profile of the business and the needs of the users.

### Accounting policies

The accounting policies used in preparing the financial statements are unchanged from the prior year.

### Presentation and disclosures

Our work included a review of the adequacy of disclosures in the financial statements and consideration of the appropriateness of the accounting policies and estimation techniques adopted by the entity.

Overall, we found the disclosed accounting policies, significant accounting estimates and the overall disclosures and presentation to be appropriate.

### Fraud and suspected fraud

We have previously discussed the risk of fraud with management. We have not been made aware of any incidents in the period nor have any incidents come to our attention as a result of our audit testing.

Our work as auditor is not intended to identify any instances of fraud of a non-material nature and should not be relied upon for this purpose. In the event that the trustees wish to obtain enhanced assurance with regard to the effectiveness of internal control in preventing and detecting fraud we should be happy to provide additional services.

### Written representations

We will present the final letter of representation to the board to sign at the same time as the financial statements are approved.

### Related parties

We are not aware of any related party transactions.

### Confirmations from third parties

All requested third party confirmations have been received.

## 5. Internal controls

### Control environment

The purpose of the audit was for us to express an opinion on the financial statements. The audit included consideration of internal controls relevant to the preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. Our audit is, therefore, not designed to identify all control weaknesses and the matters reported below are limited to those deficiencies that we have identified during the audit.

### Control weaknesses and recommendations

Control weaknesses and recommendations identified from our current year work are summarised below.

Control weakness identified	Implication	Recommendation	Management Response
Insufficient documentation for ad-hoc donation income.	Albeit not material during the current year, all income should be formally documented.	When possible, send a thankyou letter to donors so there is documentary evidence other than the payment into the bank	Noted and agreed.

## 6. Independence and ethics

In accordance with our profession’s ethical requirements and further to our audit planning letter issued confirming audit arrangements there are no further matters to bring to your attention in relation to our integrity, objectivity, and independence.

We have nothing new to report from the information provided in our planning letter.

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**The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation**

England & Wales - Charity number 1140911

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number 1140911

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Ambassadors</b>	Mr S Hughes Mr G Duley
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# **THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022***

Sir Bobby Charlton's sporting exploits and domestic, European and international trophy successes are legendary throughout the footballing world. What is less well known is the work he has done throughout his career for charity, and how he set up his own not-for-profit organisation, The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation, to help people affected by conflict. Away from the floodlights and packed stadiums, Sir Bobby has used his global fame to draw attention to the plight of the disadvantaged and to give a voice to the voiceless.

It was while travelling in Cambodia as a sporting ambassador for the charity Laureus Sport for Good that he witnessed first-hand the devastating impact that landmines and the legacy a forgotten war was still having on innocent civilian communities. Sir Bobby was shown several minefields during his trip and visited many affected communities. He met families who had lost loved ones after inadvertently triggering a landmine, and those that had survived such explosions only to be left both physically and psychologically damaged for life.

Despite the 20 years that had elapsed since the war in Cambodia he also saw how it was still impacting people's everyday lives and adding to their burden as they struggled against exclusion and poverty. On returning to the UK, Sir Bobby was determined to do something practical to help the people he had met in Cambodia and thousands more like them around the world. He shared his experiences with friends and family, and with their support The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation was established.

### **Statement from the Founder, Sir Bobby Charlton**

'While visiting Cambodia in 2008 I was shocked to see the continued suffering of the people long after the war had ended, especially those living in poor farming communities. I committed myself to doing all I could to help these people. Today I am proud to be surrounded by a committed group of people who share my vision and determination to do all they can for the victims of conflict.'

### **Biography of the Chief Executive – Retired 31 October 2022**

Lou McGrath OBE has worked for more than 35 years in the humanitarian sector. He was a founding member of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL). Lou was involved in the first landmine clearance projects in northern Iraq, Cambodia, Laos and Angola. As the CEO of MAG for 16 years he oversaw its expansion of the organisation with over 5000 national and international employees providing landmine clearance as well as stockpile and weapons destruction in more than 40 countries. He is a Co-Laurate of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize and received his OBE from the Queen in 2008 for his work in landmine clearance.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

#### **Objects of The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation are;**

*The objects of the charity are to advance and promote such charitable purposes for the public benefit as the trustees shall in their discretion think fit and in particular (without limitation) to:*

- 1) Carry out research to help individuals whose lives have been affected by conflict and war and to disseminate the results of such research.**
- 2) Relieve suffering and distress and preserve and protect human health throughout the world, particularly in areas that have been affected by conflict and war;**
- 3) Advance education particularly in the area of alleviating suffering and distress which has resulted in conflict or war.**

**Our Vision:** *The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation believes every individual affected by conflict, wherever they are in the world, has a right to a healthy, productive and empowered life, safe and free from fear.*

**Our Mission:** *To improve the lives of children, families and communities affected by conflict, empowering them and developing their capacity through unique and collaborative projects and services.*

#### **Our Values:**

**Empowerment;** *we work to make conflict affected communities stronger and more confident by equipping them with the means to improve their lives and realise their right;*

**Inclusiveness;** *we prioritise people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalised, such as those who have physical or psychological disabilities and this that suffer from discrimination and disadvantage;*

**Collaboration;** *we believe that the best results and long-term sustainability are best achieved by working together with others particularly those that represent conflict affected communities; and*

**Integrity;** *we believe in honesty, transparency and consistency in all that we do in order to gain and maintain the trust of conflict affected communities and those that support our work.*

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### **Our Approach**

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation became the official name of the charity in 2019 and has since undertaken a total rebranding and with a focus on its charitable objects it now carries a strapline 'for victims of conflict'. The strategy has been to build a reputation through its unique projects and develop ways of working through national partners without the use of expatriate staff and where necessary only using expert consultants for short training or monitoring periods. We believe this not only builds trust and sustainability of projects but also makes for greater cost effectiveness. Where we need to employ permanent staff for the charities project countries, we will draw on local capacity.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

#### Grant Applications

Those seeking funds from FABW are required to follow a set process which involves the completion of application forms, including the provision of legal, financial and policy information to complete the application process. Applicants are also required to provide copies of official documentation and other relevant supporting documents. If the grantee is likely to be working with young or vulnerable people as part of their proposed project, they must supply evidence of their safeguarding policies and procedures. Completed applications are taken to the board of trustees for final approval before funding is awarded. All projects funded by FABW receive regular monitoring and evaluation visits. A schedule of payments is drawn up as part of the contract and requires reports to be sent and approved by the senior management team prior to payments being made.

#### Achievements & Performance

##### Humanitarian Projects

##### SAFE PLAY PROJECT, BAVEL DISTRICT, BATTAMBANG CAMBODIA



# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Having designed this unique project to fit with the threats faced by communities whose daily lives are threatened by the presence or proximity of landmines and unexploded munitions, the SBC Foundation negotiated with Bavel High School to use areas of unused land to build a football pitch, a fully equipped children's play area, a library with study area and a vegetable garden, all to be used for education purposes. Upon completion the school was handed over to the local community.

The site, which began construction in May 2021 in the Bavel district, serves some of the poorest communities in Cambodia and is central to some of the most heavily mined areas of the country as Sir Bobby experienced when he last visited and played football with the children.

The development of the school and play centre will provide a risk-free environment to all those living in the surrounding rural communities and aims to educate local people on areas of nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, as well a safe area for children to play.

The donation comes after a long-standing partnership between The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation and Manchester United Football Club. John Shiels MBE, chief executive of Manchester United Foundation, said: "We are delighted to have been able to contribute to this amazing initiative. The right to play is something that every child need's and something that will help every child develop.

"We're very much looking forward to working with The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation to ensure that the project is delivered and developed so that as many young people in Cambodia can benefit from it. At some stage, we plan to take participants from our programmes in Manchester to help train coaches out in Cambodia, which is something we're really excited about."

### TEACH SAFE – EXPLOSIVE HAZARD RISK EDUCATION IN MOSUL, IRAQ



Teach Safe is the SBC Foundations, educational initiative where we endeavour to teach explosive hazard risk education to those living in conflict-affected communities.

In partnership with the Al Ghad League for Women and Children in Iraq, the Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation is proud to have recently funded a project to educate local schoolteachers in Mosul, Iraq. Throughout the summer months of 2021, 32 schoolteachers in Iraq attended training on the risks of living near mines and explosive hazards. They have since returned to the classroom and began teaching this vital information to the first group of students; 307 young pupils, who are growing up in areas filled with the forgotten remnants of war.

Teach Safe Project, Mosul, Iraq. Teachers being trained to deliver risk education to their pupils through our partners Al Ghad

We put a keen emphasis on ensuring our methods are sustainable when curating our educational programmes; working with the Al Ghad League to train local schoolteachers means that this critical mine risk information can be delivered to students for years to come. We aim for it to become fundamental knowledge within the community and stay with them long into the future.

We are grateful to the Al Ghad League for Women and Children for delivering this programme as we continue to work towards our goal to instil safe behaviours in those most vulnerable to unexploded munitions left over from wars.

# **THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022***

#### **Friends of Ukraine Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Programme**

As part of our ongoing efforts to support Ukraine, we have sponsored six Ukrainian women to complete the first and second Explosive Ordnance Disposal training course in Kosovo run by our partners, Friends of Ukraine.

With the increase in the risk of mine explosions in Ukraine due to the ongoing war, these training opportunities help communities, such as the one in Kosovo, to overcome the aftermath of recent conflicts.

The six women we have sponsored to take part in their EOD training course where they will be taught the skills of how to safely clear areas of highly concentrated mines in a safe and professional manner. It is hoped that in the future the SBC Foundation can build Safe Play areas for the families and children living in these affected communities.

Ukraine has become one of the heaviest mined areas in the world and with the help from the SBC Foundation, and through our partners we hope to provide more training to those in Ukraine to help them have a safe place to live again.

Due to the problems with landmines and unexploded ordnance in Ukraine SBC Foundation has funded six women to train in EOD through our partners "Friends of Ukraine"

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

#### Sir Bobby Charlton Scholarship

##### Masters' Degree in, Social Support to Vulnerable People

Haitham Yousef is a Syrian refugee, who before the war lived with his family in a separate house in a popular neighbourhood in Damascus Municipality, his father was working as a builder. Haitham was able to help support his family through his monthly income, working in the installation and maintenance of central heating systems, the monthly income of the family was between 270 to 350 USD. When the civil war began in Syria; Haitham decided to move from Damascus to the countryside because of bad conditions and insecurity, he was there for a year before the situation had become unstable and insecure. In April 2014 Haitham decided to escape from the war however, on his route to Jordan he was shot in the neck by a sniper. Unable to help him, local people helped to get him across the border to Jordan where he fell into a coma. Haitham woke up in Amman at Al-Jazeera Hospital in the intensive care department. When he learnt from the doctors that he had a severe spinal injury that paralyzed all the limbs he suffered psychological shock. Unfortunately, none of his relatives were able to support him during five months stay at the hospital.

Then Haitham moved to the Za'atari Refugee Camp in the north part of Jordan and stayed as a refugee as many other Syrian refugees, living alone without any medical care. He suffered an infection in his legs which became severe, and doctors told him he would have to have surgery to amputate his legs. After the operation Haitham moved to Souriyat to 'Across Border Centre' an organisation providing initial help for refugees.

Haitham was visited by ADT team from the Sir Bobby Charlton Centre, and he was diagnosed by the psychological support team as a case with post-traumatic stress disorder "PTSD" and was integrated into a psychological program with group sessions, individual therapy and meditation sessions. Then he joined the peer support program at the Sir Bobby Charlton Centre.

