

JOSS SEARCHLIGHT

England & Wales · Charity number 1141704

Details

Other names	JOSS PARKES SEARCHLIGHT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07580941
Registered	2011-05-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND ARE RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING: TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM CANCER AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A CO-ORDINATED SUPPORT SERVICE INCLUDING BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION BY OFFERING PRACTICAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY A CHILD'S TERMINAL DIAGNOSIS.

Activities: To relieve the needs of children suffering from brain cancer & their families through the provision of a co-ordinated support service including but not by way of limitation by offering practical & emotional support for families affected by a child's terminal diagnosis. We are dedicated to the funding of scientific & clinical research into devastating brain cancers, improved diagnostics & care.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£180,480	£177,642	-	-
2024-03-31	£117,988	£125,451	-	-
2023-03-31	£111,453	£129,884	-	-
2022-03-31	£109,953	£60,466	-	-
2021-03-31	£102,166	£51,456	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DIANNE LAURA PARKES		2011-05-04
JOANNA LEWINGTON		2013-06-26
MICHELLE ZANITA JEAN SHERIDAN		2011-05-04
NIGEL MANDRE PARKES		2011-05-04
Tina Elder		2017-04-24

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Accounts

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Joss Searchlight
Report and Financial Statements
31 March 2025

Joss Searchlight**Registered number:** 07580941**Registered Charity Number:** 1141704**Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Principal activities

To relieve the needs of children suffering from cancer and their families through the provision of a co-ordinated support service including but not by way of limitation by offering practical and emotional support for families affected by a child's terminal diagnosis

Directors

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Mr N Parkes
Mrs D Parkes
Ms T Elder
Ms J Lewington
Mrs S Sheridan

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is not aware; and the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

Joss Searchlight**Registered number:** 07580941**Registered Charity Number:** 1141704**Directors' Report****Disclosure of information to independent examiners**

Each person who was a director at the time this report was approved confirms that:

- so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the board on 10 July 2025 and signed on its behalf.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N Parkes', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr N Parkes
Director

Joss Searchlight CEO's Report

Joss Searchlight was founded in March 2011 and gives a voice to the unique perspectives and urgent concerns of childhood brain tumour patients, survivors and their families - a voice that had been virtually absent in national debates on cancer policy at that time. We're so proud of how far the childhood brain cancer community has come since we founded fourteen years ago. We are no longer a family community without a voice.

During the year we achieved many successes and positively impacted families with our many accomplishments. In the past year we raised £66,450 via online fundraising allowing us to increase our support services which especially allowed us to support the most vulnerable families facing poverty. What is clear is that the UK lacks support systems for parents struggling to care for a child with catastrophic illness leaving families particularly vulnerable to financial ruin at the time of cancer treatments and for many years after. Whilst we're proud of the difference we make we also acknowledge that there is still much work to be done. Childhood brain cancer has a profound and lasting financial impact on families. Families need considerable support to mitigate the economic burden and to support the wellbeing of the whole family. That's why we run projects and promote voices to make sure our brain tumour family community is heard and for a future hope that families living with child brain cancer are treated more fairly.

We also remain committed to advancing programs for the development of safer cancer treatments for children which address the unique needs and life long challenges faced by the UK's 1,600 childhood brain cancer sufferers and their families. This past year has been particularly special joining our partners at The Brain Tumour Charity to amplify the voices of our family community to launch the most high-profile policy campaign yet - The National Brain Tumour Strategy.

In 1962 American Astronaut Neil Armstrong's 2 year old daughter, Karen (affectionally known as 'Muffie') died from DIPG the same rare brain cancer that stole the life of my son Joss. Armstrong famously said 'How can they send me to the moon but can't cure my daughter?' In 63 years very little has advanced and still this childhood cancer has no survivors and very little funding.

We've been banging the drum for a long time now and we're therefore proud that our initial £150,000 clinical trial funding is helping to drive excellence and capacity. Researchers are now studying two oral drugs given after radiotherapy to children diagnosed with a High-Grade Glioma (including DIPG) to find safer, more effective cancer treatments. We are also passionate about the Rare Cancers Bill which aims to make provision to incentivise research and investment into the treatment of rare types of cancer and for connected purposes. We know we still have much work to do. Brain cancer is the number one cause of death by disease and only one in three children make the five year survival. Too many children are still dying from brain cancer or from the secondary long-term effects of their treatment, which include second cancers and heart failure. Every year we are deeply saddened by the heart breaking stories of the beautiful children lost to this cruel disease, most under 7 years old. Each and everyone of the 336 children known to us strengthens our determination for Joss Searchlight to be a guiding light.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for standing with us and to the many generous individuals, charitable trusts and foundations and corporate supporters who help to make our work possible.



Nigel Parkes
CEO

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Trustees' Charity Report

CHARITABLE OBJECTS

To relieve the needs of children suffering from cancer and their families through the provision of a co-ordinated support service including but not by way of limitation by offering practical and emotional support for families affected by a child's diagnosis.

The Impact of the cost of living crisis:

Childhood brain cancer has a profound and lasting financial impact of families. Families need considerable support to mitigate the economic burden and to support the wellbeing of the whole family. In 2024/25 we received a further increase of 37% to our Helpline with calls being longer & more complex as families struggle to cope with the COL crisis.

The 4 major themes that are contributing factor to the severe economic pressures are:

1. Loss of income due to a reduction in hours or termination of parental employment. (1 in 5 cases both parents have no option but to both cease work to care for their children)
2. Out-of-pocket expense for additional treatments, vitamins and supplements
3. Travel expenses and accommodation for treatment and follow up care
4. An inability to cope with the new challenges of the complex welfare system

THE IMPACT ON FAMILIES

The cost of living is severely affecting the families we support. Via phone conversations and questionnaires and our ongoing cost of living project families tell us that their debts accrued over the course of the cancer treatments. The cost of nutritious food, energy bills and travel to numerous hospital appointments has become increasingly unmanageable, especially for the 1 in 5 families where neither parent is able to work and they have to live off their child's Disability Living Allowance. At the same time the cost of additional health care needs, vitamins and supplements, aids and adaptations are also on the increase. On average families need to find an additional £230 per week in extra costs to cover the needs of having a child with brain cancer.

With a stretched NHS and social care services and changes to welfare support, families rely on charities like us to help improve the support and services they need. Although there are some 16 charities in England and Wales to support adults with one of the top 5 cancers we're only of the very few working nationwide to address the needs of families affected by childhood brain cancer.

Families who've received support & signposting are on average £5,000 per annum better off helping to ease the pressure. Generally families have described that our resources helped to ease problems & helped to build resilience. Our support services are being highly praised by our cancer family community for tackling the unmet needs. It provides children & their families with ongoing personalised support packages & information which is helping to improve the experience throughout their cancer journey. Feedback direct from families &

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via our community volunteers have informed us that the information, family grants & boxes of essential items have been well received. As the COL crisis continues, we are seeing more families come to us for top-ups of essential household items & hearing about more families turning their heating off to save energy. By providing basic essentials to a family we alleviate some financial pressure, meaning they can put the heating on for a bit longer, or can cook a healthy meal

We also supported via our online Live Chat engaging with families to establish individual family needs & ensuring families can access the support & information they need both via our direct services & online platforms & signposting to additional sources of support. Volunteers supported the sourcing of goods (essential items) for the family hampers, appealing for shopping vouchers, packing & distribution of hampers/goods to family homes. We promoted our work via our website & via social media to our support groups & 43,000 social media followers.

KEY SERVICES

Our Support Workers provide the tools to help families cope with the demands of treatment and to minimise family disruption and related stress. Areas of support address the emotional, educational, accommodation, financial and survivorship needs of our children and families both from a therapeutic and recreational aspect. Via our support work & the families we support we actively listen to ensure the voices and experiences of children, siblings & families are heard.

To help relieve the financial & emotional strain Support Workers support families with everything from providing essential healthcare, food & household items, e.g. clothing & bedding & funding specialist equipment. We give support with accessing the right benefits, signpost for financial support as well as giving compassion & simply someone to unburden with. We also increased our psychosocial support services to fill the gaps in support via the NHS.

Via our support services we're establishing an extraordinary grasp of what is most needed by families. This enables us to share our findings with families, health and education professionals and work to make a difference.

Key Aims of our cost of living support work

1. Put support systems in place to ease the financial pressure on families. To help relieve the financial & emotional strain Support Workers support families with everything from providing essential healthcare, food & household items, e.g. clothing, bedding and funding specialist equipment.
2. We give support with accessing the right benefits, signpost for financial support as well as giving compassion & simply someone to unburden with.
3. Assess the financial impact of care on the household of families affected by child brain tumours
4. Examine the impact of child brain tumours on the quality of life and personal wellbeing of all family members

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5. Use the information we find to work with our charitable partners consortium to inform the government and policy makers about areas where they need to focus efforts to improve care.

Our Common Experiences program

Everything we do in our support work is based on listening to the voices and opinions of the families we support. The ultimate goal being to dramatically improve the quality of life for families affected by childhood brain tumours. Every quarter we run our Common Experience program, a series of questionnaires forming the core evidence behind our social research projects. The aim of the program is that all the insight, learning and expertise that families have gained from their lived experiences of childhood cancer is valued and used to help other families to have better, less stressful family cancer journeys.

We share stories with our community and via our support groups for shared support and learning we learnt that many families use LEGO to help to help come together to heal difficult emotional traumas and come to terms with lessened abilities. For many years Joss Searchlight has been supplying LEGO sets as part of our gift/entertainment activities for children spending long periods in hospital. Our focus group of adolescents have been collecting additional LEGO materials and repurposing them and tell us that they feel like they belong to a group of friends who are like them. We've encouraged them to display models online and they've taken pride in successfully building them, in the skills used and the creativity. Although it's good to see photographs many families have said it would be much better done as part of peer group support and at specially arranged workshops and events exhibited in display cabinets.

Our family community also told us how they are struggling financially, one third expressed considerable concerns about the ability to put nutritious food on the table with 28% saying they felt hopeless. In addition maintaining employment whilst caring for a child with brain cancer is exceptionally challenging. The average overall loss of income due to having a child with brain cancer is over £12,500 per household per annum. In one in every four cases both parents are unable to work.

Families told us the pressure doesn't end when the cancer treatments stop. The follow up phase of the illness continues to have long-term effects of the financial stability of the family. Many families say they are still paying off debts 5 years post treatment. A few parents tragically disclosed having to re-mortgage their homes, take money out of their pension funds and holiday saving plans to pay for the extra costs involved. As the child's illness progresses parents have to further reduce their working hours, many cease working to care for their child. They may also lose out on benefits as the welfare system becomes more challenging to navigate.

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Our Common Experience questionnaires illustrate how the UK lacks support programs for parents caring for a child with catastrophic illness. Employers often have 'compassionate leave' programs geared toward caring for a spouse or parent with a terminal illness. However no such program exists for parents caring for a child and parents are left appealing for compassion. Families are particularly vulnerable to financial ruin at the time of their child's cancer treatments and for many years after. This adds to the unbearable pressure on parents and unsurprisingly many marriages/partnerships cannot survive the relentless pressure.

Art/Play therapy projects:

We achieved our aims by providing free art kits & workshops to children affected by childhood brain cancer, their siblings & parents to allow them to benefit. These included sketching, paintings, group poems, model making & textiles. Via our online gallery & via partner galleries & events we provided a place for those affected by childhood brain cancer to share their work so that they felt heard, understood & part of the wider cancer community.

With the support of our In Kind partners and funders during 2024 we provided art therapy kits to children. The art kits give opportunities for self expression and socialisation and we've focused special effort on reaching the most vulnerable. The activities offer children the chance to express themselves, experiment, solve real problems and explore new ideas. In the process, children develop key competencies and new skills that help them to cope with stressful circumstances and build healthy relationships.

Our project is bringing real change to the lives of children struggling with mental health related to their critical illness. There are also wider benefits in creating understanding of the cancer journey. In addition to our own art projects we have successfully collaborated with The Brain Tumour Charity to provide artworks from children and families Art Exhibitions.

As a direct result of the support sessions we now have new ideas, conversations and stories so that we can continue to enhance our emotional support work. With the support of our wider cancer family community in this area (48 families) we have plans to expand the project further to strengthen our emotional support services.

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Treatments for rare brain tumours

Our commitment to clinical trials remains strong and we are dedicated to funding clinical research into the rare and devastating brain tumours in children, along with improved diagnostics, treatment and care. Our £150,000 funding is restricted for developing treatments that are less toxic to children and to finding treatments of child brain tumours to extend and improve life and hopefully prevent aggressive brain tumours in the future. Our initial seed funding is complete however we plan to commit further funding over the next 3 years.

Researchers are studying two oral drugs given post radiotherapy to children who have been recently diagnosed with a High-Grade Glioma (HGG), including DIPG

The key goal of this study is to determine the efficacy of the study drugs (successfully used in breast cancer treatment) to treat children that have genetic changes in pathways that these drugs target. The main question is to establish if the drugs can prolong the life of children diagnosed with a high-grade rare brain tumour. Although perhaps not curative, most parents in this devastating situation would be grateful of extended quality of life.

FUNDRAISING

Over the years we have secured significant funding via large events, corporate sponsorship, ticket sales and live auctions, however the cost of living crisis is continuing to impact on these revenue streams. We have however run successful Crowd funders and These match funding campaigns have created new donors and inspired our regular donors to chip in to help us reach target. In the past year we have successfully raised near £23,000 via Crowdfunding.

We also secured our first place via the ballot for the London Marathon where a young doctor from Southampton Children's Hospital inspired by our work raised funds and secured publicity

COMMUNICATIONS

In Spring 2024 we had the wonderful opportunity to talk on ITV Meridian about our work and via our partnership working under the guidance of the Scientific Board at The Brain Tumour Charity. During the broadcast Cameron Miller, director of policy and strategy said

"Historically there has been a lack of funding going to brain tumour research and as a result of that we now have a legacy where there aren't enough effective treatments coming through and we aren't able to treat these conditions as well as we can some other cancers. So we need to see an increase in the amount of research that is done and part of the way that we do this is partnering with people like Joss Searchlight and using that incredible amount of money that they've raised to fund effective new research to bring new treatments to patients."

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CAMPAIGNING

During the year we have campaigned for five months for a National Brain Tumour Strategy. The campaign began by urging our families and supporters to sign the open letter to the Government. Thanks to the collaborative support of the brain tumour community 52,262 signatures were obtained in under 6 weeks. This sent a clear message to the Government that the community can't wait any longer for solutions to the challenges faced by families affected by a brain tumour.

The campaign was proudly launched by standing strong with our founding trustee holding up a photo of 4 year old Joss, our inspiration. Our community braved the rain to let the World know about the desperate need for a National Brain Tumour Strategy and to remind people of the human impact behind the statistics.

The brain tumour community urgently needs a National Brain Tumour Strategy that enables:

1. A faster, more efficient diagnosis
2. Essential care and support for all
3. Access to new and better treatments
4. Increased pioneering research

Above all, the community needs to see an inclusive strategy that seeks to solve the challenges faced by the entire brain tumour community.

Our partners at The Brain Tumour Charity said "As we reflect on everything we've accomplished together, we remain hopeful, that when the time is right we can continue our partnership and explore even greater opportunities to make a lasting impact for the brain tumour community. We would be honoured to work with you again"

Our community has also campaigned for MP's to approve the Rare Cancer Bill which has its third reading on 11th July 2025.

Rare and less common cancers account for 47% of all UK cancer diagnoses, and 55% of all cancer deaths. Brain cancer makes up 1,600 of these diagnoses every year, of which only 30% will survive five years. Despite these bleak figures, brain cancers and other rare cancers are disproportionately under diagnosed and opportunities for patients to register for clinical trials for new medicines are few and far between.

Other countries have taken measures to incentivise pharmaceutical companies to invest in clinical trials for rare cancers and the UK has fallen behind. This means that rare brain cancer child patients in the UK are missing out on potentially life saving clinical trials, with a recent survey from Cancer52 showing a staggering 82% of those with rare and less common cancers were not consulted on joining a clinical trial.

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With the complex nature of these tumour types, and the limited child patient population, we want to take the fight against rare cancers to the next level, the UK needs to provide better encouragement to pharmaceutical companies to run trials.

This Bill offers new hope for those diagnosed with rare cancers, with a plan to incentivise new, cutting-edge research.

The Rare Cancers Bill will:

1. Appoint a named responsible lead for the delivery of rare cancer research, providing greater accountability, facilitating collaboration and long-term coordination for the UK's research landscape.
2. Commit the Government to review the UK's Orphan Drug Regulations, examining what can be done to improve the regulations to support the development of treatments for rare and less common cancer treatments.
3. Ensure patient data from cancer registries across the UK is shared with the 'Be Part of Research' Registry with a new tailored service for rare cancers, collating all UK patient data in a single, accessible, registry.

Finally, we plan to continue to campaign to develop support for parents who care for children with catastrophic illnesses so that parents do not have to struggle financially to properly care for their family. Our findings from our work are supporting our organisation to work in collaboration with other cancer support charities for a better understanding of the immediate needs faced by families and a strong need for easy to complete benefit forms. Our report is not exhaustive, it simply sheds light on the difficulties faced & makes a case for an increased focus on families affected by childhood brain cancer inequalities. More work is needed to fully describe the inequalities & together with partners we're work on closing the gaps & promoting changes.

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Our work is sustainable due to our incredible volunteers raising funds to increase our income. We have also worked hard to ensure that we secure multiple year donations from a small number of charitable trusts and foundations.

The charity received total income of £180,480 the cost of raising funds was £65,869 (including Professional, Consultancy fees & VAT)

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event the adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitment held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue. To fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to aside funds unnecessarily.

The policy is to ensure free reserves for 6 months of expenditure. Joss Searchlight is very dependent on its own fundraising efforts. The Trustees ensure that the reserves are regularly checked and keep the reserves policy under quarterly review.

The trustees are unconcerned by the surplus level held at 31st March 2025 given that in addition to the above, allowing for income fluctuations, the trustees plan to commit substantial funds to raise further awareness of child brain tumours and in collaborations with The Brain Tumour Charity and other cancer charities to fund UK paediatric clinical trials.

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the trustees' report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Governing document:

Joss Searchlight is a company limited by guarantee without share capital use of 'Limited' exemption, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended on 3 November 2011. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute amounts not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

**Joss Searchlight
Independent Examiners report
to the members of Joss Searchlight**

Opinion

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025, set out on pages 14 to 27.

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 company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. However, I would like to draw your attention to the related party disclosure in Note 13 on pages 23.

A Edwards

A Edwards FCCA
Independent Examiner
for and on behalf of
Burrows & Edwards Limited
Independent Examiner
10 July 2025

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**Joss Searchlight
Income Statement
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Income from generated funds:			
Charitable activities	3	180,480	117,988
Charitable Grants		(56,650)	(51,200)
Direct charitable expenditure		(102,052)	(60,679)
Expenditure on raising funds		(266)	(886)
Support and governance costs		(18,674)	(12,686)
Operating profit/(loss)	4	<u>2,838</u>	<u>(7,463)</u>
Interest payable	6	(2,262)	(248)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>2,351</u>	<u>(7,711)</u>
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities		-	-
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		<u>2,351</u>	<u>(7,711)</u>

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Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		2,351	(7,711)
Other comprehensive income			
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>2,351</u>	<u>(7,711)</u>

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Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	22,686	6,093
Current assets			
Stocks	8	470	470
Debtors	9	3,500	3,500
Cash at bank and in hand		129,317	122,081
		<u>133,287</u>	<u>126,051</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(8,890)	(2,763)
Net current assets		<u>124,397</u>	<u>123,288</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>147,083</u>	<u>129,381</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(21,709)	(6,358)
Net assets		<u>125,374</u>	<u>123,023</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account	12	125,374	123,023
Total equity		<u>125,374</u>	<u>123,023</u>

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as at 31 March 2025

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A smaller entities.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

No notice has been deposited under section 476 of the act requesting the company to obtain an audit.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.



Mr N Parkes
Director
Approved by the board on 10 July 2025

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2023	25,000	-	105,734	130,734
Loss for the financial year			(7,711)	(7,711)
Transfer between funds	57,000		(57,000)	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>82,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,023</u>	<u>123,023</u>
 At 1 April 2024	 82,000	 -	 41,023	 123,023
Profit for the financial year			2,351	2,351
Transfer between funds	-		-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>82,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,374</u>	<u>125,374</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Operating activities			
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		2,351	(7,711)
Adjustments for:			
Profit on sale of fixed assets		(1,775)	-
Interest payable		2,262	248
Depreciation		11,717	5,243
Decrease in stocks		-	-
Decrease in debtors		-	-
Increase in creditors		1,163	-
		<u>15,718</u>	<u>(2,220)</u>
Interest paid		(2,262)	(248)
Cash generated by/(used in) operating activities		<u>13,456</u>	<u>(2,468)</u>
Investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(28,535)	(506)
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets		2,000	-
Cash used in investing activities		<u>(26,535)</u>	<u>(506)</u>
Financing activities			
Repayment of loans		(3,156)	(3,159)
Capital element of finance lease payments		23,471	-
Cash generated by/(used in) financing activities		<u>20,315</u>	<u>(3,159)</u>
Net cash generated/(used)			
Cash generated by/(used in) operating activities		13,456	(2,468)
Cash used in investing activities		(26,535)	(506)
Cash generated by/(used in) financing activities		20,315	(3,159)
Net cash generated/(used)		<u>7,236</u>	<u>(6,133)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		122,081	128,214
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u>129,317</u>	<u>122,081</u>
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:			
Cash at bank		<u>129,317</u>	<u>122,081</u>

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Notes to the Accounts
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1 Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have transferred to the buyer. Turnover from the rendering of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion of a contract is measured by comparing the costs incurred for work performed to date to the total estimated contract costs.

Intangible fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative amortisation and any accumulative impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	over 50 years
Leasehold land and buildings	over the lease term
Plant and machinery	over 5 years
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	over 5 years

Investment property

Investment property is initially recognised at cost and then subsequently measured at fair value. Changes in value are recognised in profit or loss.

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Listed investments are measured at fair value. Unlisted investments are measured at fair value unless the value cannot be measured reliably, in which case they are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Changes in fair value are included in the profit and loss account.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is determined using the first in first out method. The carrying amount of stock sold is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised.

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Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

Taxation

A current tax liability is recognised for the tax payable on the taxable profit of the current and past periods. A current tax asset is recognised in respect of a tax loss that can be carried back to recover tax paid in a previous period. Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences between the recognition of income and expenses in the financial statements and their inclusion in tax assessments. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference, except for revalued land and investment property where the tax rate that applies to the sale of the asset is used. Current and deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Provisions

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recognised at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

At the end of each reporting period foreign currency monetary items are translated at the closing rate of exchange. Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are charged to profit or loss.

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Leased assets

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The rights of use and obligations under finance leases are initially recognised as assets and liabilities at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased assets or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction in the outstanding liability using the effective interest rate method. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Leased assets are depreciated in accordance with the company's policy for tangible fixed assets. If there is no reasonable certainty that ownership will be obtained at the end of the lease term, the asset is depreciated over the lower of the lease term and its useful life. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

No significant accounting estimates and judgements have had to be made by the trustees in preparing these financial statements.

3 Analysis of turnover

	2025 £	2024 £
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	-	-
Fundraising income	180,480	117,988
	<u>180,480</u>	<u>117,988</u>
By geographical market:		
UK	<u>180,480</u>	<u>117,988</u>

4 Operating profit

	2025 £	2024 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>11,717</u>	<u>5,243</u>

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5 Staff costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	-
Social security costs	-	-
Other pension costs	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Average number of employees during the year	Number	Number
Administration (including Trustees)	6	6
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

6 Interest payable	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	<u>169</u>	<u>248</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
	<i>At cost</i>	<i>At cost</i>	<i>At cost</i>	
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2024	20,304	4,295	4,500	29,099
Additions	393	456	27,686	28,535
Disposals	-	-	(4,500)	(4,500)
At 31 March 2025	<u>20,697</u>	<u>4,751</u>	<u>27,686</u>	<u>53,134</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	15,387	3,344	4,275	23,006
Charge for the year	3,978	817	6,922	11,717
On disposals	-	-	(4,275)	(4,275)
At 31 March 2025	<u>19,365</u>	<u>4,161</u>	<u>6,922</u>	<u>30,448</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,332</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>20,764</u>	<u>22,686</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>4,917</u>	<u>951</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>6,093</u>

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8 Stocks	2025 £	2024 £
Donated goods and good for distribution	470	470
9 Debtors	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	3,500	3,500
10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans	3,190	1,863
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	3,637	-
Trade creditors	2,063	900
	8,890	2,763
11 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans	1,875	6,358
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	19,834	-
	21,709	6,358
12 Profit and loss account	2025 £	2024 £
At 1 April	123,023	130,734
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	2,351	(7,711)
At 31 March	125,374	123,023
Designated Funds:		
Brain tumour research	50,000	50,000
Raising awareness	12,000	12,000
Support work activities	20,000	20,000
Holiday grant programme	-	-
Unrestricted funds	43,374	41,023
	125,374	123,023

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13 Related party transactions

It was agreed at the charity's outset that Dianne Parkes, Director, would work as fundraiser due to her experience in fundraising and her knowledge of the organisation. This is considered to be a payment for provision of services and consent from the Charity Commission was obtained in 2013.

During the financial year the amount of consultancy fees paid (via the company Absolute Works Ltd of which D Parkes is a Director) was £65,603 inclusive of VAT. (2023/24 £38,746 inclusive of VAT).

Note: the charity occupies a large 2 storey building owned by two of the directors rent free. The Board of Directors consider it reasonable to reimburse the Directors for a portion of the electricity and heating, internet and telephone/helpline costs that they have paid personally.

14 Presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Sterling.

15 Legal form of entity and country of incorporation

Joss Searchlight is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England.