Haitham Joined the training courses in the Sir Bobby Charlton Centre for Support & Rehabilitation in Amman which included (Physiotherapy Course, Psychological Support Course, Art Therapy Course and Peer Support Courses. Haitham gained skills through the courses, and he has gained the self-confidence to continue his life and became determined to complete his studies.

During his stay at the SBC Centre, he volunteered to help others undertaking treatment for their Post Traumatic Stress to gain more self-confidence. Haitham started working as a peer supporter/ peer counsellor and train the trainer with "The Sir Bobby Charlton Centre for Support & Rehabilitation" and has become one of the ADT team.

The Sir Bobby Charlton Scholarships programme has provided the funding for Haitham to undertake a masters degree at Amman University, as well as supporting him to upgrade his personnel and professional skills by also attending a course on "Empowering of Trainers - EOT", Social Support to Vulnerable People that started last July 2021 and end in September 2022.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022*

#### **Human Study**

##### **Teacher / Trainer Development (Prosthetics and Orthotics) Syria and the Middle East.**

The online theoretical training is conducted by Human Study practitioners located in various cities and onsite practical training is provided at NSSPL clinics in Reyhanli in Turkey, Idlib in Syria and Al Bab in Syria.

The courses will advance 8 students to graduate from Category I Prosthetic and Orthotic degree level training and become the first fully International Standards of Prosthetics and Orthotics accredited P and O Teacher / Trainers in the Middle East. The graduates will provide much needed training and professional development of clinicians and technicians inside Syria as well as those supporting Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries.

Not everything ran smoothly of course, the plan to include 2 practical workshops in semester 5 had to be revised due to COVID restrictions and challenges related to travelling. Also due to the pandemic, students had restrictions in patient treatment, seeing far less patients on a regular basis than prior to the pandemic. Consequently, Case presentations for the Advance Clinical Experience 3 from 3rd semester were not duly submitted and the subject had to be extended.

Final exams for semester 5 were originally to be completed in July 2021 yet due to COVID19 complications it was extended to September 2021 for some semester subjects and then finalised, mainly with very good results. Summer semester Teaching in an area with ongoing conflict is always difficult, but when you add COVID 19 into the mix, this was an especially challenging year for students. At points the clinics were locked down and students had no patients to treat, which made demonstrating their competencies as required difficult. The fact they were unable to run onsite workshops during 2021 also impacted on the quality of learning and whilst these were delivered online as an interim measure, it was found that students were not where they needed to be at the end of the formal academic year and were not all on track to pass their final examinations, so Human Study made a decision to run an additional semester over the summer to help consolidate their learning and put them back on track.

An additional, extra-curricular summer semester was implemented to repeat certain subjects and started in July 2021.

Students will have two practical workshops by the end of the 6th semester. The workshop in Upper Limb Prosthetics was successfully implemented in Reyhanli, Turkey, in the period 26th to 30th November. The practical workshop in Trunk Orthotics was successfully implemented in Reyhanli, Turkey, in the period 10th to 14th January 2022. Seven Syrian students actively participated in both clinical training workshops onsite.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

#### **Sir Bobby Charlton Centre for Support and Rehabilitation, Amman, Jordan**

#### **Physical and Psychological support to those suffering Physical and Psychological Trauma**

We are pleased to be able to say that following the support given by the Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation over the last few years, ADT have now begun receiving funds from the US State Department. The present funding from the SBC Foundation will end in December 2022. The Foundation will remain in touch with ADT and wish them every success for the future with their important work at the Centre.

During the twelve months to end June 2022 ADT provided help to more than 50 traumatised children using



expressive art therapy as well as providing support for up to 200 children through group counselling. There was also support for those who have more severe symptoms by providing individual counselling sessions. The Sir Bobby Charlton Centre for Support and Rehabilitation also provided over 100 children and young adults with physical therapy. The physio unit is fully equipped, and the centre is staffed by a senior Psychologist, Physical Therapist, an Expressive Art Therapist as well as several trained staff in psychological and physical therapy. The centre also relies on the support of volunteers, many who have received support from the centre themselves.

Syrian refugee children who have been traumatised by their experiences of the conflict are supported by the Dr Naveen, Psychologist and her team of therapists at the SBC Centre in Amman Jordan

Beneficiaries of direct services are children, women and men and the centre serves all ages from all nationalities and genders with a focus on war-wounded victims of conflict. They complete a comprehensive assessment/evaluation about the patient's situation to determine if any may need physical therapy treatments/services and whether they may also need psychological support and benefit from the expressive art therapy program as well as peer support.

The centre also runs an out-reach programme that provides immediate direct physical rehabilitation services at home. The home visits are mainly for Syrian refugees and other nationality victims of conflict and other cases in need of care to maintain independence, community participation and family awareness to live with dignity and to improve the "Community integrated Care".

The physical therapists restore people's maximum movement, and functional ability necessary for movement and function threatened by their war injury and for those who have received a prosthetic limb and need to re-learn how to walk and function. They help people maximize their quality of life by looking at physical, psychological, emotional, and social wellbeing. They work in the health spheres of promotion, prevention, treatment, intervention and rehabilitation.

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation has been pleased to support Asia Development Training (ADT) to expand and develop its work both at the Centre and through its outreach work. We wish them well for the future.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

#### **Exceed Project Prosthetics & Orthotics Graduation**

##### **Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

More than one billion people around the world experience life with a disability (15% of the world's population) Unfortunately, disability prevalence is much higher for developing countries. There is an overwhelming and growing number of people with disabilities in the world. According to the World Report on Disability (WHO, 2011), between 110 million and 190 million adults across the globe experience significant difficulties in functioning.

People with physical disabilities often require access to Prosthetic and Orthotic services to aid their mobility and enable them to be active in society. Sadly, only 1 in 10 people in the world can access these essential services and so, often, they remain excluded from basic inclusion in society. In many developing countries, the lack of robust health systems and resources can have a negative impact on those with disabilities. Those with disabilities are more likely to be neglected and denied basic health services. As a result of this, disabilities can often get worse.

In many developing countries, because of lack of resources and without robust health systems, people with disabilities are even more likely to be denied basic health services, left untreated and neglected, as a result their disabilities worsen.

The SBC Foundation Centre partners, Exceed, specialise in Prosthetics and Orthotics skills training. In February 2020, seven students from countries across the globe, including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, the Philippines and Lao PDR, joined the Prosthetic and Orthotic Technicians Training Programme, provided by Exceed and funded by The SBC Foundation.

Mr. Carson Harte, CEO of Exceed said *"Prosthetic and Orthotic training is an essential next stage of the evolution of our profession. It was called for by WHO and ISPO as far back as 1990; with the goal of adding more technicians and clinicians, to increase the output for each clinic. Increasing our training scope will greatly improve efficiency and will help us to meet the increasing global demand for Prosthetics and Orthotics. Today, the WHO estimates 85% of people living in low-income countries cannot access support. We need this statistic to improve. This initiative is a huge step in the right direction, and we are proud to be a part of it."*

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The students received 15 months of intense online and practical training with Exceed Worldwide, supported by local mentors. After much hard work, on the 30th April 2021, students, teachers and staff celebrated completing the course with a very special graduation! Due to the pandemic, five student graduated on the 30th April 2021, while four more students will complete their final course once they are able to travel to complete their final practice at the University.



*In awarding their certificates Mr. Lou McGrath, CEO of the SBC Foundation said:*

*'All of us at The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation are extremely proud of each of the students. We want to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and of course the Exceed organization who made all of this happen. As graduates you should be very proud of what you have achieved' he added: 'Your work in the future will be crucial not only to those suffering with lost limbs in Cambodia; but around the world. We hope that you will each go out and use the skills that you have learnt and make a difference to many lives along the way. The Exceed project has been a pleasure for us to be involved with, and we wish everyone the best of luck in what are certainly, very bright futures.'*

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

#### Special Research Project:

**An Analysis of Victim Assistance in Mine Action; Lessons from the Frontline in Afghanistan, Cambodia and Ukraine.**

*(A copy of the full report as well as a summary report can be downloaded from the SBC Foundations website: [www.thesbcfoundation.org](http://www.thesbcfoundation.org))*

In 2019, the Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation refocused more of its resources and efforts towards humanitarian projects. We were keen to channel much of that support to survivors of harm caused by landmines and unexploded ordnance (UXO), particularly given that Sir Bobby Charlton was initially motivated to establish the Foundation after his first visit to Cambodia, where he was shocked to see so many victims of landmines. Victim assistance was a new area to many of us here at The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation, so we sought advice from communities affected by landmines and UXOs as well as practitioners in the field working to support them. We wanted the research to be informed and shaped by the insight and lived realities of the survivors and their families. The report does not suggest that it has captured all opinions, needs, or lived realities of those who live in contaminated areas; rather, it shines a light on certain experiences with victim assistance. It is our hope that by providing a platform for these invaluable insights to be heard, we will help inform the design and implementation of successful victim assistance policy.

When we attended the Meetings of State Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty, we always heard the call to 'Leave no one behind', which reflected the important message of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. However, there was a common cry from those we spoke to throughout Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Cambodia that, even though it is a key part of Humanitarian Mine Action, victim assistance is not seen by many donors to merit their support. Many people told us their stories about the inconsistent reach and wavering support of victim assistance, even as we near the deadline for Landmine Free 2025. These stories encouraged us to redouble our advocacy efforts to overcome past disconnects and to continue the achievements of Victim Assistance in Mine Action.

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation hopes the findings of our research will encourage debate that is inclusive of all relevant groups, with special consideration for survivors and persons with disabilities. At the SBC Foundation, we strive to continually improve our understanding of the needs of affected persons and how victim assistance can successfully share this knowledge with the mine action sector (and beyond). Accordingly, we encourage survivors and other stakeholders within the victim assistance sphere to reach out to SBCF to express whether the findings of this report echo your experiences, or whether you face your own unique needs, challenges, and successes that were not documented in this report. The greater the participation in this important discussion, and the more voices that are heard, the more accurate and impactful victim assistance can be. We acknowledge the obvious changes that have taken place both in Afghanistan and Ukraine since the field research for this report was undertaken in the summer of 2021. These changes, however, do not take away from the value of the recommendations. Rather, they exemplify their importance. The lessons of the past that are presented here will help to inform victim assistance stakeholders in both countries when designing policies to support those who, regrettably, will be affected in the future.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

This report is the result of a 15-month review of victim assistance (VA) – one of the five pillars of humanitarian mine action (HMA) – conducted by The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation (SBCF). The overarching goal of the project is to ensure that those who have been impacted by victim activated explosive ordnance (VAEO)<sup>1</sup>, including people with disabilities and indirect victims living in contaminated areas, are supported by victim assistance mechanisms and are properly considered in sustainable, suitable, and effective policies, laws, and programmes on both a national and international scale. Although qualitative and quantitative research reviewing the efficacy, suitability, and sustainability of VA mechanisms for survivors has been conducted previously, the ability to design, fund, and implement effective victim assistance strategies is dependent on current and comprehensive information. Therefore, it is a core objective of this review to understand the progress made in relation to VA and provide an insight into the role of humanitarian mine action victim assistance (HMAVA). This has been made even more necessary by the emergence of COVID-19, the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. The study aims to understand whether persons directly and indirectly impacted by victim-activated explosive ordnance (VAEO) are being sufficiently supported by assistance mechanisms across three countries: Afghanistan, Cambodia, and Ukraine. These regional case studies were selected because they each offer a different context while all being among the most-affected countries by explosive ordnance (EO) contamination and casualties.