16 Principal place of business

The address of the company's principal place of business and registered office is:

Registered office:
Station House
15 Station Lane
Witney
OX28 4BB

Principal place of business:
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Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 March 2025
This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2025 £	2024 £
Sales	180,480	117,988
Charitable Grants	(56,650)	(51,200)
Administrative expenses	(120,992)	(74,251)
Operating profit/(loss)	2,838	(7,463)
Interest payable	(2,262)	(248)
Profit/(loss) before tax	2,351	(7,711)

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Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2025	2024
	£	£
Sales		
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	-	-
Fundraising income	180,480	117,988
	<u>180,480</u>	<u>117,988</u>
 Charitable Grants		
Charitable Grants	<u>56,650</u>	<u>51,200</u>
 Administrative expenses		
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	266	886
Professional & Consultancy Fees re Fundraising	63,603	38,746
Gifts Donated from Stock Held	38,449	21,933
Motor expenses	3,137	422
	<u>105,455</u>	<u>61,987</u>
Premises costs:		
Light and heat	1,800	1,800
	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Postage	-	161
Stationery and printing	22	169
Bank charges	1	4
Insurance	249	-
Computer and Software Costs	225	2,930
Repairs and maintenance	96	254
Depreciation	11,717	5,243
General Expenses	240	178
	<u>12,550</u>	<u>9,484</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Independent Examination Fees	960	960
Other legal and professional	227	20
	<u>1,187</u>	<u>980</u>
	<u>120,992</u>	<u>74,251</u>

JOSS SEARCHLIGHT

England & Wales - Charity number 1141704

Accounts

Registered number
07580941

Registered Charity Number:
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Joss Searchlight
Report and Financial Statements
31 March 2024

Joss Searchlight**Registered number:** 07580941**Registered Charity Number:** 1141704**Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Principal activities

To relieve the needs of children suffering from cancer and their families through the provision of a co-ordinated support service including but not by way of limitation by offering practical and emotional support for families affected by a child's terminal diagnosis

Directors

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Mr N Parkes
Mrs D Parkes
Ms T Elder
Ms J Lewington
Mrs S Sheridan

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is not aware; and the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

Joss Searchlight**Registered number:** 07580941**Registered Charity Number:** 1141704**Directors' Report****Disclosure of information to independent examiners**

Each person who was a director at the time this report was approved confirms that:

- so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the board on 30 August 2024 and signed on its behalf.



Mr N Parkes
Director

Joss Searchlight CEO's Report

Our journey to improve the lives of families affected by childhood brain cancer continues. We find our strength from those we impact, specifically the children in our brain cancer community and their families, fighting brain cancer with incredible strength and bravery every day. As I reflect on the last 13 years leading Joss Searchlight, I remain both inspired and humbled by over 300 brave families personally known to us who have lost their child to this cruel disease.

I extend my endless appreciation to our donors, who provide Joss Searchlight with the means with which to invest in our support services. To our charity partners, I am profoundly thankful for their guidance & leadership, together we navigate the challenges to enhance family lives.

Joss Searchlight's achievements are also a result of the hard work of many amazing individuals behind the scenes. Their commitment to Joss Searchlight empowers us to invest in programs and research that make a critical difference in the life of families facing child brain cancer. Together, we are a family who seeks hope & promise through working, learning and fighting.

There's plenty to be proud of again this year. In February 2024 our trustees campaigned at Parliament, together with our charity partners as part of a collaboration to form The National Brain Tumour Strategy. We're campaigning to shine a light on the urgent need for change and further support for our brain tumour community. During brain tumour awareness month this coming May we'll be aiming to secure 50,000 + signatures via a petition to hand to Parliament. This will help ensure we get each of the Health Ministers' attention and highlight that we desperately need a solution that works for everybody affected by a brain tumour – no matter where they live in the UK. Once the letter is handed in, we look forward to receiving the Government's response & working to improve outcomes for everyone.

We've also donated a six figure sum so far as part of a multi-year commitment to fund UK paediatric clinical trials into aggressive child brain cancers. We will be continuing to work under the guidance of The Brain Tumour Charity's Scientific Advisory Board.

We are only as successful as our community is supportive. We extend our deep gratitude to all who made this a successful year, our volunteers who so lovingly contribute their time, our extended cancer family community and charity partners who support us everyday & the many generous individuals, Charitable Trusts & supporters who have supported our cause.

Our year end to March 2024 was an example of doing our best to move forward. Let's keep moving forward, letting voices be heard to improve care and cancer treatments and for the children suffering brain cancer today to be promised a healthier tomorrow.

Moving forward is what we do. No matter what the obstacles are in front of us.

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Trustees' Charity Report

CHARITABLE OBJECTS

To relieve the needs of children suffering from cancer and their families through the provision of a co-ordinated support service including but not by way of limitation by offering practical and emotional support for families affected by a child's diagnosis.

The Impact of the cost of living crisis on our organisation:

In 2023/24 we received an increase of 26% to our Helpline with calls being longer & more complex as families struggle to cope with the COL crisis. We've not seen poverty in our brain cancer family community like this before, our hope is that we can continue to help those worse affected. A childhood brain cancer diagnosis can lead to significant inequalities (both short & long term) in a child's life. Even for survivors there are devastating physical effects from aggressive cancer treatments. Children with brain cancer are especially high risk as they are generally followed up by neuro-oncology specialists rather than receiving the full elements of follow-up care. (The effects on the body vary depending on the brain cancer type & treatments but can include chronic disabilities & neuro-cognitive disorders).

Via our Cost of Living project we were able to collate detailed information regarding the financial impact for families, together with families stories of the difficulties in accessing benefits. The findings illustrated the devastating impact on families. Generally families have described that our resources helped to ease problems & helped to build resilience. Our support services are being highly praised by our cancer family community for tackling the unmet needs. It provides children & their families with ongoing personalised support packages & information which is helping to improve the experience throughout their cancer journey. Families who've received support & signposting are on average £5,000 per annum better off helping to ease the pressure. Feedback direct from families & via our community volunteers have informed us that the information, family grants & boxes of essential items have been well received. As the COL crisis continues, we are seeing more families come to us for top-ups of essential household items & hearing about more families turning their heating off to save energy. By providing basic essentials to a family we alleviate some financial pressure, meaning they can put the heating on for a bit longer, or can cook a healthy meal.

We also supported via our online Live Chat engaging with families to establish individual family needs & ensuring families can access the support & information they need both via our direct services & online platforms & signposting to additional sources of support. Volunteers supported the sourcing of goods (essential items) for the family hampers, appealing for shopping vouchers, packing & distribution of hampers/goods to family homes. We promoted our work via our website & via social media to our support groups & 43,000 social media followers.

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Our findings from our work are supporting our organisation to work in collaboration with other cancer support charities for a better understanding of the immediate needs faced by families & a strong need for easy to complete benefit forms. Our report is not exhaustive, it simply sheds light on the difficulties faced & makes a case for an increased focus on families affected by childhood brain cancer inequalities. More work is needed to fully describe the inequalities & together with partners we're work on closing the gaps & promoting changes.

IMPACT ON FAMILIES

Brain cancer families face high financial costs, on average an extra £730 per month. This is an average of 38% of the families monthly income without measuring the wider impact of loss of full time employment & opportunity costs. Over three quarters of families had one parent who had to cease work in order to care for their sick child, in 18% of families both parents had to stop work completely & were completely dependent on benefits for their household income. It's not uncommon for parents to have feelings of guilt, helplessness & confusion. For struggling parents, coping with the immense challenges of childhood brain cancer, financial worries made the simple act of fun family times very difficult. Parents frequently suffer a poorer quality of life in terms of their own physical and mental health & well-being and in their social relationships. Parents are increasingly asked to fill the void left by staff shortages in the NHS (children's nurses account for just 6% of the UK's total nurse population). Families are falling through the ever widening gaps in health and social care & this is putting an immense strain onto these families. This relentless pressure of 24/7 care combined with the financial cost of living crisis is impacting on parent's wellbeing and mental health.

35% of parents show signs of acute stress

24% of parents have been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

70% of parents have been prescribed anti depressants and/or sleeping pills

Families informed us of:

Loss of employment or reduced hours of work to care for their child.

Increased nutritional food, supplements & medications for the side effects of cancer treatments.

Increased need for specialist medical equipment not funded by the NHS

Increased household bills (extra cost of increased heating to keep a sick child warm & the electricity for increased washing & tumble drying).

The cost of transportation to & from hospital visits & the cost of lodgings,

IMPACT ON FUNDRAISING

Annually we secure significant funding via large events, corporate sponsorship & ticket sales. We also secure further funds via live actions. The cost of living crisis has had a huge impact on the above. However, our double donation Crowd funders have encouraged our regular donors to chip in & has created new donors which has greatly eased the pressure.

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The support we put in place to address the COL crisis:

To help relieve the financial & emotional strain Support Workers support families with everything from providing essential healthcare, food & household items, e.g. clothing & bedding & funding specialist equipment. We give support with accessing the right benefits, signpost for financial support as well as giving compassion & simply someone to unburden with. We also increased our psychosocial support services to fill the gaps in support via the NHS.

KEY SERVICES

Via our support work & the families we support we actively listen to ensure the voices & experiences of children, siblings & families are heard. They are instrumental to our support service development. This enables us to share our findings with families, health & education professionals & work to make a difference. We are dedicated to strengthening our understanding of the challenges incurred by families. Via our focus groups of children, siblings, parents, health & education professionals (in addition to existing findings) we're establishing an extraordinary grasp of what is most needed by families.

Our Common Experiences program indicates that the biggest gaps in childhood brain cancer journeys are within the area of long term recovery. Evidence via our Focus Groups, our community groups & our online support groups illustrated that there is a need for better communications provision & a need for talking/listening projects. This is of key importance as 82% of parents expressed frustration at being handed a bunch of NHS leaflets. We carried out a consultation by engaging with parents & via questionnaires. We identified a need to explore brain cancer families experiences of treatments & social care services. Our BAME community felt enhanced strategies were needed to involve them in a wider national initiative as opposed to targeting locations. We also focused on end of treatment communications. Feedback from our groups indicates that effective communication with NHS professionals is not happening with some 70% of families were not fully aware that their child's cancer treatments could cause serious late effects. Only a quarter reported that they had received a letter of their child's cancer treatments. Common goals include better integration into school life, more effective social & educational development. Our findings illustrated that it's the families as opposed to the care professionals who are assuming most of the burden of care responsibility.

Live Chat' via our website proved a popular new way for families to reach out for help. Understanding more about how families cope with cancer related stress is enabling us to develop needs driven support services.

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Art therapy projects:

We achieved our aims by providing free art kits & workshops to children affected by childhood brain cancer, their siblings & parents to allow them to benefit. These included sketching, paintings, group poems, model making & textiles. Via our online gallery & via partner galleries & events we provided a place for those affected by childhood brain cancer to share their work so that they felt heard, understood & part of the wider cancer community. Under headings of 'The Real Me', 'My Cage, My Love' 'Scared to tell you' & 'What is sad?' we created therapeutic group poems & artworks expressing the tragic raw emotions felt by so many. This helps friends, family & the wider cancer community to better understand some of the common experiences & problems children, their siblings & parents have to endure. We also focused on the more uplifting themes of 'What is a child cancer hero?' 'Healing Hands' & 'Hope, Dream, Believe', exploring themes of creating hope. We supported families' emotional needs giving children with brain cancer, their siblings & parents a space to explore & express their feelings, exploring & challenging communications, processing hurt, developing self awareness & moving towards the changes they need to make to cope with their struggles. Our projects enabled us to continue to reach vulnerable families when they were in a bad way, struggling to cope with lessened ability, disability, learning difficulties (caused by cancer treatments), feelings of isolation as they feel separated from friends & their wider family. Our project was delivered by art therapists & support workers with the collaboration of professional artists. Our volunteers helped to facilitate creative activities by motivating families to explore & develop new skills.

Additionally, we successfully collaborated with The Brain Tumour Charity to provide works from children & families for the 'TIME' art exhibition which is being staged at The Business Design Centre, London. Time will be open to the public to help everyone better understand the journey taken by patients, loved ones, supporters, clinicians & researchers when they're living with a brain tumour or supporting a family who's received a diagnosis.

Joss Searchlight**Registered number:****07580941****Registered Charity Number:****1141704****Trustees' Charity Report****Treatments for rare brain tumours**

Amazing progress has been made with many child cancers, e.g. children with leukaemia now have survival rates 80% (compared with just a 20% survival rate in the 1970's) This is due to the multi million pounds research. Development funding that was made available to child leukaemia. Joss Searchlight are dedicated to the funding of clinical research into the most rare & devastating brain tumours in children, along with improved diagnostics, treatment & care. In 2023 Joss Searchlight made a £150,000 pledge to fund childhood glioma research. Our research strategy focuses on what matters to families living with DIPG/DMG. We will fund science of the highest quality that has potential to deliver.

Our research funding is designated for developing treatments that are less toxic to children & to finding treatments for brain tumours to extend & improve life & hopefully prevent aggressive tumours in the future. We've donated a six figure sum to this important work. Our financial support, together with collaboration with other cancer organisations, charities & advocacy groups is making a significant contribution towards improving the outcomes for children with brain tumours. Brain cancer are the biggest disease related killer of our children.

In Spring 2024 new treatment was approved for rare paediatric brain tumours, which demonstrates the impact of early stage research. Though this treatment will affect a small population (around 30-60 children a year), this represents real progress, as it's the first treatment to be approved by NICE in decades. NICE has approved the use of dabrafenib and trametinib for use in children aged between 1-17 with low and high-grade gliomas that have a BRAF V600E mutation. The current standard of care is radiotherapy & chemotherapy, which are not always effective for these types of tumours & can have brutal side effects. The new treatment is taken in tablet & liquid form so can be administered at home with few side effects as well as less time spent in hospital.

The combination medication is the first targeted treatment to be made available on the NHS for paediatric gliomas. The two drugs work together to block the growth signal coming from the mutant BRAF protein, slowing or even stopping the tumour from growing.

Clinical trials show that this treatment has the potential to:

- Improve five-year survival
- Offer fewer treatment related side effects

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Public benefit:

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the trustees' report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Financial sustainability:

Our work is sustainable due to our incredible volunteers raising funds to increase our income. We have also worked hard to ensure that we secure multiple year donations from a small number of charitable trusts and foundations.

Financial review:

The charity received total income of £117,988, the cost of raising funds was £42,112 (including Professional, Consultancy fees & VAT)

Risk assessment:

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Reserves policy:

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitment held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue. To fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

The policy is to ensure free reserves for 6 months of expenditure. Joss Searchlight is very dependent on its own fundraising efforts. The trustees ensure that the reserves are regularly checked and keep the reserves policy under quarterly review.

The trustees are unconcerned by the surplus level held at 31st March 2024 given that in addition to the above, allowing for income fluctuations, the trustees plan to commit substantial funds to raise further awareness of brain tumours and in collaborations with The Brain Tumour Charity and other cancer charities to fund UK paediatric clinical trials.

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Governing document:

Joss Searchlight is a company limited by guarantee without share capital use of 'Limited' exemption, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended on 3 November 2011. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute amounts not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

Recruiting & appointing trustees:

Trustees are known to us and have 'lived'/direct experience of caring for a child with cancer, two have experience of working as consultants at Macmillan Cancer Support, one as an employee within Cancer Research.

Volunteers:

We have a total of 44 wonderful volunteers who support the work of our charity,. Volunteers contribute greatly to the charity by:

- 1 Creating awareness of childhood brain cancer, e.g. delivering publications to treatment centres and promoting messages online.
- 2 Support Services - organising activities, e.g. art therapy sessions, meeting with families to offer support, delivering toys, art materials, cleaning materials and other support items. Creating and delivering small remembrance gifts, e.g. to families who lost a child to brain cancer.
- 3 Working with our focus groups to establish 'common experiences' and what helps to build resilience.
- 4 Evaluating how well health, education and social services listen to children with brain cancer and their families.
- 5 Event planning and delivery, e.g. our Christmas Ball for 300 guests

FUTURE PLANS:

Our key priorities include:

Looking for opportunities to expand our support services to give families access to care services and resources.

Conducting continuing evaluation to the development of the information for families on our website & ensure we're meeting their needs.

To continue to collaborate with The Brain Tumour Charity & other associated charities to complete a 5 year research program into aggressive paediatric brain cancers. We also plan to continue to collaborate with collective voices & plan to link with The Brain Tumour Charity regarding their art exhibitions & ongoing awareness.

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Support Services

Central to our support is for every child with a brain tumour to be properly cared for & supported at home with their families whenever possible & to have involvement in all decisions.

Communications

Via communications we plan to focus on long-term care support, especially regarding late effects leading to disabilities. We need to establish common services needed by groups of children with chronic needs & disabilities. We plan to further develop our supportive services for families of children with brain cancer to provide information, more opportunities for advocacy, peer support, & specialist services. We are developing a stronger public voice for families on key issues & developing communication tools to improve communication of our impact. We need to continue our campaign to raise awareness of the pressure on families with the cost of living crisis & of families having increased expectations to deliver 24/7 support with little help.

The charity has established nationwide connections with cancer charities & hospices, all united by a common objective: collaboration, the exchange of communications, successful strategies. By harnessing our connections, we aim to strengthen our impact & enhance our support. We strive to maintain regular communication & provision to families, promote interaction between parents, families & signpost to other organisations. We further aim to increase public awareness of childhood brain cancer.

Our enhanced website is expanding our reach, growing our audience & promoting more digital activity. We have consolidated online articles on wellbeing to help families navigate the cancer journey. The content in the family sections are informed by the needs & issues faced by families & by the health professional community.

‘Common Experiences’ Program

By addressing the key learnings from the support sessions we are able to create a strong foundation to develop future support services.

Key Aims:

1. To shed light on relatively ignored issues and make the case for an increased focus on childhood brain cancer inequalities.
2. Provide high-quality follow-up care that addresses the social & socioeconomic impacts of a childhood brain cancer diagnosis, as well as the physical and psychological late effects.

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It's Good to Talk Films

As part of our 'It's Good to Talk' Support we plan to create films & media to find the positivity through the adversity of childhood brain cancer. Our key aims are to look at experiences & perception of children. To explore ages, developmental stages, emotional & social strengths, family dynamics & to seek more information regarding their care. To provide a greater insight into the experiences needed to improve health & education care providers ability to better align their support with the need & perspectives of families. To strengthen connections & relationships with other charities & partners & enhance collaborations. To better understand the influences of ethnicity & culture & help create strategies to address inequalities.

Clinical Research

We plan to continue to collaborate with large cancer organisations to provide funding for rare childhood brain tumours over the long term. Our financial support, together with collaboration with other cancer organisations, charities and advocacy groups will make a contribution towards improving the outcomes for children with rare brain tumours including DIPG/DMG. Joss Searchlight supports the discovery of new knowledge to advance paediatric research into childhood brain tumours, with a focus on the deadliest of all tumours DIPG (Diffuse Intrinsic Pons Glioma) /DMG which kills 100% of all children suffering from it. Our research strategy focuses on what matters to families living with DIPG/DMG. We will fund science of the highest quality across the world that has the potential to deliver for DIPG/DMG sufferers.

Key Areas of Interest

Make improvement in the knowledge of treatment late effects, quality of life & survivorship; Advancing approaches to diagnosis; Development of brain cancer healing approaches & reduction of chemical toxin in treatment.

We're delighted to be one of the UK partners involved in a collaborative network with the objective of improving outcome for children with newly diagnosed, high-risk brain tumours (including diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma & high-grade gliomas). This 5 year research will conduct small, scientifically-rational, pilot. studies. To assess incorporating promising new therapies into established frontline therapeutic regimes.

The key aims are to : Provide a detailed & accurate genetic profile of a brain tumour; To investigate how well selected therapies in the TARGET trial work; To examine the reasons why some child patients respond to treatment & some don't; To increase the knowledge about paediatric high-grade gliomas; To collect data that will benefit individual child patients.

"We believe the research we're doing is cutting edge, it's pioneering in terms that we're actually focusing very much on high risk brain tumours. We now have examples where we have studied specific targeted drugs that block pathways that lead to the growth of some brain tumours. Recent clinical trials may lead to these replacing conventional chemotherapy"

Professor Darren Hargrave - University College, London

"For the first time we are not simply trying things that have already failed in adult brain tumours". Professor Chris Jones - Institute of Cancer Research

**Joss Searchlight
Independent Examiners report
to the members of Joss Searchlight**

Opinion

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024, set out on pages 14 to 27.

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 company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. However, I would like to draw your attention to the related party disclosure in Note 13 on pages 23.

A Edwards

A Edwards FCCA
Independent Examiner
for and on behalf of
Burrows & Edwards Limited
Independent Examiner
30 August 2024

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**Joss Searchlight
Income Statement
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Income from generated funds:			
Charitable activities	3	117,988	111,453
Charitable Grants		(51,200)	(50,700)
Direct charitable expenditure		(60,679)	(60,972)
Expenditure on raising funds		(886)	(12,490)
Support and governance costs		(12,686)	(5,722)
Operating loss	4	<u>(7,463)</u>	<u>(18,431)</u>
Interest payable	6	(248)	(487)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>(7,711)</u>	<u>(18,918)</u>
Tax on loss on ordinary activities		-	-
Loss for the financial year		<u>(7,711)</u>	<u>(18,918)</u>

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Loss for the financial year		(7,711)	(18,918)
Other comprehensive income			
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>(7,711)</u>	<u>(18,918)</u>

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	6,093	10,830
Current assets			
Stocks	8	470	470
Debtors	9	3,500	3,500
Cash at bank and in hand		122,081	128,214
		<u>126,051</u>	<u>132,184</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,763)	(2,763)
Net current assets		<u>123,288</u>	<u>129,421</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>129,381</u>	<u>140,251</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(6,358)	(9,517)
Net assets		<u>123,023</u>	<u>130,734</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account	12	123,023	130,734
Total equity		<u>123,023</u>	<u>130,734</u>

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Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 March 2024**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A smaller entities.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

No notice has been deposited under section 476 of the act requesting the company to obtain an audit.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.



Mr N Parkes
Director

Approved by the board on 30 August 2024

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2022	25,000	-	124,652	149,652
Loss for the financial year			(18,918)	(18,918)
Transfer between funds	115,000		(115,000)	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>140,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,266)</u>	<u>130,734</u>
At 1 April 2023	140,000	-	(9,266)	130,734
Loss for the financial year			(7,711)	(7,711)
Transfer between funds	-		-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>140,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,977)</u>	<u>123,023</u>

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Operating activities			
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(7,711)	49,487
Adjustments for:			
Interest payable		248	487
Depreciation		5,243	2,816
Decrease in stocks		-	2,218
Decrease in debtors		-	6,853
Decrease in creditors		-	(1)
		(2,220)	61,860
Interest paid		(248)	-
Cash (used in)/generated by operating activities		(2,468)	61,860
Investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(506)	(3,154)
Cash used in investing activities		(506)	(3,154)
Financing activities			
Repayment of loans		(3,159)	(1,475)
Cash used in financing activities		(3,159)	(1,475)
Net cash (used)/generated			
Cash (used in)/generated by operating activities		(2,468)	61,860
Cash used in investing activities		(506)	(3,154)
Cash used in financing activities		(3,159)	(1,475)
Net cash (used)/generated		(6,133)	57,231
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		128,214	70,983
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		122,081	128,214
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:			
Cash at bank		122,081	128,214

Joss Searchlight
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have transferred to the buyer. Turnover from the rendering of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion of a contract is measured by comparing the costs incurred for work performed to date to the total estimated contract costs.

Intangible fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative amortisation and any accumulative impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	over 50 years
Leasehold land and buildings	over the lease term
Plant and machinery	over 5 years
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	over 5 years

Investment property

Investment property is initially recognised at cost and then subsequently measured at fair value. Changes in value are recognised in profit or loss.

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Listed investments are measured at fair value. Unlisted investments are measured at fair value unless the value cannot be measured reliably, in which case they are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Changes in fair value are included in the profit and loss account.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is determined using the first in first out method. The carrying amount of stock sold is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised.

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Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

Taxation

A current tax liability is recognised for the tax payable on the taxable profit of the current and past periods. A current tax asset is recognised in respect of a tax loss that can be carried back to recover tax paid in a previous period. Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences between the recognition of income and expenses in the financial statements and their inclusion in tax assessments. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference, except for revalued land and investment property where the tax rate that applies to the sale of the asset is used. Current and deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Provisions

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recognised at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

At the end of each reporting period foreign currency monetary items are translated at the closing rate of exchange. Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are charged to profit or loss.

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Leased assets

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The rights of use and obligations under finance leases are initially recognised as assets and liabilities at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased assets or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction in the outstanding liability using the effective interest rate method. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Leased assets are depreciated in accordance with the company's policy for tangible fixed assets. If there is no reasonable certainty that ownership will be obtained at the end of the lease term, the asset is depreciated over the lower of the lease term and its useful life. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

No significant accounting estimates and judgements have had to be made by the trustees in preparing these financial statements.