Their differences include, but are not limited to, types of contamination, magnitude and timeframe of conflict, geography, length of mine action programme, strength of national mine action structures, resources, scope, type, and level of international support. By observing these most-different contexts, the research observed the short-, medium- and long-term results from (humanitarian and development) victim assistance in varying contexts. Certain findings exist across the three cases and should be considered by VA actors universally. In other instances, findings are specific to each case (or in two of the three cases), highlighting the need to contextualise policy and strategy for victim assistance. Based on these findings, the study presents recommendations for national and international stakeholders of VA-related programmes.

Recommendations are assigned to each country, with further recommendations for victim assistance in general, based on findings from a comparative analysis of the three case studies. Cambodia and Afghanistan are two of the 34 countries that have declared to have a significant number – hundreds or thousands - of survivors (AP Mine Ban Convention, 2022), and Ukraine, despite not making this declaration is thought to also have a significant number of survivors (Landmine & Cluster Munition Monitor, 2018). According to Monitor data, all three countries have consistently had some of the highest levels of contamination, although Ukraine is yet to be surveyed.

As a rights-based investigation, the findings and recommendations are heavily guided by the principles outlined in the 'Convention on the Prohibition of Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction' (APMBC), the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), and other related conventions, laws, and standards.

Survivors and victims are the principal subjects of the report but there is also a focus on persons with disabilities living in areas affected by explosive ordnance more generally, since the challenges faced by survivors and other persons with disabilities are often shared, and the mechanisms to support them are heavily intertwined. For the same reason, attention is also given to the families of survivors and other indirect victims.

As a final, but crucial, objective, the study aims to demonstrate that survivors, victims, and people with disabilities are the experts on their own realities and that their insights are instrumental to the design and implementation of effective policies, laws, and programmes in place to support them. The study advocates for the increased representation and participation of survivors and persons with disabilities in governmental and non-governmental bodies operating in the humanitarian and development sphere.

The report was presented to all the Intersessional Meetings of States to the Mine Ban Convention.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

#### Sir Bobby Charlton Medical and clinical Research Programmes

#### **Bone Graft in the Treatment of Traumatic Amputation due to Blast Injuries from Landmines and other Explosive Ordnance.**

#### **University of Glasgow**

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation is working in partnership with the University of Glasgow to develop new methods and processes for re-growing bone following an explosive blast injury, a car crash, or any other form of accident that results in a need for new bone tissue. Following a blast injury, bone regeneration is particularly difficult because of the amount of bone that is typically lost and the challenge of providing bone grafts in the required shapes. The idea behind the project is to develop novel technologies that will allow the production of custom designed bone grafts with controlled anatomical shapes. The University is moving forward in developing synthetic bone for use by trauma surgeons to repair the limbs of landmine blast victims and others who have bones that have been shattered.

This technology will give those that have been injured an opportunity to have enough bone repaired for a



prosthetic limb to be fitted. This will not only mean a chance for better quality of movement and support of the prosthetic limb but also a better quality of life for the survivor. The technique uses a natural protein called BMP-2 to stimulate bone re-growth and a common substance called poly ethyl acrylate (PEA) to hold it in place. The pioneering treatment is then combined with a 3D-printed bio-degradable plastic scaffold covered with stem cells which, when placed into the original bone cavity of the trauma victims, will start the process of re-growth.

The technique has the potential to transform the lives of blast survivors and any other patients requiring additional bone tissue.

The project made global headlines in 2017 when an early version of the research was used to save the leg of a young Munster-lander dog which was receiving treatment at the University of Glasgow. The ultimate vision of the research is the production of 'off the shelf' bone that can be properly packaged and delivered quickly, efficiently and safely anywhere in the world. This would include, in particular, countries that continue to be affected by landmines and other explosive remnants of war.

The research is being led by Professor Manuel Salmeron-Sanchez and Professor Matt Dalby from the University of Glasgow School of Engineering and its Institute of Molecular, Cells and Systems Biology.

We are pleased to see that as the research now goes to the human trials stage the EU have funded the CRO study that will give the safety data to allow the NHS to deliver the clinical trial.



# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

#### **Treatment and Preventative Therapy for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in the Victims of Conflict University College London**

As in the case of the Glasgow research Programme, due to the COVID pandemic the project fell behind and although the funding has come to an end the project required a 12 month no cost extension which will take its work into 2023.

Distressing and persistent involuntary or intrusive memories are a core symptom of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) a prevalent and often disabling disorder with a variety of severe negative consequences for general health, social relationships and everyday functioning. Victims of violence and conflict are at heightened risk to PTSD, yet service provision does not come close to meeting the need for treatment, especially in low income countries.

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation is partnering with University College London (UCL) to look more closely at how the brain processes traumatic experiences and to lead the way on ground breaking research which will dramatically reduce the impact of trauma on the lives of landmine blast survivors, the victims of torture, or anyone who has experienced extreme levels of shock or distress. Unlike many other mental afflictions, PTSD can be traced to the occurrence of a specific and life changing event or experience. Experiences of war are a prime example of such events and it is therefore unsurprising that PTSD is endemic in many war torn regions of the world. While the physical blast injuries of landmine survivors can severely restrict mobility, the mental scars resulting from the trauma of the explosion can be equally as enduring and debilitating.

This project is led by Dr Sunjeev Kamboj, with additional researchers Vanessa Hennessy, Dr Ravi Das, at Research Department Clinical, Educational and Health Psychology, University College London.

The research and tests are focused on commonly available medications which have been identified as potential preventatives that could be administered in the immediate aftermath of an accident. Tests to-date by UCL have found that the frequency of involuntary distressing memories are significantly reduced by the administration of nitrous oxide, propranolol and hydrocortisone shortly after a stressful experience. This three-year research project is investigating the potential of these drugs to treat PTSD and to determine the ideal treatment delivery and parameters and the response across drug types.



#### **Semis III**

#### **Dual Use Detector: Ground Penetrating Radar and Metal Detector for Landmine Clearance University of Manchester**

Following several extensions and then the COVID crisis over the last few years the SBC Foundation decided to put together a new agreement with the University of Manchester. The new agreement was to ensure that targets had to be reached to set timelines.

In order to do this the SBC Foundation assisted the university team to find a commercial partner who would be willing to work in the final design and production phase that could then be field trialled and finally bring a new dual detector that would assist in faster clearance of landmines for humanitarian purposes.

Having sourced a commercial partner it seemed the project began to move much faster, with seven out of the agreed demonstration units being produced on time. Unfortunately, however the things then began to fall behind once again and by June 2022 only one of the agreed priorities had been fully completed. Following discussion with the professor leading the research it became clear that the it would be another year before the final target would be reached. The SBC Foundation explained to the University of Manchester that it could no longer continue to support the project. The contract finished June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022, however we wish the university success with the development of the detector through its commercial partner.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

#### Special Award from Cambodian King

Through their work with The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation in support of communities in Cambodia whose lives are still affected by past conflicts, our CEO Lou McGrath and Chief Operating Officer Donna Moss-Seymour were both decorated with the Medal Award Royal Order Of Sahametrei from the Royal Government Of Cambodia in recognition for their outstanding humanitarian work in support of vulnerable communities in Cambodia. They were each presented with a medal and certificate at a ceremony at the Sir Bobby Charlton Foundations offices in Knutsford by the Cambodian Ambassador to the UK, His Excellency Kan Pharidh.



#### Future Plans

The Trustees are conscious that fundraising across all sectors is challenging given the economic situation in a post pandemic world. This is further compounded with the Russian invasion of the Ukraine. Inflation has also had a negative impact on potential donors.

With this in mind, the trustees have worked with management to realign our humanitarian projects to ensure that we can achieve the greatest impact in the most cost-efficient way. We are fortunate that many of our longer-term commitments have come to a natural end and have been passed to local communities to operate. Moving forward, we will focus our key initiatives on education and prosthetics which will be directed towards communities affected by conflicts.

Coupled with this we have rationalised our operational cost base and will continue to drive our annual operating costs down.

It is our belief that a narrower focus will create improved opportunities for fundraising and provide the charity with a more sustainable future.

#### Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to twelve months expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022*

### **Investment Policy**

The board has reviewed its investment policy and a policy is in place, designed with the help of expert advisors.

This is a comprehensive policy covering all areas including ethical investing and management of risk. The chair and board members maintain oversight of these investments. Investment management is to be reviewed biannually with the policy reviewed annually by the trustees. A formal appraisal is to be conducted on a three-year basis. In making such investments, the charity seeks a long-term appreciation of the portfolio.

The investment portfolio is managed by HSBC Private Bank. This is a discretionary service aiming for growth and income with a medium level of risk that is appropriate for the time horizon and purposes agreed. The SBC Foundation ensures that no investments are made in the manufacture of landmines or cluster munitions in accordance with the The SBC Foundation investment policy.

### **Risk Management**

The board continues to recognise the importance of managing risk to enable the charity to continue to perform at the highest level. The trustees require a continuous review of the risk register and the senior management team are challenged to report routinely to the trustee meetings.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The charity was incorporated on 22 March 2011 and is constituted under its Articles of Association. It is a registered charity under charity number 1140911 and company number 07574103.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Lady N Charlton  
Mr S W Cross  
Mr T J Doherty  
Mr J T Shiels  
Mr R L A Cecil  
Ms J E Bateman

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Existing trustees have the power to appoint new trustees.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

#### **Trustee Recruitment & Governance**

The board of trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the organisation. Operational decision making is delegated by the board to the chief executive and the senior management team consisting of the head of operations who coordinate and manage the charity. All trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or financial benefit in their capacity as trustees. Details of trustees' expenses are disclosed in the accounts. Trustees are required to declare all relevant interests and the charity maintains a register of interests as an internal record of trustees' interests.

Trustees are recruited for their individual knowledge and expertise to help benefit the objectives of the charity. Trustees are expected to use their influence and assist in fundraising efforts to financially support the charity. They are also expected to help in raising awareness of the charity's work and support its advocacy efforts.

#### **Auditor**

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Azets Audit Services be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

#### **Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



**Mr S W Cross**

Trustee

Dated: 13 Jan 2023

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022*

The trustees, who are also the directors of The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds designated	Restricted funds	Total
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>									
Donations and legacies	2	2,666	-	5,907	8,573	5,722	-	66,374	72,096
Other trading activities	3	476	-	-	476	40	-	-	40
Investments	4	46,122	-	-	46,122	47,348	-	-	47,348
<b>Total income</b>		<u>49,264</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,907</u>	<u>55,171</u>	<u>53,110</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,374</u>	<u>119,484</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>									
Cost of generating funds	5	33,596	-	-	33,596	44,978	-	-	44,978
Charitable activities	6	307,309	915,858	-	1,223,167	289,436	1,114,659	-	1,404,095
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>340,905</u>	<u>915,858</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,256,763</u>	<u>334,414</u>	<u>1,114,659</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,449,073</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	(113,383)	-	-	(113,383)	208,548	-	-	208,548

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers</b>	(405,024)	(915,858)	5,907	(1,314,975)	(72,756)	(1,114,659)	66,374	(1,121,041)
Gross transfers between funds	(451,460)	461,460	(22,463)	(22,463)	(559,445)	600,099	(40,654)	-
<b>Net expenditure for the year/</b>								
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	(856,484)	(454,398)	(16,556)	(1,337,438)	(632,201)	(514,560)	25,720	(1,121,041)
Fund balances at 1 July 2021	2,495,200	1,389,362	25,720	3,910,282	3,127,401	1,903,922	-	5,031,323
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>1,628,716</b>	<b>934,964</b>	<b>9,164</b>	<b>2,572,844</b>	<b>2,495,200</b>	<b>1,389,362</b>	<b>25,720</b>	<b>3,910,282</b>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

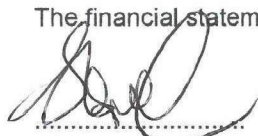
# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	12		-		1,428
Tangible assets	13		7,818		6,658
Investments	14		1,847,872		1,951,403
			<u>1,855,690</u>		<u>1,959,489</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	16	61,465		52,636	
Cash at bank and in hand		940,280		2,280,969	
			<u>1,001,745</u>	<u>2,333,605</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17		<u>(284,591)</u>	<u>(382,812)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>717,154</u>	<u>1,950,793</u>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u><u>2,572,844</u></u>	<u><u>3,910,282</u></u>	
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds			9,164		25,720
Designated funds			934,964		1,389,362
Unrestricted funds			1,628,716		2,495,200
			<u>2,572,844</u>		<u>3,910,282</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 13.1.22



S W Cross  
Trustee

Company Registration No. 07574103

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash absorbed by operations	22		(1,372,996)		(1,542,828)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(3,963)		-	
Purchase of investments		-		(1,110,296)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		(9,852)		1,093,950	
Interest received		46,122		47,348	
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</b>			32,307		31,002
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(1,340,689)		(1,511,826)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			2,280,969		3,792,795
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			940,280		2,280,969

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Booths Hall, Booths Park, Chelford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 8GS.