3 Analysis of turnover

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	-	-
Fundraising income	117,988	111,453
	<u>117,988</u>	<u>111,453</u>
By geographical market:		
UK	<u>117,988</u>	<u>111,453</u>

4 Operating profit

	2024	2023
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>5,243</u>	<u>2,097</u>

5 Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	-
Social security costs	-	-
Other pension costs	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Average number of employees during the year		Number	Number		
Administration (including Trustees)		6	6		
		6	6		
6	Interest payable	2024 £	2023 £		
	Bank loans and overdrafts	248	487		
7	Tangible fixed assets				
		Equipment At cost £	Fixtures and Fittings At cost £	Motor Vehicles At cost £	Total £
	Cost or valuation				
	At 1 April 2023	19,965	4,128	4,500	28,593
	Additions	339	167	-	506
	At 31 March 2024	20,304	4,295	4,500	29,099
	Depreciation				
	At 1 April 2023	10,608	2,880	4,275	17,763
	Charge for the year	4,779	464	-	5,243
	At 31 March 2024	15,387	3,344	4,275	23,006
	Carrying amount				
	At 31 March 2024	4,917	951	225	6,093
	At 31 March 2023	9,357	1,248	225	10,830
8	Stocks			2024 £	2023 £
	Donated goods and good for distribution			470	470
9	Debtors			2024 £	2023 £
	Other debtors			3,500	3,500

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10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	1,863	1,863
Trade creditors	900	900
	<u>2,763</u>	<u>2,763</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>6,358</u>	<u>9,517</u>

12 Profit and loss account	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 April	130,734	149,652
Loss for the financial year	(7,711)	(18,918)
	<u>123,023</u>	<u>130,734</u>
At 31 March		

Designated Funds:

Brain tumour research	50,000	50,000
Raising awareness	12,000	12,000
Support work activities	20,000	20,000
Holiday grant programme	-	-
Unrestricted funds	41,023	48,734
	<u>123,023</u>	<u>130,734</u>

13 Related party transactions

It was agreed at the charity's outset that Dianne Parkes, Director, would work as fundraiser due to her experience in fundraising and her knowledge of the organisation. This is considered to be a payment for provision of services and consent from the Charity Commission was obtained in 2013.

During the financial year the amount of consultancy fees paid (via the company Absolute Works Ltd of which D Parkes is a Director) was £38,746 inclusive of VAT. (2022/23 £33,123 inclusive of VAT).

Note: the charity occupies a large 2 storey building owned by two of the directors rent free. The Board of Directors consider it reasonable to reimburse the Directors for a portion of the electricity and heating, internet and telephone/helpline costs that they have paid personally.

**Joss Searchlight
Notes to the Accounts
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14 Presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Sterling.

15 Legal form of entity and country of incorporation

Joss Searchlight is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England.

16 Principal place of business

The address of the company's principal place of business and registered office is:

Registered office:
Station House
15 Station Lane
Witney
OX28 4BB

Principal place of business:
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Joss Searchlight
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2024 £	2023 £
Sales	117,988	111,453
Charitable Grants	(51,200)	(50,700)
Administrative expenses	(12,686)	(5,722)
Operating profit	54,102	55,031
Interest payable	(248)	(487)
Profit before tax	53,854	54,544

Joss Searchlight
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sales		
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	-	-
Fundraising income	117,988	111,453
	<u>117,988</u>	<u>111,453</u>
 Charitable Grants		
Charitable Grants	<u>51,200</u>	<u>50,700</u>
 Administrative expenses		
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	886	12,490
Professional & Consultancy Fees re Fundraising	38,746	33,123
Gifts Donated from Stock Held	21,933	27,849
Motor expenses	422	1,334
	<u>61,987</u>	<u>74,796</u>
Premises costs:		
Light and heat	1,800	738
	<u>1,800</u>	<u>738</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Postage	161	-
Stationery and printing	169	-
Bank charges	4	6
Insurance	-	-
Computer and Software Costs	2,930	353
Repairs and maintenance	254	104
Depreciation	5,243	2,097
General Expenses	178	101
	<u>9,484</u>	<u>2,661</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Independent Examination Fees	960	960
Other legal and professional	20	29
	<u>980</u>	<u>989</u>
	<u>74,251</u>	<u>79,184</u>

JOSS SEARCHLIGHT

England & Wales - Charity number 1141704

Accounts

Registered number
07580941

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1141704

Joss Searchlight
Report and Financial Statements
31 March 2023

Joss Searchlight**Registered number:** 07580941**Registered Charity Number:** 1141704**Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Principal activities

To relieve the needs of children suffering from cancer and their families through the provision of a co-ordinated support service including but not by way of limitation by offering practical and emotional support for families affected by a child's terminal diagnosis

Directors

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Mr N Parkes
Mrs D Parkes
Mr C Skeith (resigned 7 December 2021)
Ms T Elder
Ms J Lewington
Mrs S Sheridan

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is not aware; and the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

Joss Searchlight**Registered number:** 07580941**Registered Charity Number:** 1141704**Directors' Report****Disclosure of information to independent examiners**

Each person who was a director at the time this report was approved confirms that:

- so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the board on 26 June 2023 and signed on its behalf.

Mr N Parkes
Director

Joss Searchlight CEO's Report

Twelve years ago, a legacy began. Around a kitchen table, the loss of 10 year old Joss' life to a brain tumour sparked what would become Joss Searchlight, one of the very few national organisations supporting all families affected by childhood brain tumours, malignant and non-malignant. Every day, Joss Searchlight strives to bring hope to all the families affected by a brain tumour through our support services, information & education, through advocacy and research.

Joss Searchlight holds a unique position in the childhood brain tumour community. The lived experiences of our trustees and senior management, together with our 'common experiences' program gives us an extensive understanding of our community. We believe we are well placed to help improve the quality of lives of the children and their families suffering from these cruel cancers.

With each passing year that I have the privilege to work with our community, I continue to be astonished. Astonished by the resilience of the child patients, siblings, parents and caregivers. Astonished by the dedication of our 44 dedicated volunteers. Astonished by the generosity of our donors and supporters. In 12 years, we have accomplished great things. There is so much more that we want to achieve.

To fulfil our potential we've upgraded our communication, in particular our website. We've also grown awareness by developing a narrative to support our charity, raised awareness of this devastating disease and built strong relationships with our supporters. We have also enhanced our support services to empower our parent community and advocated on behalf of children with brain cancer, campaigning, educating and influencing to bring out positive change.

There is plenty to be proud of as we report back to you on 2022 and the ways that together we continued to bring hope to those affected by a brain tumour. I am also excited to share what we are working on for the future. We have partnered with The Brain Tumour Charity to fund UK paediatric clinical trials into aggressive child brain cancers and we've committed funds for a minimum of three years. We will be working under the guidance of their Scientific Advisory Board. With research commencing this summer we are looking forward to the future where families can cling to hope.

These aggressive brain cancer are the most deadly of all cancers and every year we are deeply saddened by the heartbreaking stories of the beautiful children lost this year to this cruel disease, many living only 6-9 months post diagnosis. Each and every one of them strengthens our determination to ensure positive change is made.

Finally, I would like to express my very grateful thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for their dedicated contribution and to the many generous individuals, charitable trusts and foundations and corporate supporters who have supported our cause over the past year.



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CHARITABLE OBJECTS

To relieve the needs of children suffering from cancer and their families through the provision of a co-ordinated support service including but not by way of limitation by offering practical and emotional support for families affected by a child's diagnosis.

The Impact of the cost of living crisis on our organisation:

Before the cost of living crisis, it was estimated to cost an additional £600 per month for families to care for a child with cancer. Now these costs are soaring for the thousands of families in the UK caring for their child with a life-threatening or life-limiting cancer. A quarter of the all the families we support say that are struggling to cope and in desperate need and we've experienced a surge in appeals for emotional & practical support.

The cost of living crisis is creating additional trauma to already very traumatic lives of the families we support. Many of these children are robbed of their eyesight, mobility, voice and have exceptional health needs. One parent, sometimes both are unable to work yet during lengthy stays in hospital they are unable to receive financial benefits such as Disability Living Allowance nor Carers Allowance.

The needs of caring for a seriously ill child at home are complex extra heating for the critically ill, the extra fuel costs for frequent hospital visits. (Average round trip in 60 miles)

Families tell us they struggle to afford essential healthcare and household items, clothing and bedding and the healthy foods they need for their critically ill child.

Adjusting to life with brain cancer can be overwhelming - many activities simply become impossible especially with their child's lack of mobility. Families need large buggies, special chairs, even stair lifts. The NHS wait list for an electronic wheelchair or stair lift to give a child back some of independence is 18 months +

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IMPACT ON PARENTS & GUARDIANS

It's not uncommon parents to have feelings of guilt, helplessness and confusion.

For struggling parents, coping with the immense challenges of childhood cancer, financial worries made the simple act of fun family times very difficult. Parents frequently suffer a poorer quality of life in terms of their own physical and mental health and well-being and in their social relationships.

Parents are increasingly asked to fill the void left by staff shortages in the NHS (Children's nurses account for just 6% of the UK's total nurse population). Families are falling through the ever widening gaps in health and social care and this is putting an immense and relentless strain onto these families.

This relentless pressure of 24/7 care combined with the financial cost of living crisis is impacting on parent's wellbeing and mental health.

35% of parents show signs of acute stress

24% of parents have been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

70% of parents have been prescribed anti depressants and/or sleeping pills

IMPACT ON FUNDRAISING

Annually, we secure significant funding via large events, corporate sponsorship contracts & ticket sales. We also secure further funds via live auctions. The cost of living crisis has had a huge impact on the above. However, our double donation Crowd funders (supported by Aviva) have encouraged our regular donors to chip in and has created new donors which has greatly eased the pressure.

The support we put in place to address the COL crisis:

To help relieve the financial & emotional strain Support Workers support families with everything from providing essential healthcare, food & household items, e.g. clothing & bedding, & funding specialist equipment. We give support with accessing the right benefits, signpost for financial support as well as giving compassion and simply someone to unburden with. We also increased our psychosocial support services to fill the gaps in support via the NHS.

We updated our website to current CMS and redesigned the pages to give a cleaner more modern look and make it more user friendly. We also implemented e-commerce, Live Chat, social media. Senior management were trained to use the software so that the website can be regularly updated and story blogs can link to social media.

We applied to many more Charitable Trusts and Foundations and following fundraising successes we were able to re-open our grant giving in December 2021.

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The services we were able to provide:

We increased our psychosocial support services to fill the gaps in support via the NHS. We took our support sessions online and delivered via Zoom with the help of our wonderful volunteers.

Live Chat' via our website proved a popular new way for families to reach out for help. Understanding more about how families cope with cancer related stress is enabling us to develop needs driven support services.

Generally families have described that the resources are helping to address the 'common experiences' outlined from the questionnaires. Providing children & their families with ongoing personalised support packages & information is helping to improve the experience throughout their cancer journey.

ONLINE SUPPORT SYSTEMS CREATED:

Live Chat:

Accessed via our homepage. [http:// www.josssearchlight.org.uk](http://www.josssearchlight.org.uk). This service runs daily from 9.00am - 5.00pm. It is also installed via the Support Services Manager's mobile phone for out of hours enquiries that are more urgent.

Psychosocial & Art Therapies:

We have an ongoing demand for these services. Art therapy sessions are focused on fine and gross motor skills.

Peer Support Group Sessions via Zoom

The emphasis is on health issues impacted by the pandemic.

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FROM BENEFICIARIES:

- 1 Relieves anxieties for children and their parents
- 2 Gives the ability to express feelings & communicate with others 'who understand'
- 3 Creates family links & develops better awareness
- 4 Helps to build better relationships & bonds
- 5 Gives families 'a voice' via our 'Common Experiences' program
- 6 Provides structure to the day for children
- 7 Gives respite care to parents

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We are dedicated to strengthening our understanding of the challenges incurred by families. Via our focus groups of children, siblings, parents, health and education professionals (in addition to existing findings) we are establishing an extraordinary grasp of what is most needed by families. Families advised us that having a child in hospital at Christmas time is especially challenging. We therefore appealed for more In Kind donations for make our Christmas hampers more special with entertainment items such as gaming and craft materials as well as luxury items for the whole family to enjoy. Gift boxes & Christmas hampers were distributed to families week commencing 7th December through to Christmas Eve and were well received.

Our Common Experiences program indicates that the biggest gaps in childhood brain cancer journeys are within the area of long term recovery - largely relating to communication needs, emotional needs especially following long periods in hospital and better provision following the NHS 'Ringing The Bell' (to signal the official end of treatment).

Via our support work and the families we support, we actively listen to ensure the voices and experiences of children, siblings and families are instrumental to our support service development, This enables us to share our findings with families, health and education professionals and to work to make a difference.

Returning to school following cancer treatments

Looking at all the responses we can say that experiences have largely been negative, particularly for the newly diagnosed. Parents comments included that they did not feel systems were in place regarding care provisions for their child. For many they felt their voices were not listened too and EPC plans were poor. A few commented that their child had seemed 'happier' being home schooled but it seems that's largely due to not feeling so vulnerable/the subject of bullying.

Children with cancer experience a wide range of developmental vulnerabilities in their physical health and well-being and have lower academic achievement than peers without cancer, in some cases being less likely to pass educational milestones

Conclusions are that overall lockdown has caused more stress and caused parents more anxiety about sending their child back to school. Many have not returned.

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The latest findings via our focus groups & community groups identified an increasing number of adolescents affected by anxiety regarding body image following cancer treatments. Treatment with chemotherapy often results in hair loss (including eyelash/eye brow) steroid-induced weight gain, which are particularly distressing to adolescents. Many have suffered social discrimination contributing to feelings of depression and low self esteem. Our support work addresses the emotional impact of these issues for teenagers and will help prevent anxiety & depression. In summary our work highlighted the multiple challenges following cancer treatments, promoted positive self-image and the acceptance of a broad range of appearances.

Long term communications

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Transition from child to adult services

Childhood cancer patients sometimes are not sufficiently well informed about their treatment history on reaching adulthood, which can affect their ability to benefit from adequate follow-up care. Transition between children's and adults' services is known to be a critical point for childhood brain cancer survivors and it can be challenging to find the right time to initiate the transition process and determine where to transition the patient.

Art therapy projects:

With the support of our In Kind partners and funders we provided art therapy kits to children. The art kits give opportunities for self expression and socialisation and we've focused special effort on reaching the most vulnerable. The activities offer children the chance to express themselves, experiment, solve real problems, and explore new ideas. In the process, children develop key competencies and new skills that help them to cope with stressful circumstances and build healthy relationships. Our childhood cancer art project is bringing real change to the lives of children struggling with mental health related to their critical illness. There are also wider benefits in creating understanding of the cancer journey. In addition to our own art projects we have successfully collaborated with The Brain Tumour Charity to provide artworks from children and families for the 'Time' Art Exhibition.

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The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the trustees' report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Financial sustainability:

Due to successfully raising funds via we increased our income .Our work is sustainable as we have replaced our lost event income by applying to more Charitable Trusts & Foundations. We have also worked hard to ensure that we secure multiple year donations from a small number of charitable trusts.

Financial review:

The charity received total income of £111,453, the cost of raising funds was £79,184. This was a good fundraising result.

Risk assessment:

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Reserves policy:

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

The policy is to ensure free reserves for 6 months of expenditure. Joss Searchlight is very dependent on its own fundraising efforts. The trustees ensure that the reserves are regularly checked and keep the reserves policy under quarterly review.

The trustees are unconcerned by the surplus level held at 31st March 2023 given that in addition to the above, allowing for income fluctuations, the trustees plan to commit substantial funds to raise further awareness of brain tumours and in collaborations with The Brain Tumour Charity and other cancer charities to fund UK paediatric clinical trials.

Joss Searchlight**Registered number: 07580941****Registered Charity Number: 1141704****Trustees' Charity Report****Governing document:**

Joss Searchlight is a company limited by guarantee without share capital use of 'Limited' exemption, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended on 3 November 2011. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute amounts not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

Recruiting & appointing trustees:

Trustees are known to us and have 'lived'/direct experience of caring for a child with cancer, two have experience of working as consultants at Macmillan Cancer Support, one as an employee within Cancer Research.

Volunteers:

We have a total of 44 wonderful volunteers who support the work of our charity, last year as the majority of our events were cancelled our core 20 volunteers supported us. Volunteers contribute greatly to the charity by:

- 1 Creating awareness of childhood cancer, e.g. delivering publications to treatment centres and promoting messages online.
- 2 Support Services - organising activities, e.g. art therapy sessions, meeting with families to offer support, delivering toys, art materials, cleaning materials and other support items. Creating and delivering small remembrance gifts, e.g. to families who lost a child to cancer.
- 3 Working with our focus groups to establish 'common experiences' and what helps to build resilience.
- 4 Evaluating how well health, education and social services listen to children with cancer and their families.
- 5 Event planning and delivery, e.g. our annual Christmas Ball for 300 guests.

FUTURE PLANS:

Our key priorities include:

Looking for opportunities to expand our support services to give families access to care services and resources.

Conducting ongoing evaluation to continue the development of the information for families on our website and ensure we're meeting their needs.

To continue to collaborate with The Brain Tumour Charity and other associated charities to complete a 5 year research program into aggressive paediatric brain cancers. We also plan to continue to collaborate with collective voices and plan to link with The Brain Tumour Charity regarding their art exhibition 'Time' and ongoing awareness.

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Central to our support is for every child with a brain tumour to be properly cared for and supported at home with their families whenever possible and to have involvement in all decisions.

Communications

We need our new website to expand our reach, grow our audience and promote more digital activity. We need to consolidate online articles on wellbeing to help families navigate the cancer journey. The content in the family sections are informed by the needs and issues faced by families and by the health professional community,

We need to develop a stronger public voice for families on key issues and develop communication tools to improve communication of our impact. We need to continue our campaign to raise awareness of the pressure on families with the cost of living crisis and of families having increased expectations to deliver 24/7 support with little help. Much of the care of children with brain cancer is at home and families are reliant on local services. These are often difficult to source due to lack of resources.

‘Common Experiences’ Program

By addressing the key learnings from the support sessions we are able to create a strong foundation to develop future support services. Key themes are lack of psychosocial support & lack of collaboration.

Key Aims:

1. To shed light on relatively ignored issues and make the case for an increased focus on childhood brain cancer inequalities.
2. Create a patient care continuum. The time frame of having the correct diagnosis, treatment being initiated, fatal treatment- related toxicities being identified and addressed, and treatment completed in the pathway to cure.
3. Establish differences in terms of rates of undiagnosed cases, access to high-quality diagnostic services and, ultimately, outcomes, depending on where they live and the circumstances in which they grow up.
4. Provide high-quality follow-up care that addresses the social and socioeconomic impacts of a childhood cancer diagnosis, as well as the physical and psychological late effects.

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It's Good to Talk Films

Once again we will feature interviews with parents to create better understand of the extreme pressure of a child's critical illness on family life. To add to our series of informative films:

Inequalities

Short Term : as children undergo treatment as patients. Increased financial stress, reduced health & wellbeing, poorer quality of life for child & their family

Intermediate: neuro cognitive impairment, increase risk of death, educational difficulties related to illness.

Long Term: as survivors. leading to increased risk of long-term conditions, developmental vulnerability and reduced educational attainment, there is the potential for childhood cancer survivors to endure longer-term inequalities, which can stretch into adulthood.

Research

Since the charity's start we have been dedicated to raise awareness of DIPG and other leading causes of death from brain cancer in children. It is a subject very close to our charities heart as over the past decade we have known of over 300 children die from this cruel brain tumour. For parents to be told by the NHS 'there's nothing we can do' is devastating. We are committed to raise more awareness in order to raise funds to help research find a cure. We plan to work in collaboration with large cancer research charities.

Develop multi-year funding

As a small charity most of our funding is for one year only. We have a number of charity partners who support us annually, we are aiming to develop these relationships into 3 year funding commitments to strengthen the stability of our core income and enable us to commit to the provision of longer term support services and research.

**Joss Searchlight
Independent Examiners report
to the members of Joss Searchlight**

Opinion

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023, set out on pages 14 to 27.

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 company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. However, I would like to draw your attention to the related party disclosure in Note 13 on pages 23.

A Edwards FCCA
Independent Examiner
for and on behalf of
Burrows & Edwards Limited
Independent Examiner
26 June 2023

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**Joss Searchlight
Income Statement
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Income from generated funds:			
Charitable activities	3	111,453	109,953
Charitable Grants		(50,700)	(3,150)
Direct charitable expenditure		(60,972)	(45,949)
Expenditure on raising funds		(12,490)	(3,370)
Support and governance costs		(5,722)	(7,996)
Operating (loss)/profit	4	<u>(18,431)</u>	<u>49,488</u>
Interest payable	6	(487)	-
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>(18,918)</u>	<u>49,488</u>
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities		-	-
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		<u>(18,918)</u>	<u>49,488</u>

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(18,918)	49,488
Other comprehensive income			
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>(18,918)</u>	<u>49,488</u>

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 March 2023

	Notes		2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	7		10,830	12,582
Current assets				
Stocks	8	470	1,176	
Debtors	9	3,500	3,500	
Cash at bank and in hand		128,214	148,378	
		132,184	153,054	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,763)	(2,763)	
Net current assets			129,421	150,291
Total assets less current liabilities			140,251	162,873
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(9,517)	(12,515)
Net assets			130,734	150,358
Capital and reserves				
Profit and loss account	12		130,734	150,358
Total equity			130,734	150,358

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These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A smaller entities.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

No notice has been deposited under section 476 of the act requesting the company to obtain an audit.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Mr N Parkes
Director
Approved by the board on 26 June 2023

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2021	-	-	100,870	100,870
Profit for the financial year			49,488	49,488
Transfer between funds	25,000		(25,000)	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,358</u>	<u>150,358</u>
 At 1 April 2022	 25,000	 -	 124,652	 149,652
Loss for the financial year			(18,918)	(18,918)
Transfer between funds	115,000		(115,000)	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>140,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,266)</u>	<u>130,734</u>

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Operating activities			
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(18,918)	49,487
Adjustments for:			
Interest payable		487	-
Depreciation		2,097	2,816
Decrease in stocks		706	2,218
Decrease in debtors		-	6,853
Decrease in creditors		-	(1)
		<u>(15,628)</u>	<u>61,373</u>
Interest paid		(487)	-
Cash (used in)/generated by operating activities		<u>(16,115)</u>	<u>61,373</u>
Investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(345)	(3,154)
Cash used in investing activities		<u>(345)</u>	<u>(3,154)</u>
Financing activities			
Repayment of loans		(2,998)	(1,475)
Cash used in financing activities		<u>(2,998)</u>	<u>(1,475)</u>
Net cash (used)/generated			
Cash (used in)/generated by operating activities		(16,115)	61,373
Cash used in investing activities		(345)	(3,154)
Cash used in financing activities		(2,998)	(1,475)
Net cash (used)/generated		<u>(19,458)</u>	<u>56,744</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		147,672	91,634
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u>128,214</u>	<u>148,378</u>
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:			
Cash at bank		<u>128,214</u>	<u>148,378</u>

Joss Searchlight
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have transferred to the buyer. Turnover from the rendering of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion of a contract is measured by comparing the costs incurred for work performed to date to the total estimated contract costs.

Intangible fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative amortisation and any accumulative impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	over 50 years
Leasehold land and buildings	over the lease term
Plant and machinery	over 5 years
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	over 5 years

Investment property

Investment property is initially recognised at cost and then subsequently measured at fair value. Changes in value are recognised in profit or loss.

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Listed investments are measured at fair value. Unlisted investments are measured at fair value unless the value cannot be measured reliably, in which case they are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Changes in fair value are included in the profit and loss account.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is determined using the first in first out method. The carrying amount of stock sold is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised.

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Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

Taxation

A current tax liability is recognised for the tax payable on the taxable profit of the current and past periods. A current tax asset is recognised in respect of a tax loss that can be carried back to recover tax paid in a previous period. Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences between the recognition of income and expenses in the financial statements and their inclusion in tax assessments. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference, except for revalued land and investment property where the tax rate that applies to the sale of the asset is used. Current and deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Provisions

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recognised at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

At the end of each reporting period foreign currency monetary items are translated at the closing rate of exchange. Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are charged to profit or loss.

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Leased assets

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The rights of use and obligations under finance leases are initially recognised as assets and liabilities at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased assets or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction in the outstanding liability using the effective interest rate method. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Leased assets are depreciated in accordance with the company's policy for tangible fixed assets. If there is no reasonable certainty that ownership will be obtained at the end of the lease term, the asset is depreciated over the lower of the lease term and its useful life. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

No significant accounting estimates and judgements have had to be made by the trustees in preparing these financial statements.

3 Analysis of turnover

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	-	5,518
Fundraising income	111,453	104,435
	<u>111,453</u>	<u>109,953</u>
By geographical market:		
UK	<u>111,453</u>	<u>109,953</u>

4 Operating profit

	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>2,097</u>	<u>2,816</u>

5 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	-
Social security costs	-	-
Other pension costs	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Average number of employees during the year		Number	Number		
Administration (including Trustees)		6	6		
		6	6		
6	Interest payable	2023 £	2022 £		
	Bank loans and overdrafts	487	-		
7	Tangible fixed assets				
		Equipment At cost £	Fixtures and Fittings At cost £	Motor Vehicles At cost £	Total £
	Cost or valuation				
	At 1 April 2022	19,705	4,043	4,500	28,248
	Additions	260	85	-	345
	At 31 March 2023	19,965	4,128	4,500	28,593
	Depreciation				
	At 1 April 2022	8,957	2,659	4,050	15,666
	Charge for the year	1,651	221	225	2,097
	At 31 March 2023	10,608	2,880	4,275	17,763
	Carrying amount				
	At 31 March 2023	9,357	1,248	225	10,830
	At 31 March 2022	10,748	1,384	450	12,582
8	Stocks			2023 £	2022 £
	Donated goods and good for distribution			470	1,176
9	Debtors			2023 £	2022 £
	Other debtors			3,500	3,500

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10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	1,863	1,863
Trade creditors	900	900
	<u>2,763</u>	<u>2,763</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>9,517</u>	<u>12,515</u>

12 Profit and loss account	2023	2022
	£	£
At 1 April	149,652	100,870
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	(18,918)	49,488
	<u>130,734</u>	<u>150,358</u>
At 31 March	<u>130,734</u>	<u>150,358</u>

Designated Funds:

Brain tumour research	50,000	50,000
Raising awareness	12,000	40,000
Support work activities	20,000	25,000
Holiday grant programme	-	25,000
Unrestricted funds	48,734	10,358
	<u>130,734</u>	<u>150,358</u>

13 Related party transactions

It was agreed at the charity's outset that Dianne Parkes, Director, would work as fundraiser due to her experience in fundraising and her knowledge of the organisation. This is considered to be a payment for provision of services and consent from the Charity Commission was obtained in 2013.