The principal activities of the charity can be split into three separate categories:

- The first is to provide funding for research to help those whose lives have been affected by the continued presence of landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW) and to disseminate the results of such research.
- The charity also supports educational programmes to mitigate against the risk of further injury from landmines and ERW to the most vulnerable sections of afflicted communities.
- The final focus of the charity falls on humanitarian programmes, aiming to improve the lives of those already affected.

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

However, the management has confidence that by building the profile and work that the charity undertakes through public, corporate, national and international governments, trusts and foundations that over the coming years the charity will be able to build on its present adequate resources.

##### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

##### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

#### 1 Accounting policies

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT where it is not recoverable.

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 include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly whilst others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

#### 1.6 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired on business combinations are recognised separately from goodwill at the acquisition date where it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity and the fair value of the asset can be measured reliably; the intangible asset arises from contractual or other legal rights; and the intangible asset is separable from the entity.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Website	33% straight line
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# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### 1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Office equipment	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

##### 1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

##### 1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

##### 1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

##### 1.11 Financial instruments

The charity 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.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

**1 Accounting policies**

***Basic financial liabilities***

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**1.12 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

**1.13 Retirement benefits**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

**1.14 Foreign exchange**

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

**1.15 Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity'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 where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The directors consider there to be no key sources of estimation uncertainty.

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

**2 Donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	2,666	5,907	8,573	5,722	66,374	72,096

Included in donations and legacies are restricted donations towards supporting projects in Jordan.

**3 Other trading activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	Unrestricted funds
	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
Trading activity income	476	40

**4 Investments**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	Unrestricted funds
	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
Income from listed investments	46,033	47,256
Interest receivable	89	92
	<u>46,122</u>	<u>47,348</u>

**5 Cost of generating funds**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	Unrestricted funds
	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Seeking donations and other voluntary income	14,850	25,800
Publicity	512	6,276
Fundraising and publicity	<u>15,362</u>	<u>32,076</u>

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

**5 Cost of generating funds**

<u>Investment management</u>	18,234	12,902
	<u>33,596</u>	<u>44,978</u>

**6 Charitable activities**

	Humanitarian	Research	Education	General	Total 2022	Total 2021
	2022	2022	2022	2022		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Event costs	1,282	-	-	-	1,282	559
Travel expenses	-	-	-	9,125	9,125	7,271
Legal and professional fees	1,058	-	-	10,501	11,559	1,182
	<u>2,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,626</u>	<u>21,966</u>	<u>9,012</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	258,033	594,244	63,581	-	915,858	1,114,659
Share of support costs (see note 8)	27,455	54,892	82,346	109,795	274,488	269,993
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	-	-	-	10,855	10,855	10,431
	<u>287,828</u>	<u>649,136</u>	<u>145,927</u>	<u>140,276</u>	<u>1,223,167</u>	<u>1,404,095</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds	29,795	54,892	82,346	140,276	307,309	289,436
Designated funds	258,033	594,244	63,581	-	915,858	1,114,659
	<u>287,828</u>	<u>649,136</u>	<u>145,927</u>	<u>140,276</u>	<u>1,223,167</u>	<u>1,404,095</u>

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

**6 Charitable activities**

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Humanitarian	Research	Education	General	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Event costs	559	-	-	-	559
Travel expenses	-	-	-	7,271	7,271
Legal and professional fees	482	-	-	700	1,182
	<u>1,041</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,971</u>	<u>9,012</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	246,819	855,608	12,232	-	1,114,659
Share of support costs (see note 8)	53,993	80,998	27,005	107,997	269,993
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	-	-	-	10,431	10,431
	<u>301,853</u>	<u>936,606</u>	<u>39,237</u>	<u>126,399</u>	<u>1,404,095</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>					
Unrestricted funds	55,034	80,998	27,005	126,399	289,436
Designated funds	246,819	855,608	12,232	-	1,114,659
	<u>301,853</u>	<u>936,606</u>	<u>39,237</u>	<u>126,399</u>	<u>1,404,095</u>

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
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7 Grants Payable

	2022				2021			
	Humanitarian	Research	Education	Total 2022	Humanitarian	Research	Education	Total 2021
Grants to institutions								
Manchester University - SEMIS Project	-	150,000	-	150,000	-	50,000	-	50,000
Glasgow University	-	238,637	-	238,637	-	477,262	-	477,262
University of Zagreb	-	-	-	-	-	33,316	-	33,316
Safeplay	-	-	-	-	7,730	-	-	7,730
UCL & Cranfield University	-	104,062	-	104,062	-	239,796	-	239,796
Human Study	-	55,237	-	55,237	-	55,234	-	55,234
Action on Armed Violence	-	-	-	-	20,396	-	-	20,396
TeachSafe	-	-	51,217	51,217	-	-	12,232	12,232
SBC Centre Jordan / ABT	172,760	-	-	172,760	87,678	-	-	87,678
Exceed	64,235	-	-	64,236	52,686	-	-	52,686
SBC Centre Cambodia	17,793	-	-	17,793	62,870	-	-	62,870
COVID Relief	-	-	-	-	15,459	-	-	15,459
Victims of Conflict	-	46,308	-	46,308	-	-	-	-
Mine Clearance Training - Ukraine	3,244	-	-	3,244	-	-	-	-
H Moosaes, Scholarship	-	-	12,364	12,364	-	-	-	-
	258,033	594,244	63,581	915,858	246,819	855,608	12,232	1,114,659

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

### 8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022 Support costs		Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	216,118	-	216,118	217,076	-	217,076
Depreciation	4,231	-	4,231	4,049	-	4,049
Sundry expenses	4,272	-	4,272	6,630	-	6,630
Rent and office costs	30,602	-	30,602	25,554	-	25,554
Postage and stationary	1,630	-	1,630	619	-	619
IT and telecommunications	8,217	-	8,217	9,341	-	9,341
Bank charges and interest	9,418	-	9,418	6,724	-	6,724
Audit fees	-	7,500	7,500	-	7,500	7,500
Accountancy	-	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Hire of meeting rooms	-	1,855	1,855	-	1,431	1,431
	<u>274,488</u>	<u>10,855</u>	<u>285,343</u>	<u>269,993</u>	<u>10,431</u>	<u>280,424</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>274,488</u>	<u>10,855</u>	<u>285,343</u>	<u>269,993</u>	<u>10,431</u>	<u>280,424</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £7,500 (2021 £7,500) for audit fees.

### 9 Trustees

During the year trustees were reimbursed expenses totalling NIL (2021 NIL), relating to travel costs whilst representing the charity as a trustee.

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

**10 Employees**

**Number of employees**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Office and management	4	4

**Employment costs**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	190,889	190,652
Social security costs	14,083	14,958
Other pension costs	11,146	11,466
	<u>216,118</u>	<u>217,076</u>

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
£100,001 - £110,000	1	1

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity was £100,191 (2021 £100,191).

**11 Net gains/(losses) on investments**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	Unrestricted
	<b>funds</b>	funds
	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	<u>(113,383)</u>	<u>208,548</u>

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

**12 Intangible fixed assets**

	Website £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022	27,750
<b>Amortisation and impairment</b>	
At 1 July 2021	26,322
Amortisation charged for the year	1,428
At 30 June 2022	27,750
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 30 June 2022	-
At 30 June 2021	1,428

**13 Tangible fixed assets**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 July 2021	1,015	19,138	20,153
Additions	-	3,963	3,963
At 30 June 2022	1,015	23,101	24,116
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 July 2021	582	12,913	13,495
Depreciation charged in the year	203	2,600	2,803
At 30 June 2022	785	15,513	16,298
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 30 June 2022	230	7,588	7,818
At 30 June 2021	433	6,225	6,658

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
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**14 Fixed asset investments**

**Listed  
investments**  
£

**Cost or valuation**

At 1 July 2021 & 30 June 2022

1,847,872

**Carrying amount**

At 30 June 2022

1,847,872

At 30 June 2021

1,951,403

**15 Financial instruments**

**2022**

**2021**

£

£

**Carrying amount of financial assets**

Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss

1,847,872

1,951,403

**16 Debtors**

**2022**

**2021**

£

£

**Amounts falling due within one year:**

Trade debtors

24

-

Other debtors

954

752

Prepayments and accrued income

60,487

51,884

61,465

52,636

**17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

**2022**

**2021**

£

£

Other taxation and social security

(1,678)

-

Trade creditors

14,018

8,028

Other creditors

261,114

359,987

Accruals and deferred income

11,137

14,797

284,591

382,812

**18 Retirement benefit schemes**

**Defined contribution schemes**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £11,146 (2021 - £11,466).

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

#### 19 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

- Humanitarian and Development Assistance

Projects supporting both the immediate humanitarian needs of those caught up in current conflicts and the longer-term development challenges of people living with the legacy of past wars.

- Education and Training

Through our conflict recovery centres and partnerships, The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation offers vocational and small business training for people in conflict-affected communities who have a disability and for those living in poverty.

- Research and Innovation

We support innovative research into both medical and technological solutions that assist the physical and psychological rehabilitation of war victims and aid the clearance of landmines and unexploded ordnance.

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

**20 Analysis of net assets between funds**

Fund balances at 30 June 2022 are represented by:

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Designated 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Designated 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-	1,428	-	-	1,428
Tangible assets	7,818	-	-	7,818	6,658	-	-	6,658
Investments	1,620,898	226,974	-	1,847,872	1,951,403	-	-	1,951,403
Current assets/(liabilities)	-	707,990	9,164	717,154	535,711	1,389,362	25,720	1,950,793
	<u>1,628,716</u>	<u>934,964</u>	<u>9,164</u>	<u>2,572,844</u>	<u>2,495,200</u>	<u>1,389,362</u>	<u>25,720</u>	<u>3,910,282</u>

**THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION**  
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**21 Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

<b>22 Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deficit for the year	(1,337,438)	(1,121,041)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(46,122)	(47,348)
Loss/(gain) on disposal of investments	113,383	(208,548)
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	1,428	2,663
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	2,803	1,386
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(8,829)	(25,906)
(Decrease) in creditors	(98,221)	(144,034)
<b>Cash absorbed by operations</b>	<u>(1,372,996)</u>	<u>(1,542,828)</u>

**23 Analysis of changes in net funds**

The charity had no debt during the year.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and 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 charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **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 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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

#### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' 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 charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' 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, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting 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 entity 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.

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 company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company'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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Jonathan Ward (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of

19/01/2023

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**The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation**

England & Wales - Charity number 1140911

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# Accounts

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Charity Registration No. 1140911

Company Registration No. 07574103 (England and Wales)

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Lady N Charlton Mr S W Cross - Chairman Mr T J Doherty Mr J T Shiels Mr R L A Cecil Ms J E Bateman
<b>Founder</b>	Sir R Charlton
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Mr S Hughes Mr G Duley
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	Mr L McGrath OBE
<b>Charity number</b>	1140911
<b>Company number</b>	07574103
<b>Principal address</b>	Booths Hall Booths Park Chelford Road Knutsford Cheshire WA16 8GS
<b>Registered office</b>	Booths Hall Booths Park Chelford Road Knutsford Cheshire WA16 8GS

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# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## FOUNDERS REPORT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021*

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Sir Bobby Charlton's sporting exploits and domestic, European and international trophy successes are legendary throughout the footballing world. What is less well known is the work he has done throughout his career for charity, and how he set up his own not-for-profit organisation, The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation, to help people affected by conflict. Away from the floodlights and packed stadiums, Sir Bobby has used his global fame to draw attention to the plight of the disadvantaged and to give a voice to the voiceless.

It was while travelling in Cambodia as a sporting ambassador for the charity Laureus Sport for Good that he witnessed first-hand the devastating impact that landmines and the legacy a forgotten war was still having on innocent civilian communities. Sir Bobby was shown several minefields during his trip and visited many affected communities. He met families who had lost loved ones after inadvertently triggering a landmine, and those that had survived such explosions only to be left both physically and psychologically damaged for life.

Despite the 20 years that had elapsed since the war in Cambodia he also saw how it was still impacting people's everyday lives and adding to their burden as they struggled against exclusion and poverty. On returning to the UK, Sir Bobby was determined to do something practical to help the people he had met in Cambodia and thousands more like them around the world. He shared his experiences with friends and family, and with their support The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation was established.

### **Statement from the Founder, Sir Bobby Charlton**

'While visiting Cambodia in 2008 I was shocked to see the continued suffering of the people long after the war had ended, especially those living in poor farming communities. I committed myself to doing all I could to help these people. Today I am proud to be surrounded by a committed group of people who share my vision and determination to do all they can for the victims of conflict.'

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

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The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

### **Objects of The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation are;**

*The objects of the charity are to advance and promote such charitable purposes for the public benefit as the trustees shall in their discretion think fit and in particular (without limitation) to:*

- 1) Carry out research to help individuals whose lives have been affected by conflict and war and to disseminate the results of such research.**
- 2) Relieve suffering and distress and preserve and protect human health throughout the world, particularly in areas that have been affected by conflict and war;**
- 3) Advance education particularly in the area of alleviating suffering and distress which has resulted in conflict or war.**

**Our Vision:** *The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation believes every individual affected by conflict, wherever they are in the world, has a right to a healthy, productive and empowered life, safe and free from fear.*

**Our Mission:** *To improve the lives of children, families and communities affected by conflict, empowering them and developing their capacity through unique and collaborative projects and services.*

### **Our Values:**

**Empowerment;** *we work to make conflict affected communities stronger and more confident by equipping them with the means to improve their lives and realise their right;*

**Inclusiveness;** *we prioritise people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalised, such as those who have physical or psychological disabilities and this that suffer from discrimination and disadvantage;*

**Collaboration;** *we believe that the best results and long-term sustainability are best achieved by working together with others particularly those that represent conflict affected communities; and*

**Integrity;** *we believe in honesty, transparency and consistency in all that we do in order to gain and maintain the trust of conflict affected communities and those that support our work.*

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **Our Approach**

The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation became the official name of the charity in 2019 and has since undertaken a total rebranding and with a focus on its charitable objects it now carries a strapline 'for victims of conflict'. The strategy has been to build a reputation through its unique projects and develop ways of working through national partners without the use of expatriate staff and where necessary only using expert consultants for short training or monitoring periods. We believe this not only builds trust and sustainability of projects but also makes for greater cost effectiveness. Where we need to employ permanent staff for the charities project countries we will draw on local expertise. In line with this thinking, we took on our first Country Director in Cambodia in 2019. She is now the driving force behind our presence in Cambodia.

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# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

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Our move away from the many research programmes especially in detection technology research has now been shown to have had a positive impact and has driven the focus of the two existing detection research providers to seek out manufacturing partners. This approach ensures that there is viability of a product coming out the other end of the research which in turn will make it more likely that the final product will go to serve all those clearing landmines. The continuing success of our project with the University of Zagreb has shown that our new approach has had the desired impact.

The Five Year Strategic Plan June 2021 to July 2026 was approved by the Board of Trustees at our November 2020 board meeting . We now build our yearly plans around our strategic focus which will allow us to plan and gain approval to designate the charities existing financial resources to support projects over the 5 year period. We hope to encourage new donors to support jointly funded projects by designating our reserves for this purpose.

The SBC Foundation is fully committed to ensuring its work with local partners is sustainable and we aim to work with our partners to ensure we can measure and show the impact of work and how we are effectively supporting our beneficiaries. We are committed to supporting our national partners so they can gain the confidence of donors to continue supporting local capacity in the future. Monitoring and evaluating as well as training (where necessary) will be the key role of The SBC Foundation.

### **Grant Applications**

Those seeking funds from The SBC Foundation are required to follow a set process which involves the completion of application forms, including the provision of legal, financial and policy information to complete the application process. Applicants are also required to provide copies of official documentation and other relevant supporting documents. If the grantee is likely to be working with young or vulnerable people as part of their proposed project, they must supply evidence of their safeguarding policies and procedures. Completed applications are taken to the board of trustees for final approval before funding is awarded. All projects funded by The SBC Foundation receive regular monitoring and evaluation visits. A schedule of payments is drawn up as part of the contract and requires reports to be sent and approved by the senior management team prior to payments being made.

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#### **Achievements and Performance**

##### **Special Research Project**

##### **The Lost Victims of Explosive Violence**

In 2020 The SBC Foundation commissioned a research project that will look into the reality of funding for the victims of conflict, especially those whose injuries have been caused by weapons such as landmines and explosive ordnance. Such injuries would give the victim rights under various treaties such as the Mine Ban Treaty and the Treaty on Cluster Munitions. Signatories to such treaties are obligated to support victim assistance yet despite it being one of the 'five pillars of mine action' it is neither prioritised within the UN nor in broader mine action strategies. Indeed, there appears to be a severe lack of capacity to meet the needs of victims of explosive violence worldwide.

Underlined by the standards and good practices formulated by the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the current approach to victim assistance focusses on; emergency and long term medical care, nutrition, rehabilitation psychological support, social and economic inclusion, laws, regulations and policies. The investigation will embrace this framework within categorised papers addressing specific ways that children, women and men are impacted by explosive weapons. The report will focus in on equal access to services available to the wider a population and whether services have ever been extended or supported through funds made available by signatories to the treaty obligations.

Due to some Security and COVID 19 restrictions to the chosen countries of investigation, Afghanistan, Ukraine and Cambodia the final report will not be ready for the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty in the Hague in November, so it is hoped to present it at the 2022 intersessional meetings.

##### **Emergency COVID 19 Response**

##### **Mosul, Iraq, Amman, Jordan, Cambodia**

Our local partners in Cambodia, Jordan and Iraq have been active throughout the pandemic. Throughout a six month period in all three countries the organisation distributed Covid prevention and hygiene kits for some 16,063 disadvantaged families. They also provided 8,700 vulnerable families with basic food supplies as well as medicines and household items for cleaning and sanitation.

Through various media outlets the SBC Foundation partners were able ensure 194,096 people received COVID 19 awareness messages along with local health information. In all 31,395 health and hygiene posters both in local language and picture messages were distributed to be displayed in key areas.

In Cambodia Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation funded Golden West Foundation to develop a ground breaking low cost ventilator. During the period the ventilator was successfully developed and tested and ready for distribution to local hospitals and clinics.

Our partners ADT played a major role in providing vital support to the more vulnerable people, especially amongst the refugee population. The staff worked tirelessly to ensure they were able to get medicines and medical supplies to people unable to do so themselves.

##### **Sir Bobby Charlton Medical and Clinical Research Programmes**

##### **Bone Graft in the Treatment of Traumatic Amputation due to Blast Injuries from Landmines and other Explosive Ordnance**

##### **University of Glasgow**

Over the last year, significant progress has been made to upscale NK cell production. University of Strathclyde designed a dual power bioreactor system to support the use of 5-layer Corning CellSTACK cultureware (figure 1) increasing cell production capacity from 3 million to 20 million cells. This system, along with a VSEW wireless accelerometer required for calibration, was shipped to Histocell at the end of Q3 2020. Using this new system, Histocell have produced 3 working cell stocks of NKC (WSC-NKS) adipose derived cells from 3 different donors under GMP-like conditions. Extensive characterisation assays have been conducted on these cells by Histocell and University of Glasgow.

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The results confirmed the expected response to nanokicking. Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA) level in the final GMP-like cryopreserved cell product has been analysed in two of the batches, to assure that is below the established limited for human Cell Therapy products (<300ppm)

During this period, University of Strathclyde have focused on progressing the bioreactor towards a final commercial product. They have identified appropriate suppliers for manufacturing of the power supplies and production has started. Most of these units will go to key opinion leaders (KOLs) in the UK and EU. Recent research has shown there is interest in exploring higher vibration amplitudes than our current nanokick standard of 30nm. UoS has developed a modification using voltage clamps that allows the bioreactor to achieve 120nm displacement without any adverse effects. The design has been updated to include the additional components in future devices.

University of Glasgow has developed a **novel microphysiological potency release assay** to confirm cells have been osteogenically primed following nanokicking (figure 2). The protocol was transferred to HistoCell and validation experiments are currently underway. Due to the pandemic and associated travel restrictions, training was carried out successfully via videos and teleconference. For the final product we aim to use a release strategy combining this assay with a panel of MSC flow markers to demonstrate cells been sufficiently stimulated.

As part of continued work on the GMP manufacturing plan, progress has been made towards **defining the format of the final product**. Based on in vitro and preclinical efficacy study results, it was decided that 20M NK cells would be cryopreserved in 3ml freezing media in 5ml CellSeal vials for the final product. Experiments are ongoing at University of Glasgow and HistoCell to validate the GMP protocol for cell freezing conditions and assessment of long-term viability post-freezing.

There has been ongoing work to explore **alternative protein sources to recombinant BMP-2**, that may be more accessible and offer regulatory and commercial benefits. Experiments have been conducted using commercial human plasma, platelet lysate and platelet-rich plasma and differentiation of MSCs was assessed via qPCR, Alizarin Red Staining and chorioallantoic membrane (CAM) assay. Preliminary results were positive and further testing is currently underway.

The **in vivo large animal efficacy study** commenced in Q4 2020 and all 18 sheep have successfully undergone surgery (figure 3). There were 6 surgical groups with 6 defects per group:

- 1) *Nanokicked allogeneic sheep cells (1 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells/ml) + ceramic*
- 2) *Nanokicked allogeneic sheep cells (5 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells/ml) + ceramic*
- 3) *Normal allogeneic sheep cells (1 x10<sup>6</sup> cells/ml) + ceramic*
- 4) *Ceramic alone*
- 5) *Ceramic coated with PEA, fibronectin and BMP2 (Healiost)*
- 6) *Ceramic coated with PEA and human platelet lysate*

Initial micro-CT analysis suggest it may be challenging to separate the new bone from ceramic implant. Advice is being sought from experts at both the University of Nottingham and the University of Strathclyde. Bones from the sheep have been placed into decalcification solution (5% formic acid) in preparation for histological analysis.