During the financial year the amount of consultancy fees paid (via the company Absolute Works Ltd of which D Parkes is a Director) was £33,123 inclusive of VAT. (2021/22 £33,800 inclusive of VAT).

Note: the charity occupies a large 2 storey building owned by two of the directors rent free. The Board of Directors consider it reasonable to reimburse the Directors for a portion of the electricity and heating, internet and telephone/helpline costs that they have paid personally.

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14 Presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Sterling.

15 Legal form of entity and country of incorporation

Joss Searchlight is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England.

16 Principal place of business

The address of the company's principal place of business and registered office is:

Registered office:
21 Bedford Square
London
WC1B 3HH

Principal place of business:
Station House
15 Station Lane
Witney
OX28 4BB

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Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 March 2023

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2023 £	2022 £
Sales	111,453	109,953
Charitable Grants	(50,700)	(3,150)
Administrative expenses	(5,722)	(7,996)
Operating profit	55,031	98,807
Interest payable	(487)	-
Profit before tax	54,544	98,807

Joss Searchlight
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 March 2023

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sales		
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	-	5,518
Fundraising income	111,453	104,435
	<u>111,453</u>	<u>109,953</u>
 Charitable Grants		
Charitable Grants	<u>50,700</u>	<u>3,150</u>
 Administrative expenses		
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	12,490	3,370
Professional & Consultancy Fees re Fundraising	33,123	33,338
Gifts Donated from Stock Held	27,849	12,611
Motor expenses	1,334	333
	<u>74,796</u>	<u>49,652</u>
 Premises costs:		
Light and heat	738	462
	<u>738</u>	<u>462</u>
 General administrative expenses:		
Postage	-	739
Stationery and printing	-	391
Bank charges	6	32
Insurance	-	180
Computer and Software Costs	353	1,950
Repairs and maintenance	104	180
Depreciation	2,097	2,816
General Expenses	101	13
	<u>2,661</u>	<u>6,301</u>
 Legal and professional costs:		
Independent Examination Fees	960	900
Other legal and professional	29	-
	<u>989</u>	<u>900</u>
	<u>79,184</u>	<u>57,315</u>

JOSS SEARCHLIGHT

England & Wales - Charity number 1141704

Accounts

Registered number
07580941

Registered Charity Number:
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Joss Searchlight
Report and Financial Statements
31 March 2023

Joss Searchlight**Registered number:** 07580941**Registered Charity Number:** 1141704**Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Principal activities

To relieve the needs of children suffering from cancer and their families through the provision of a co-ordinated support service including but not by way of limitation by offering practical and emotional support for families affected by a child's terminal diagnosis

Directors

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Mr N Parkes
Mrs D Parkes
Mr C Skeith (resigned 7 December 2021)
Ms T Elder
Ms J Lewington
Mrs S Sheridan

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is not aware; and the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

Joss Searchlight**Registered number:** 07580941**Registered Charity Number:** 1141704**Directors' Report****Disclosure of information to independent examiners**

Each person who was a director at the time this report was approved confirms that:

- so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the board on 26 June 2023 and signed on its behalf.

Mr N Parkes
Director

Joss Searchlight CEO's Report

Twelve years ago, a legacy began. Around a kitchen table, the loss of 10 year old Joss' life to a brain tumour sparked what would become Joss Searchlight, one of the very few national organisations supporting all families affected by childhood brain tumours, malignant and non-malignant. Every day, Joss Searchlight strives to bring hope to all the families affected by a brain tumour through our support services, information & education, through advocacy and research.

Joss Searchlight holds a unique position in the childhood brain tumour community. The lived experiences of our trustees and senior management, together with our 'common experiences' program gives us an extensive understanding of our community. We believe we are well placed to help improve the quality of lives of the children and their families suffering from these cruel cancers.

With each passing year that I have the privilege to work with our community, I continue to be astonished. Astonished by the resilience of the child patients, siblings, parents and caregivers. Astonished by the dedication of our 44 dedicated volunteers. Astonished by the generosity of our donors and supporters. In 12 years, we have accomplished great things. There is so much more that we want to achieve.

To fulfil our potential we've upgraded our communication, in particular our website. We've also grown awareness by developing a narrative to support our charity, raised awareness of this devastating disease and built strong relationships with our supporters. We have also enhanced our support services to empower our parent community and advocated on behalf of children with brain cancer, campaigning, educating and influencing to bring out positive change.

There is plenty to be proud of as we report back to you on 2022 and the ways that together we continued to bring hope to those affected by a brain tumour. I am also excited to share what we are working on for the future. We have partnered with The Brain Tumour Charity to fund UK paediatric clinical trials into aggressive child brain cancers and we've committed funds for a minimum of three years. We will be working under the guidance of their Scientific Advisory Board. With research commencing this summer we are looking forward to the future where families can cling to hope.

These aggressive brain cancer are the most deadly of all cancers and every year we are deeply saddened by the heartbreaking stories of the beautiful children lost this year to this cruel disease, many living only 6-9 months post diagnosis. Each and every one of them strengthens our determination to ensure positive change is made.

Finally, I would like to express my very grateful thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for their dedicated contribution and to the many generous individuals, charitable trusts and foundations and corporate supporters who have supported our cause over the past year.



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CHARITABLE OBJECTS

To relieve the needs of children suffering from cancer and their families through the provision of a co-ordinated support service including but not by way of limitation by offering practical and emotional support for families affected by a child's diagnosis.

The Impact of the cost of living crisis on our organisation:

Before the cost of living crisis, it was estimated to cost an additional £600 per month for families to care for a child with cancer. Now these costs are soaring for the thousands of families in the UK caring for their child with a life-threatening or life-limiting cancer. A quarter of the all the families we support say that are struggling to cope and in desperate need and we've experienced a surge in appeals for emotional & practical support.

The cost of living crisis is creating additional trauma to already very traumatic lives of the families we support. Many of these children are robbed of their eyesight, mobility, voice and have exceptional health needs. One parent, sometimes both are unable to work yet during lengthy stays in hospital they are unable to receive financial benefits such as Disability Living Allowance nor Carers Allowance.

The needs of caring for a seriously ill child at home are complex extra heating for the critically ill, the extra fuel costs for frequent hospital visits. (Average round trip in 60 miles)

Families tell us they struggle to afford essential healthcare and household items, clothing and bedding and the healthy foods they need for their critically ill child.

Adjusting to life with brain cancer can be overwhelming - many activities simply become impossible especially with their child's lack of mobility. Families need large buggies, special chairs, even stair lifts. The NHS wait list for an electronic wheelchair or stair lift to give a child back some of independence is 18 months +

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IMPACT ON PARENTS & GUARDIANS

It's not uncommon parents to have feelings of guilt, helplessness and confusion.

For struggling parents, coping with the immense challenges of childhood cancer, financial worries made the simple act of fun family times very difficult. Parents frequently suffer a poorer quality of life in terms of their own physical and mental health and well-being and in their social relationships.

Parents are increasingly asked to fill the void left by staff shortages in the NHS (Children's nurses account for just 6% of the UK's total nurse population). Families are falling through the ever widening gaps in health and social care and this is putting an immense and relentless strain onto these families.

This relentless pressure of 24/7 care combined with the financial cost of living crisis is impacting on parent's wellbeing and mental health.

35% of parents show signs of acute stress

24% of parents have been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

70% of parents have been prescribed anti depressants and/or sleeping pills

IMPACT ON FUNDRAISING

Annually, we secure significant funding via large events, corporate sponsorship contracts & ticket sales. We also secure further funds via live auctions. The cost of living crisis has had a huge impact on the above. However, our double donation Crowd funders (supported by Aviva) have encouraged our regular donors to chip in and has created new donors which has greatly eased the pressure.

The support we put in place to address the COL crisis:

To help relieve the financial & emotional strain Support Workers support families with everything from providing essential healthcare, food & household items, e.g. clothing & bedding, & funding specialist equipment. We give support with accessing the right benefits, signpost for financial support as well as giving compassion and simply someone to unburden with. We also increased our psychosocial support services to fill the gaps in support via the NHS.

We updated our website to current CMS and redesigned the pages to give a cleaner more modern look and make it more user friendly. We also implemented e-commerce, Live Chat, social media. Senior management were trained to use the software so that the website can be regularly updated and story blogs can link to social media.

We applied to many more Charitable Trusts and Foundations and following fundraising successes we were able to re-open our grant giving in December 2021.

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The services we were able to provide:

We increased our psychosocial support services to fill the gaps in support via the NHS. We took our support sessions online and delivered via Zoom with the help of our wonderful volunteers.

Live Chat' via our website proved a popular new way for families to reach out for help. Understanding more about how families cope with cancer related stress is enabling us to develop needs driven support services.

Generally families have described that the resources are helping to address the 'common experiences' outlined from the questionnaires. Providing children & their families with ongoing personalised support packages & information is helping to improve the experience throughout their cancer journey.

ONLINE SUPPORT SYSTEMS CREATED:

Live Chat:

Accessed via our homepage. [http:// www.josssearchlight.org.uk](http://www.josssearchlight.org.uk). This service runs daily from 9.00am - 5.00pm. It is also installed via the Support Services Manager's mobile phone for out of hours enquiries that are more urgent.

Psychosocial & Art Therapies:

We have an ongoing demand for these services. Art therapy sessions are focused on fine and gross motor skills.

Peer Support Group Sessions via Zoom

The emphasis is on health issues impacted by the pandemic.

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FROM BENEFICIARIES:

- 1 Relieves anxieties for children and their parents
- 2 Gives the ability to express feelings & communicate with others 'who understand'
- 3 Creates family links & develops better awareness
- 4 Helps to build better relationships & bonds
- 5 Gives families 'a voice' via our 'Common Experiences' program
- 6 Provides structure to the day for children
- 7 Gives respite care to parents

'Live Chat' via our website is proving a popular new way for families to reach out for help. Understanding more about how families cope with brain cancer related stress is enabling us to develop needs driven support services.

Generally families have described that the resources are helping to address the 'common experiences' outlined from the questionnaires. Providing children & their families with ongoing personalised support packages & information is helping to improve the experience throughout their cancer journey.

Joss Searchlight**Registered number:****07580941****Registered Charity Number:****1141704****Trustees' Charity Report****KEY SERVICES:**

We are dedicated to strengthening our understanding of the challenges incurred by families. Via our focus groups of children, siblings, parents, health and education professionals (in addition to existing findings) we are establishing an extraordinary grasp of what is most needed by families. Families advised us that having a child in hospital at Christmas time is especially challenging. We therefore appealed for more In Kind donations for make our Christmas hampers more special with entertainment items such as gaming and craft materials as well as luxury items for the whole family to enjoy. Gift boxes & Christmas hampers were distributed to families week commencing 7th December through to Christmas Eve and were well received.

Our Common Experiences program indicates that the biggest gaps in childhood brain cancer journeys are within the area of long term recovery - largely relating to communication needs, emotional needs especially following long periods in hospital and better provision following the NHS 'Ringing The Bell' (to signal the official end of treatment).

Via our support work and the families we support, we actively listen to ensure the voices and experiences of children, siblings and families are instrumental to our support service development, This enables us to share our findings with families, health and education professionals and to work to make a difference.

Returning to school following cancer treatments

Looking at all the responses we can say that experiences have largely been negative, particularly for the newly diagnosed. Parents comments included that they did not feel systems were in place regarding care provisions for their child. For many they felt their voices were not listened too and EPC plans were poor. A few commented that their child had seemed 'happier' being home schooled but it seems that's largely due to not feeling so vulnerable/the subject of bullying.

Children with cancer experience a wide range of developmental vulnerabilities in their physical health and well-being and have lower academic achievement than peers without cancer, in some cases being less likely to pass educational milestones

Conclusions are that overall lockdown has caused more stress and caused parents more anxiety about sending their child back to school. Many have not returned.

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The latest findings via our focus groups & community groups identified an increasing number of adolescents affected by anxiety regarding body image following cancer treatments. Treatment with chemotherapy often results in hair loss (including eyelash/eye brow) steroid-induced weight gain, which are particularly distressing to adolescents. Many have suffered social discrimination contributing to feelings of depression and low self esteem. Our support work addresses the emotional impact of these issues for teenagers and will help prevent anxiety & depression. In summary our work highlighted the multiple challenges following cancer treatments, promoted positive self-image and the acceptance of a broad range of appearances.

Long term communications

Our Common Experiences program indicates that the biggest gaps in childhood cancer journeys are within the area of long term recovery - largely relating to communication needs, emotional needs especially following long periods in hospital and better provision following the NHS 'Ringing The Bell' (to signal the official end of treatment).

Transition from child to adult services

Childhood cancer patients sometimes are not sufficiently well informed about their treatment history on reaching adulthood, which can affect their ability to benefit from adequate follow-up care. Transition between children's and adults' services is known to be a critical point for childhood brain cancer survivors and it can be challenging to find the right time to initiate the transition process and determine where to transition the patient.