A **GLP in vivo safety study** is required as part of the data package supporting human clinical trial. Previous efforts have been made to obtain quotes for this service from contract research organisations (CROs). Acellab (now Charles River) was identified as being one of the best value proposals and further discussions have been carried out to shape the study design to fit the requirements of the MHRA and product administration. This activity is essential to progress the technology to first in human and will be supported by the European grant (Healickick) awarded to the team in 2020.

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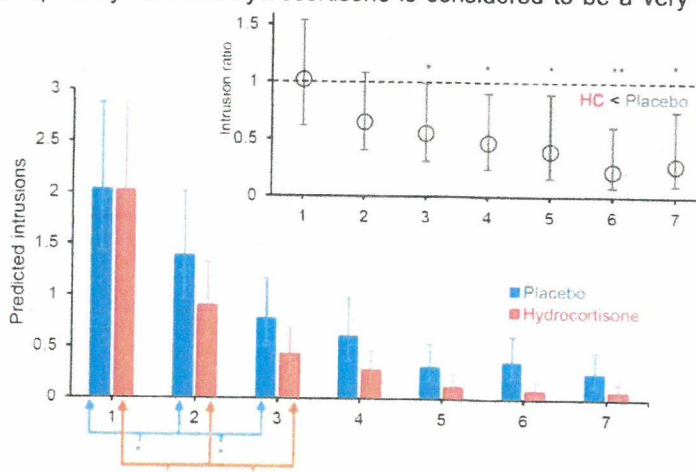
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### Treatment and Preventative Therapy for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in the Victims of Conflict

#### University College London

Data for one large scale pharmacological study (with 120 people) is now fully analysed and supports our predictions for the effects of the anti-inflammatory drug, hydrocortisone on trauma-like memories in an experimental model of psychological trauma. This is a promising development for interventions that could be applied 'in the field' for PTSD prevention, especially because hydrocortisone is considered to be a very safe, and is a cheap and readily available drug (it is on the WHO list of essential medicines).

The graph below shows the changes in intrusive memories (akin to 'flashbacks' in PTSD) after exposure to a simulated trauma and treatment with either a single dose of oral hydrocortisone (30 mg) or placebo. As can be seen, hydrocortisone seems to promote a more rapid 'forgetting' of a trauma-like event.



**Figure 1.** The number of intrusive memories in participants treated with a single dose of either placebo or 30 mg hydrocortisone (oral). Intrusive memories were recorded daily starting on the day of exposure to the analogue trauma (day 1). The red bars in the main panel show the number of intrusive memories in the hydrocortisone group. As can be seen, there are larger reductions between days 1 and 2 and days 2 and 3 following hydrocortisone relative to placebo treatment. From day 3 the ratio of intrusive memories (inset) in the hydrocortisone group is statistically smaller than the placebo group (datapoints falling in the red shaded region).

The research team anticipate sending the paper describing these findings to a 'high impact' peer reviewed journal (e.g. Journal of Neuroscience, Psychological Medicine or Translational Psychiatry) in the next month. Depending on responses from peer reviewers and comments posted in response to the pre-print version of the paper, we will engage with UCL communications department to publicise the study results as appropriate. A paper attributed to and acknowledging the grant has been published and is available as an open access publication to the public.

Kamboj, S. K., Zhao, H., Troebinger, L., Piazza, G., Cawley, E., Hennessy, V., ... & Das, R. K. (2021). Rewarding subjective effects of the NMDAR antagonist, nitrous oxide ('laughing gas') are moderated by impulsivity and depressive symptoms in healthy volunteers. *International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology*.

From March 2020 to May 2021, other than data analysis and preparation of publications, our main research activity has involved testing of novel 'minimal contact' interventions that might be developed for online delivery. The latter were a departure from the original research proposal but were necessary to allow the SBCF-funded researchers to continue to work on related projects that could be conducted remotely during the pandemic. Data collection for Dr Luzia Troebinger's (SBCF-funded postdoc) study on expressive writing following COVID-related trauma is now complete and the data is being analysed. Data from Emma Cawley's (SBCF-funded PhD student) on imagery-based memory rescripting has also been completed and is being analysed and will contribute a chapter to her PhD thesis. It is anticipated that at least one peer reviewed publication will be produced from this interim work.

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The team were granted access to our labs at UCL on 22 May 2021, allowing them to resume face-to-face testing of participants. Since July 2021 they have successfully recruited participants to their planned pharmacological research projects. The recruitment rate is slower than anticipated, although they expect this to improve significantly from end of Sept 2021, when a larger number of potential will be present in-person on campus.

Both of the SBCF-funded PhD students successfully upgraded from MPhil to PhD in Feb or March 2021. Since then, unfortunately, Vanessa Hennessy, one of the grant co-applicants and PhD students has required a period of extended medical leave. Her return to work assessment is expected in Oct 2021. If deemed appropriate, return to work will be gradual.

### Landmine Detection Technology Research

#### **Project Metashape – Empowering Handheld Metal Detectors with Shaped-Based Target Discrimination for use in Humanitarian Demining University Zagreb**

The overall aim of the project is to develop and experimentally validate a methodology for empowering commercial handheld pulse induction metal detectors used in humanitarian mine action with target discrimination capabilities potentially enabling safer, faster, and cheaper removal of hazardous buried objects. The objectives of the project are:

- Improvement of the existing metal detector technology while keeping it affordable for the mine action community. This is achieved by empowering an existing, field-proven, state-of-the-art MD with advanced metal characterisation and discrimination features.
- Rapid field demonstration of the proposed technology (preliminary results expected within 24 months from the start of the project).
- Support to researchers from the mine-affected country.

The objective for this reporting period (final six months of the project) was to advance the METASHAPE demonstrator from the technology readiness level TRL 6 (“Technology demonstrated in relevant environment”) to TRL 7 (“System prototype demonstration in operational environment”).

To achieve this, the following activities have been performed:

- a) development and experimental validation of the final object discrimination algorithm,
- b) field validation of soil compensation technique needed for a), and
- c) development and production of the portable search head tracking system (tracking stick).

In the original project application, it was planned that the last six months of the project would be used for field experiments. This activity was assigned to the work package “Experimental validation (WP4)”.

Due to the restrictions imposed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic situation in Croatia, the activities related to field experiments and data collection had to be reduced with respect to the plan. Field experiments of limited scope and duration were conducted on 21/10/2020, 19/11/2020 and 05/02/2021 with the purpose of validating the soil compensation technique on two types of soil (weakly mineralized local soil and heavily mineralized “red” soil). The remaining time periods initially allocated for field testing were used for final developments of the METASHAPE demonstrator’s hardware and software, i.e. activities a) and c).

Another project activity that had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation was a demonstration of the METASHAPE object discrimination system to the mine action community that was to be held during the Vallon international workshop in Eningen, Germany (scheduled for 5-7 October 2020).

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Being a research project focused on improvement of the mine detection technology rather than on direct humanitarian aspects of the mine problem, the project has so far not made a direct connection to its beneficiaries. Once the technology is implemented in a practical device, the direct beneficiaries would be the deminers. Providing better information on the detected object (hazardous or non-hazardous, detection confidence level, etc.), their work would become much safer, while inducing less fatigue. Spending more time on excavating potentially dangerous objects while quickly removing those that do not pose a threat would in turn result in faster and less costly demining procedures. Consequently, civilians living in mine suspected areas would also indirectly benefit from this technology.

The project has been executed in collaboration with the industrial partner (world-renowned manufacturer of metal detectors for humanitarian mine action, Vallon GmbH, Germany).

The industrial partner provided the following in-kind support to the project:

- a metal detector suitable for a proof-of-concept evaluation and featuring full access to raw sensor data (type VMF4),
- technical support during hardware and software integration and experiment design,
- participation in field experiments.

The industrial partner has expressed strong interest to continue the cooperation with the UniZG-FER team in implementing the technology developed within the scope of the project METASHAPE.

During the execution of the project, UniZg-FER team has also been in contact with the Croatian Mine Action Centre – Centre for Testing, Development and Training (HCR-CTRO), which provided landmine surrogates and metal clutter samples for testing purposes, as well as access to the test facility in Benkovac. Several virtual meetings with Mr. Shathel Fahs from the Mine Advisory Group (MAG) were held in a context of information exchange and consulting on the requirements for the application of metal discrimination technology in the field.

The project has been managed by the principal investigator, Prof Vedran Bilas, UniZG-FER. Prof Bilas has over 20 years of experience in research, development, and technology transfer in the area of sensors and electronic systems.

During the whole duration of the project, the project team held weekly meetings, took meeting and laboratory notes, and organized regular teleconferences with the industrial partner and consultants from HCR-CTRO and MAG to discuss the research progress and resolve relevant technical issues.

### **Project SEMIS Development of a Dual Metal and Ground Penetrating Radar for Landmine Detection University of Manchester**

During this financial year the management renegotiated the contractual agreement with the university, this was due to late delivery and a concern that the focus of developing a landmine detector for use in the humanitarian field. The focus of the new agreement was to ensure that the University would develop an agreement with a manufacturer who would in turn focus itself on delivering something that was favourable for the humanitarian market and acceptable to operators. Early signs have shown that this has helped push the university researchers and keep them focussed on an end product.

The researchers have made the final preparations for the production of the batch of demonstration systems including further outdoor testing at The University of Manchester, the finalisation of designs for the different elements of the detector, and the ongoing procurement of items for the detectors' build. Two main difficulties have delayed the process being completed at present chiefly (a) the ongoing global component shortage which has forced a number of system redesigns to adapt to available components, with key components reserved or purchased in advance where possible and (b) an issue around electrostatic screening affecting the final design of the detector coils. They now believe they have solutions to both these issues and plan to complete the batch by end of November 2021.

A batch size of 10 detectors was originally proposed but they are now planning a batch of 7, with two further units being earlier iterations of the design, without the latest components. This change is partly at the request of Guartel Technologies and partly a result of the problems with component supply. Seven units is still sufficient for field testing and to test the production process.

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#### Humanitarian Projects

##### **Human Study, Graduate Teacher Training of Teacher/Trainers of clinicians in Prosthetics and Orthotics, Syria.**

The courses are going well and all modules planned have been delivered and the students are generally on track, although a few of them have struggled to pass some of the modules at the level required for the final examinations. To rectify this, Human Study have put in additional tuition and are working closely with those students to get them where they need to be to pass the course.

Due to Covid and the difficulties created for International travel, they have been unable to deliver the classroom based assessments that typically end each module, but have pivoted this to deliver these online, and recreate as far as possible, the conditions of the classroom based learning. They have tried this approach with a group of students in Ukraine before rolling out to the Syrian students, and those students achieved a 100% pass rate when they reached final examinations, so they are confident that this approach will work equally well for the Syrian Students.

We have agreed that funds saved on travel can be moved into tuition, given the additional tuition that has been required for some students in Syria, partly due to the ongoing instability in the region, partly due to another round of flooding in Al Bab, and partly due to the personal circumstances of some students (one for example, is struggling with English, so have for this student, put in additional English lessons).

Overall, the course looks to be meeting all the targets and outcomes set for this grant and that students will all graduate as planned at the end of the course.

***We have asked the students on graduate training to introduce themselves. They are all living with the daily realities of war.***

**Luai Alhallaak** is 29-year-old ISPO Cat II P&O technologist who works as Head of Training Department at NSPPL. Luai also has Degree in Electrical Engineering – Section of Computers and Automated Control from Tishreen University. He was one of the best students in Human Study ISPO Cat II program and currently he is one of the best in Upgrade program as well. His average grade in Semester I was 8,5 (A). "I dream of working in developed prosthetics and orthotics by completing this Category I program and combining it with my knowledge in prosthetics and orthotics. I am leading the education in prosthetics and orthotics in Syria and by completing the academic degree with my colleagues we will be able to create other generations of educated specialists to serve the huge numbers of disabled people created by the long war in Syria. I see our international existence with every academic advancement we achieve with Human Study and will create the P&O field future for our country internationally. With the advancing in learning we are able to serve new types of cases we were not able to do before and I do not want to stop learning in this field at any point. We are transferring the workshops, and also the knowledge we gain to our colleagues inside Syria which reflects on the served beneficiaries by the quality and type of services and we need to keep continued learning and teaching for better future of our beneficiaries."

**Humam Sadek** is ISPO Cat II P&O technologist from Syria, who currently lives and works in Turkey, but travels to Syria constantly. Humam works for NSPPL. He is 24-year-old. He is very motivated to finish Cat I program, although the works and study in difficult circumstances. Humam also was one of the best students in Human Study Cat II program. "I am Humam Sadek. My dream was always to be an engineer until the war started in Syria. The war that pulled me to re-look in my planes and ambitions to fit more with the need that my people started to have. In 2014 with increased number of injuries, I decided to learn about prosthesis and orthosis, so as to be able to help in the recovery of the civilian amputees and disabled. In the beginning, I started to learn in the P&O field because of the major need for it and because this is my duty until I released that this became my passion, especially after I graduated from Category 2 program with high grades and had the chance to continue in Mahidol university. I clearly see my future now as a P&O specialist and hope to be able to continue my study to reach that dream, and so on to deliver this knowledge to my country people to help in rehabilitating war-affected people."

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**Salah Alaghbar** is 30-years-old P&O who finished ISPO Cat II, as well as Bachelor in Biomedical Engineering at Cukorava University in Turkey. Some of the major subjects that Salah had at Biomedical Faculty are very similar to the subjects that he has now in Generation2019 program, which makes parts of the program easier from him. Currently Salah works at "Ortotek" company, but closely cooperate with NSPPL on daily basis. "I want to continue with human study Cat1 because Cat1 certificate gives me the right to be international P&O trainer. Because of the war, our country Syria needs a lot of P&O technicians so it is our responsibility to train them. In the other hand, I really appreciate the level of education in Human Study, it adds new experience to me every new semester, also it adds value to my knowledge and experience and let me solve new problem in my daily work. My career related, I had already graduated Bachelor Degree of Biomedical Engineering and I was planning to continue master, but at that time I chose to continue Cat 1 rather than studying Master of Biomedical Engineering, because it is more important to me as I said above."

**Fatima Almubarak** is the only female student in Syrian group. She is 33-years-old P&O (ISPO Cat II) from Syria and mother of two. She currently lives in Turkey and works for NSPPL. Fatima did not have very good results in the first Semester of the program, but she improved her results in Semester II and she is trying hard to improve her English, which is the main obstacle for her education. "I started to work in this field several years ago and I am still working in this field until now. Work in this field has become part of our lives and our priority. The work in this field is limited to being a profession or a path in life. Rather, it carries a human character through its smile making on the faces of those affected. As one of the workers in this field, especially among women, I seek self- development and increase my knowledge skills and cognitive skills in the field of artificial limbs and orthoses in order to help the children of my country affected by the existing war. With the increase in its frequency and continuity of the war, the number of those affected is still increasing, which led to the increase in cases of paralysis and amputation, especially among women and children. This is the reason why the number of women working in this field is needed, but limited. This remains an obstacle to covering and treating the large number of women and children victims. From this standpoint, and as a female worker working in the field of artificial limbs, I would like to develop my skills in this field, so I hope to complete the study in a program since I worked in this field for several years and I continue working."

**Abdulrahim Alhajhalouf** is ISPO Cat II P&O technician, who lives in Syria and works for NSPPL. He is 27-years old. Due to war activities, Abdulrahim was forced to move from one city in Syria to another (from Idlib to Al Bab), with his family. This influenced his study a lot, but now Abdulrahim is settled in Al Bab and very motivated to continue his education, resulting with better results at the moment. "Due to the ongoing war in Syria and the large number of casualties, namely amputated and paralyzed people, I joined this program to provide help to those disabled and vulnerable people and retain them to life again. In Syria, we are in a sore need for highly qualified P&O staff who is able to install amputees with proper prostheses on scientific basis, since we haven't had such domain of study in Syria. Moreover, I am looking forward to finish this program, Cat1, so I be able to educate and train new generation of technicians to support them, and us, in our noble and humanitarian mission."

**Khaled Salah** finished ISPO Cat II program in 2017. He works in NSPPL as Head of technicians and he is supervising the work of the NSPPL workshops. He is 45 years old and married. "I love learning prosthetics and orthotics; I have a lot of experience in P&O, but after I saw how the science improved, I believe that every improvement from my side is needed. The science with practical experience. P&O is a unique field in Syria and by completing the educational program I can participate in improving the graduated generations in Syria."

**Ahmad Alibrahem** is ISPO Cat II P&O from Idlib Syria. He is 33 years old. Currently Ahmad works (for NSPPL) and lives in Syria. Although he lives in war zone with his family, Ahmad is motivated to study. He is married and has children. Due to war activities, he is forced to often move from his house in Idlib. "I want to continue with the Category I program because I enjoy this field and I want to improve my abilities in prosthetics and orthotics. I am the head of workshop in Idlib center and I believe that I have a lot of scientific knowledge to gain from the Category I program and transfer to the 7 technicians who are working in our center there. I had the experience with my brother to fitted a prosthesis when I joined this field and I know the happiness when the patient, or the patient's relatives, have when getting this service and walk again."

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**Asad Ur Rahman** is from Pakistan. He is 40-year-old and married. He works as the Technical P&O Advisor for HI (Humanity & Inclusion) organization in Syria since 2018. He mostly works with children in refugee camps. Asad has Bachelor in prosthetic and Orthotic since 2003 and currently he is on Master in Public Health program at University in Pakistan. He is fluent in Urdu and Persian / Dari languages and also knows the basics of Arabic language, which is the reason that he is sent in different war regions to work with locals. "Regarding my work in Syria, I would like to mention that I am working in Syria for the last two and half years. I'm sharing some pictures with you regarding patients that I work with. At the same time I am giving the training to the national technicians as part of capacity building program. As you probably know, Human study has a great impact on my work, because of good study methodology and online classes I can study and work at the same time, so I want to continue this program with Human Study for the sake of the disabled people, especially here in Syria. And there is great need in Syria for technical people in prosthetic and orthotic."

#### **Sir Bobby Charlton Centre for Support and Rehabilitation, Amman, Jordan**

The work of the SBC Centre focus on Physical Therapy Treatment, Psychological Support, and Expressive Art Therapy for victims of the Jordanian, Syrian and other nationalities conflict/war wounded living in Jordan. This project proposed to sustain and continue with strength providing Community Integrated Care rehabilitation services for patients in Amman and surrounding at the Sir Bobby Charlton for Rehabilitation & Support Centre for Syrian, Jordanian & other nationality conflict. The Sir Bobby Charlton Centre is the only Centre in all of Jordan that provides: Community Integrated Care (For victims of conflict, war wounded & disability) "Integration and Unification Conjunction Treatment" since the opening of the centre on AUG 2017:

- Physical Therapy Treatments, Psychological Support/Trauma Counselling Support, Social Psychology, Educational Psychology/ Treatments, Expressive Art Therapy, One to One session, Group sessions & sharing success stories, Meditation, Yoga & Family awareness sessions.

\* Over the 12-month grant period, the program:

- Provide 800-1000 physical therapy sessions for 80-100 beneficiaries.
- Provide 50 children with expressive arts therapy and techniques.
- Provide 200-250 children with group counselling, and 25-35 with individual counselling.
- Provide family sessions awareness on Psychological Support 25-35 Families.



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Many Syrian refugees and other nationalities, specially including those with spinal cord injuries ...etc., live in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> floor apartments & some who live in other places in Jordan. Some victims who have been traumatized by the war in addition to their physical injuries suffer from PTSD and cannot emotionally handle the stress of going to an established clinic. Physically getting to the Clinic may be so taxing for patients that they cannot participate in therapy after arriving at the facility. Some patients have mobility problems that prevent them from receiving therapy in a clinic setting. There is a big and huge/essentially necessary need for outreach Physical Therapy that provides licensed therapists to work one-on-one with patients in their own homes. Providing immediate direct physical rehabilitation services at home/ Home visits for Syrian, Jordanian and other nationality victims of conflict and other cases in need of care to maintain independence, community participation and family awareness to live with dignity and to improve the CIC "Community integrated Care" & Provide in-home Physical Therapy Over the 12-month grant period for 60-70 war wounded and victims of conflict in Amman and surrounding & when communicating with patients to come to the SBCC for treatment, we note that some patients face challenges and problems in coming to the centre, and among the examples is that some health conditions for patients do not allow them to leave their homes or even their bed and they need to provide physical therapy sessions at their homes and that some Patients live in homes or apartments in a residential complex or building that lacks the means to get out in an easy way as the patient faces problems in going out to receive the service because that causes him health problems to him and sometimes to his/her family or with whom he lives with, where time and effort are saved on patients through provide service at home.

Peer Counselling/Support "Peer To Peer" is encouragement and assistance provided by a colleague who has overcome similar difficulties. Social Support may consist of emotional support (esteem, reassurance), instrumental support (helping peers access needed rehabilitation or mental health services), and informational support (advice, guidance, feedback). Studies of peer support for refugees have shown improved problem solving and social integration, reduced stress and depression, and improved self-confidence and self-esteem.

There is a big and huge/essentially necessary need for outreach Peer support that provides therapists to work one-on-one with patients in their own homes and in the same time provided the peer support services at the Sir Bobby Charlton for Rehabilitation & Support Centre who are victims of the Syrian, Jordanian & other nationality conflict. And Providing peer support and counselling services at home/ Home visits and at the Sir Bobby Charlton for Support & Rehabilitation Centre for Syrian, Jordanian and other nationality victims of conflict and other cases in need of care to maintain independence, community participation and family awareness to live with dignity and to improve the CIC "Community integrated Care". Peer Support program deliver for 80-100 conflict victims in Amman and surrounding with other cities; 40 – 50 % to be provided in Amman and surrounding & 50 – 60 % for other cities in Jordan.

There have been difficulties throughout the period due to Covid19 and whether people were able to visit the Sir Bobby Charlton Centre in Amman. ADT teams were able to undertake 132 outreach visits to the community for peer support and counselling treatment to patients. The physical therapy treatment was also delivered to 85 patients unable to attend the centre. There were also 105 people able to attend the centre and receive direct physical therapy assessments and treatment.

Children were able to attend the centre with precautions in place and small group sessions for children were arrange for over 200 over the period. There were also individual sessions for children in need of trauma counselling and some 69 children benefitted during the period. There were also 62 children able to benefit from the Expressive art therapy sessions in small groups.

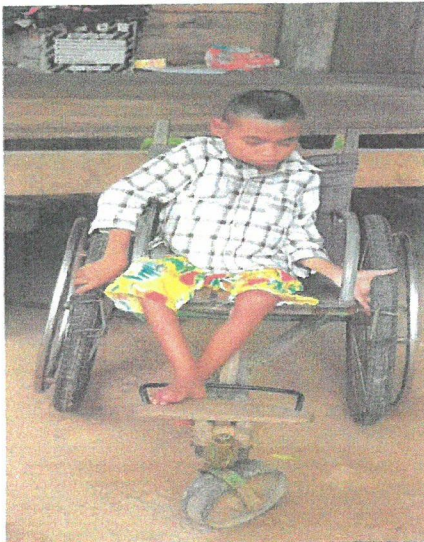
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### Sir Bobby Charlton Inclusive Centre for Vocational Training, Pursat, Cambodia

Despite the problems faced by COVID 19 and the need to limit numbers using of the Sir Bobby Charlton Centre a total of 341 direct beneficiaries benefitted from the projects at the centre. Not only did people with disabilities benefit from the activities at the centre, but also their family members as well as the community as a whole.



A total of 55 youths have been benefiting from the ongoing Computer training as well as English language courses. The centre also provided training for local communities for various Rights issues such as Rights for People with Disabilities, Childs Rights and Disability Inclusion for youth. In total 20 communities benefitted for this training.

The Moto, bicycle and wheelchair workshop has now been set up however the DDSP training team are looking at ways to further develop what was originally a very basic course into something more substantial.

During the period DDSP took time to provide staff training for the business planning and marketing. There were also training on business planning, as well as disability and inclusion training methods.

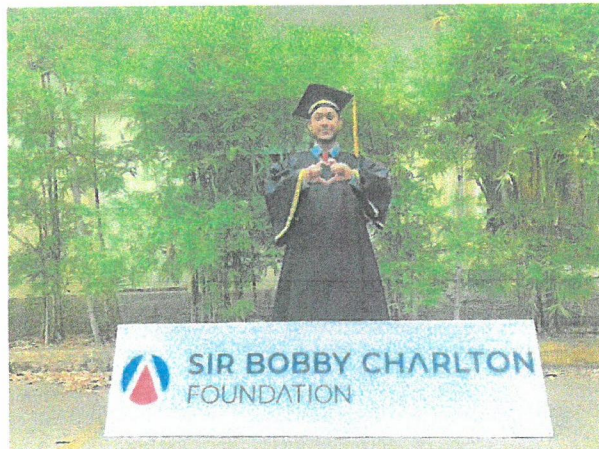
It is hoped that the restrictions brought about by COVID 19 will become less over the coming months and the staff at DDSP can get to make full use of the centre for the local communities.

### Sir Bobby Charlton Scholarship for Prosthetic and Orthotic Engineers, Exceed Cambodia

The new Sir Bobby Charlton scholarship programme for Prosthetic and orthotic engineers had its new intake despite COVID restrictions. For some a lot of the project will be conducted on line however. We will let one of the new students talk about his background and experience:

My name is Mike N. White, I am a Malawian by nationality, I am the first born in a family of 7 children also grown up as a Christian. When I was in a secondary level of school, I was elected to be a head of the student union at the school, and that has given an opportunity to learn and improve my leadership skills at a young age. From the year 2012-2013, I was working with my Father as an automobile mechanic technician at (White and Sons Automobile Mechanic). In 2015, I started working at a certain company called "Litho Printers" as a book binder. I worked there for four years until 2019 and then in the same year 2019, I also found another opportunity to upgrade my knowledge as a P&O Technician at 500 Miles. I took it as a great advantage because that is what I had been dreaming to work under a Health Centre. What mostly motivated me to really be eager working with P&O Centre is the time when I saw a man whom I had been seeing him walking with crutches for so long, getting back to normal life. That man was amputated in 2009 after being involved in a motor circle accident, the level of his amputation was TT amputation. Surprisingly, I am the one who did his prosthesis and the man is up and now very happy, so when I saw happiness on his face, it gave me encouragement to put some extra efforts to gain more skills in the field of Prosthetics and Orthotics. To my own understanding, disabled people are a large minority group, starved of services and mostly ignored by society. Due to discrimination, they do not go to public places and are not free to get those rights which a non-disabled person gets.

They are deprived of education and employment. My plan is to become a P&O Clinician, I really wish to have that opportunity to help these people by providing them with the services that, at the end will make them happy, for the rest of their lives. Thank you everyone who has played an important role, such as all of my lecturers and importantly my sponsor.



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### Safe Play, Battambang, Cambodia

During the period we received a grant from the Manchester United Foundation of \$33,000 to build a Safe Play area in Battambang Province, Cambodia. The area chosen was owned by the Ministry of Education on an unused area of land attached to the local school. The area was chosen due to the high contamination from landmines and unexploded munitions in the surrounding area. The object is to give the families from the local community somewhere where their children can play safely. The Safe Play area will be made up of a football pitch, a large greenhouse for cash crop training a playground for younger children containing roundabouts, swings and slides etc. There will also be a library area that will contain Risk Education materials and where children will be able to learn about the dangers from landmines and how to avoid them. The Safe Play project will be ready for use in the new financial year.

### Teach Safe, Mosul, Iraq

Over the period our partners, Al Ghad provided training to 32 teachers from Mosul schools in Mine Risk Education (MRE) in order that they can deliver MRE sessions for what will be a total of 5000 of their own students. The children were also encouraged to pass on what they learn to their parents and siblings. The schoolteachers provided MRE sessions for students inside their schools as direct beneficiaries and their families as indirect beneficiaries (families of the students, who received MRE by their students) in addition to the type of schools (4 primary schools – 4 secondary schools distributed equally in West & East Mosul), taking into consideration the gender balance. There are two types of beneficiaries, direct beneficiaries (4891 students) from Mosul schools, their ages between (6-17) years, with boys and girls.

Regarding indirect beneficiaries, families' members of the students also received MRE sessions directly from their children.

Teachers as well who participate in MRE training if they move to other schools or cities, they will transfer with them the knowledge.

Project management makes sure throughout teachers training about the importance of humanitarian message as the MRE sessions should be delivered to all kinds of people in Mosul irrespective of who they are (there is no difference related to region, colour area etc.).

Al Ghad conducted coordination with local NGOs in Mosul working in the field of risk education. They linked with the Green Desert Organization (one of local NGO working in Mosul) by receiving children to involve them in the MRE sessions inside the schools.

The team coordinated with governmental offices and participated in meeting that was held in Mosul by Nineveh governorate and Ministry of Health / Directory of Mine Action. This seasonal meeting was held in September with participating all the local and inter-organisations to discuss all the works in the field of mine action such as: awareness sessions, clearance and risk area in Mosul.

Al Ghad has achieved a great success in delivering this new (Teach Safe) Mine Risk Education project for children by their teachers themselves using education materials for sustainable awareness. This project will end in November at the first day of starting schooling time, so the schools' managements asked from Al-Ghad teams to continue the works because the project has achieved an impact and a lot of new children will join the schools so they need sessions in RE in addition to schools with full capacity attendance of children and most of them need RE sessions.



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### **Future Plans**

Now that the management have the strategic plan to focus their way forward we will focus our efforts on the humanitarian projects that have the greatest impact on those communities affected by conflict. The results of the research project in the coming financial year will also help focus our plans. The key projects that the management feel are of greatest value not only in terms of cost effectiveness but also with greatest impact on providing assistance to conflict affected communities, these key projects are Safe Play and Teach Safe. These are both projects which are rather unique and would give the organisation something to be recognised as two of its specialisms.

In terms of our fundraising these two projects we feel will be most likely to be seen by public and other donors as something they wish to support. It is also an area that we feel would be of interest to corporate donors who would not only see them as tangible but also find them cost effective and desirable to show as something they are supporting.

The organisation will continue to play its part in the treaty process on the international stage and seek to show its expertise as an advocate for victims of conflict and a provider of many services for victim assistance. This will also allow the organisation to become known among international donors and build on opportunities for international funding for its field projects.

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### Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between twelve month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

### Designated Funds

The charities Board of Trustees has approved a five-year strategic plan which describe how the charities funds have been designated.

### Investment Policy

The board has reviewed its investment policy and a policy is in place, designed with the help of expert advisors.

This is a comprehensive policy covering all areas including ethical investing and management of risk. The chair and board members maintain oversight of these investments. Investment management is to be reviewed biannually with the policy reviewed annually by the trustees. A formal appraisal is to be conducted on a three-year basis. In making such investments, the charity seeks a long-term appreciation of the portfolio.

The investment portfolio is managed by HSBC Private Bank. This is a discretionary service aiming for growth and income with a medium level of risk that is appropriate for the time horizon and purposes agreed. The SBC Foundation ensures that no investments are made in the manufacture of landmines or cluster munitions in accordance with the The SBC Foundation investment policy.

### Risk Management

The board continues to recognise the importance of managing risk to enable the charity to continue to perform at the highest level. The trustees require a continuous review of the risk register and the senior management team are challenged to report routinely to the trustee meetings.

### Public Benefit

During the year, the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission. They believe that in fulfilling the charity's current primary purpose, engaging in and supporting research, educational and humanitarian activities that benefit those in need impacted by war and conflict (and reducing their hardship and distress), the organisation fully meets its obligations under the public benefit guidance.

### Going Concern

The Trustees consider that the Trust is operating on a going concern basis due to its prudent management of the present funds it has available, balanced against the grants it is minded to make over the next 3 year period. It has also made prudent assumptions of its ability, under the leadership of the CEO and the management team, to develop its public profile through effective use of all media outlets and constructive dialogue with the potential donor community.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The charity was incorporated on 22 March 2011 and is constituted under its Articles of Association. It is a registered charity under charity number 1140911 and company number 07574103.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Lady N Charlton

Mr S W Cross

Mr T J Doherty

Mr J T Shiels

Mr R L A Cecil

Ms J E Bateman

Existing trustees have the power to appoint new trustees.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

### **Trustee Recruitment & Governance**

The board of trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the organisation. Operational decision making is delegated by the board to the chief executive and the senior management team consisting of the Chief Operating Officer who coordinate and manage the charity. All trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or financial benefit in their capacity as trustees. Details of trustees' expenses are disclosed in the accounts. Trustees are required to declare all relevant interests and the charity maintains a register of interests as an internal record of trustees' interests.

Trustees are recruited for their individual knowledge and expertise to help benefit the objectives of the charity. Trustees are expected to use their influence and assist in fundraising efforts to financially support the charity. They are also expected to help in raising awareness of the charity's work and support its advocacy efforts.

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### Biography of the Chief Executive

Lou McGrath OBE has worked for more than 35 years in the humanitarian sector. He was a founding member of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL). Lou was involved in the first landmine clearance projects in northern Iraq, Cambodia, Laos and Angola. As the CEO of MAG for 16 years he oversaw its expansion of the organisation with over 5000 national and international employees providing landmine clearance as well as stockpile and weapons destruction in more than 40 countries. He is a Co-Laurate of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize and received his OBE from the Queen in 2008 for his work in landmine clearance. Since taking the role of CEO at the SBC Foundation, Lou has been instrumental in overseeing the change in name and refocus of the organisation ensuring that the founders wishes are met.

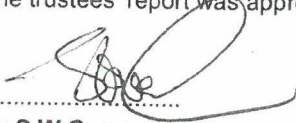
### Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Azets Audit Services be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**Mr S W Cross**

Chairman to the board of trustees

Dated: 3 December 2021

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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### **Trustees Responsibilities**

The trustees, who are also the directors of The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularity

# THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021*

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sir Bobby Charlton Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the 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 FRS 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 charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### 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 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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

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#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' 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 charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' 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, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIR BOBBY CHARLTON FOUNDATION

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#### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting 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 entity 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.

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 charitable company'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 charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Azets Audit Services*

**Don Bancroft (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of

*3 December 2021*

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