Art therapy projects:

With the support of our In Kind partners and funders we provided art therapy kits to children. The art kits give opportunities for self expression and socialisation and we've focused special effort on reaching the most vulnerable. The activities offer children the chance to express themselves, experiment, solve real problems, and explore new ideas. In the process, children develop key competencies and new skills that help them to cope with stressful circumstances and build healthy relationships. Our childhood cancer art project is bringing real change to the lives of children struggling with mental health related to their critical illness. There are also wider benefits in creating understanding of the cancer journey. In addition to our own art projects we have successfully collaborated with The Brain Tumour Charity to provide artworks from children and families for the 'Time' Art Exhibition.

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The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the trustees' report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Financial sustainability:

Due to successfully raising funds via we increased our income .Our work is sustainable as we have replaced our lost event income by applying to more Charitable Trusts & Foundations. We have also worked hard to ensure that we secure multiple year donations from a small number of charitable trusts.

Financial review:

The charity received total income of £111,453, the cost of raising funds was £79,184. This was a good fundraising result.

Risk assessment:

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Reserves policy:

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

The policy is to ensure free reserves for 6 months of expenditure. Joss Searchlight is very dependent on its own fundraising efforts. The trustees ensure that the reserves are regularly checked and keep the reserves policy under quarterly review.

The trustees are unconcerned by the surplus level held at 31st March 2023 given that in addition to the above, allowing for income fluctuations, the trustees plan to commit substantial funds to raise further awareness of brain tumours and in collaborations with The Brain Tumour Charity and other cancer charities to fund UK paediatric clinical trials.

Joss Searchlight**Registered number: 07580941****Registered Charity Number: 1141704****Trustees' Charity Report****Governing document:**

Joss Searchlight is a company limited by guarantee without share capital use of 'Limited' exemption, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended on 3 November 2011. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute amounts not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

Recruiting & appointing trustees:

Trustees are known to us and have 'lived'/direct experience of caring for a child with cancer, two have experience of working as consultants at Macmillan Cancer Support, one as an employee within Cancer Research.

Volunteers:

We have a total of 44 wonderful volunteers who support the work of our charity, last year as the majority of our events were cancelled our core 20 volunteers supported us. Volunteers contribute greatly to the charity by:

- 1 Creating awareness of childhood cancer, e.g. delivering publications to treatment centres and promoting messages online.
- 2 Support Services - organising activities, e.g. art therapy sessions, meeting with families to offer support, delivering toys, art materials, cleaning materials and other support items. Creating and delivering small remembrance gifts, e.g. to families who lost a child to cancer.
- 3 Working with our focus groups to establish 'common experiences' and what helps to build resilience.
- 4 Evaluating how well health, education and social services listen to children with cancer and their families.
- 5 Event planning and delivery, e.g. our annual Christmas Ball for 300 guests.

FUTURE PLANS:

Our key priorities include:

Looking for opportunities to expand our support services to give families access to care services and resources.

Conducting ongoing evaluation to continue the development of the information for families on our website and ensure we're meeting their needs.

To continue to collaborate with The Brain Tumour Charity and other associated charities to complete a 5 year research program into aggressive paediatric brain cancers. We also plan to continue to collaborate with collective voices and plan to link with The Brain Tumour Charity regarding their art exhibition 'Time' and ongoing awareness.

Joss Searchlight**Registered number: 07580941****Registered Charity Number: 1141704****Trustees' Charity Report****Support Services**

Central to our support is for every child with a brain tumour to be properly cared for and supported at home with their families whenever possible and to have involvement in all decisions.

Communications

We need our new website to expand our reach, grow our audience and promote more digital activity. We need to consolidate online articles on wellbeing to help families navigate the cancer journey. The content in the family sections are informed by the needs and issues faced by families and by the health professional community,

We need to develop a stronger public voice for families on key issues and develop communication tools to improve communication of our impact. We need to continue our campaign to raise awareness of the pressure on families with the cost of living crisis and of families having increased expectations to deliver 24/7 support with little help. Much of the care of children with brain cancer is at home and families are reliant on local services. These are often difficult to source due to lack of resources.

‘Common Experiences’ Program

By addressing the key learnings from the support sessions we are able to create a strong foundation to develop future support services. Key themes are lack of psychosocial support & lack of collaboration.

Key Aims:

1. To shed light on relatively ignored issues and make the case for an increased focus on childhood brain cancer inequalities.
2. Create a patient care continuum. The time frame of having the correct diagnosis, treatment being initiated, fatal treatment- related toxicities being identified and addressed, and treatment completed in the pathway to cure.
3. Establish differences in terms of rates of undiagnosed cases, access to high-quality diagnostic services and, ultimately, outcomes, depending on where they live and the circumstances in which they grow up.
4. Provide high-quality follow-up care that addresses the social and socioeconomic impacts of a childhood cancer diagnosis, as well as the physical and psychological late effects.

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It's Good to Talk Films

Once again we will feature interviews with parents to create better understand of the extreme pressure of a child's critical illness on family life. To add to our series of informative films:

Inequalities

Short Term : as children undergo treatment as patients. Increased financial stress, reduced health & wellbeing, poorer quality of life for child & their family

Intermediate: neuro cognitive impairment, increase risk of death, educational difficulties related to illness.

Long Term: as survivors. leading to increased risk of long-term conditions, developmental vulnerability and reduced educational attainment, there is the potential for childhood cancer survivors to endure longer-term inequalities, which can stretch into adulthood.

Research

Since the charity's start we have been dedicated to raise awareness of DIPG and other leading causes of death from brain cancer in children. It is a subject very close to our charities heart as over the past decade we have known of over 300 children die from this cruel brain tumour. For parents to be told by the NHS 'there's nothing we can do' is devastating. We are committed to raise more awareness in order to raise funds to help research find a cure. We plan to work in collaboration with large cancer research charities.

Develop multi-year funding

As a small charity most of our funding is for one year only. We have a number of charity partners who support us annually, we are aiming to develop these relationships into 3 year funding commitments to strengthen the stability of our core income and enable us to commit to the provision of longer term support services and research.

**Joss Searchlight
Independent Examiners report
to the members of Joss Searchlight**

Opinion

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023, set out on pages 14 to 27.

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 company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. However, I would like to draw your attention to the related party disclosure in Note 13 on pages 23.

A Edwards FCCA
Independent Examiner
for and on behalf of
Burrows & Edwards Limited
Independent Examiner
26 June 2023

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**Joss Searchlight
Income Statement
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Income from generated funds:			
Charitable activities	3	111,453	109,953
Charitable Grants		(50,700)	(3,150)
Direct charitable expenditure		(60,972)	(45,949)
Expenditure on raising funds		(12,490)	(3,370)
Support and governance costs		(5,722)	(7,996)
Operating (loss)/profit	4	(18,431)	49,488
Interest payable	6	(487)	-
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(18,918)	49,488
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities		-	-
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(18,918)	49,488

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(18,918)	49,488
Other comprehensive income			
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>(18,918)</u>	<u>49,488</u>

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 March 2023

	Notes		2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	7		10,830	12,582
Current assets				
Stocks	8	470	1,176	
Debtors	9	3,500	3,500	
Cash at bank and in hand		128,214	148,378	
		132,184	153,054	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,763)	(2,763)	
Net current assets			129,421	150,291
Total assets less current liabilities			140,251	162,873
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(9,517)	(12,515)
Net assets			130,734	150,358
Capital and reserves				
Profit and loss account	12		130,734	150,358
Total equity			130,734	150,358

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 March 2023

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A smaller entities.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

No notice has been deposited under section 476 of the act requesting the company to obtain an audit.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Mr N Parkes
Director
Approved by the board on 26 June 2023

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2021	-	-	100,870	100,870
Profit for the financial year			49,488	49,488
Transfer between funds	25,000		(25,000)	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,358</u>	<u>150,358</u>
 At 1 April 2022	 25,000	 -	 124,652	 149,652
Loss for the financial year			(18,918)	(18,918)
Transfer between funds	115,000		(115,000)	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>140,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,266)</u>	<u>130,734</u>

Joss Searchlight
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Operating activities			
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(18,918)	49,487
Adjustments for:			
Interest payable		487	-
Depreciation		2,097	2,816
Decrease in stocks		706	2,218
Decrease in debtors		-	6,853
Decrease in creditors		-	(1)
		(15,628)	61,373
Interest paid		(487)	-
Cash (used in)/generated by operating activities		(16,115)	61,373
Investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(345)	(3,154)
Cash used in investing activities		(345)	(3,154)
Financing activities			
Repayment of loans		(2,998)	(1,475)
Cash used in financing activities		(2,998)	(1,475)
Net cash (used)/generated			
Cash (used in)/generated by operating activities		(16,115)	61,373
Cash used in investing activities		(345)	(3,154)
Cash used in financing activities		(2,998)	(1,475)
Net cash (used)/generated		(19,458)	56,744
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		147,672	91,634
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		128,214	148,378
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:			
Cash at bank		128,214	148,378

Joss Searchlight
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have transferred to the buyer. Turnover from the rendering of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion of a contract is measured by comparing the costs incurred for work performed to date to the total estimated contract costs.

Intangible fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative amortisation and any accumulative impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	over 50 years
Leasehold land and buildings	over the lease term
Plant and machinery	over 5 years
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	over 5 years

Investment property

Investment property is initially recognised at cost and then subsequently measured at fair value. Changes in value are recognised in profit or loss.

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Listed investments are measured at fair value. Unlisted investments are measured at fair value unless the value cannot be measured reliably, in which case they are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Changes in fair value are included in the profit and loss account.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is determined using the first in first out method. The carrying amount of stock sold is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised.

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Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

Taxation

A current tax liability is recognised for the tax payable on the taxable profit of the current and past periods. A current tax asset is recognised in respect of a tax loss that can be carried back to recover tax paid in a previous period. Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences between the recognition of income and expenses in the financial statements and their inclusion in tax assessments. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference, except for revalued land and investment property where the tax rate that applies to the sale of the asset is used. Current and deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Provisions

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recognised at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

At the end of each reporting period foreign currency monetary items are translated at the closing rate of exchange. Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are charged to profit or loss.

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Leased assets

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The rights of use and obligations under finance leases are initially recognised as assets and liabilities at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased assets or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction in the outstanding liability using the effective interest rate method. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Leased assets are depreciated in accordance with the company's policy for tangible fixed assets. If there is no reasonable certainty that ownership will be obtained at the end of the lease term, the asset is depreciated over the lower of the lease term and its useful life. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

No significant accounting estimates and judgements have had to be made by the trustees in preparing these financial statements.

3 Analysis of turnover

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	-	5,518
Fundraising income	111,453	104,435
	<u>111,453</u>	<u>109,953</u>
By geographical market:		
UK	<u>111,453</u>	<u>109,953</u>

4 Operating profit

	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>2,097</u>	<u>2,816</u>

5 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	-
Social security costs	-	-
Other pension costs	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Average number of employees during the year		Number	Number		
Administration (including Trustees)		6	6		
		6	6		
6	Interest payable	2023 £	2022 £		
	Bank loans and overdrafts	487	-		
7	Tangible fixed assets				
		Equipment At cost £	Fixtures and Fittings At cost £	Motor Vehicles At cost £	Total £
	Cost or valuation				
	At 1 April 2022	19,705	4,043	4,500	28,248
	Additions	260	85	-	345
	At 31 March 2023	19,965	4,128	4,500	28,593
	Depreciation				
	At 1 April 2022	8,957	2,659	4,050	15,666
	Charge for the year	1,651	221	225	2,097
	At 31 March 2023	10,608	2,880	4,275	17,763
	Carrying amount				
	At 31 March 2023	9,357	1,248	225	10,830
	At 31 March 2022	10,748	1,384	450	12,582
8	Stocks			2023 £	2022 £
	Donated goods and good for distribution			470	1,176
9	Debtors			2023 £	2022 £
	Other debtors			3,500	3,500

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10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	1,863	1,863
Trade creditors	900	900
	<u>2,763</u>	<u>2,763</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>9,517</u>	<u>12,515</u>

12 Profit and loss account	2023	2022
	£	£
At 1 April	149,652	100,870
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	(18,918)	49,488
	<u>130,734</u>	<u>150,358</u>
At 31 March	<u>130,734</u>	<u>150,358</u>

Designated Funds:

Brain tumour research	50,000	50,000
Raising awareness	12,000	40,000
Support work activities	20,000	25,000
Holiday grant programme	-	25,000
Unrestricted funds	48,734	10,358
	<u>130,734</u>	<u>150,358</u>

13 Related party transactions

It was agreed at the charity's outset that Dianne Parkes, Director, would work as fundraiser due to her experience in fundraising and her knowledge of the organisation. This is considered to be a payment for provision of services and consent from the Charity Commission was obtained in 2013.

During the financial year the amount of consultancy fees paid (via the company Absolute Works Ltd of which D Parkes is a Director) was £33,123 inclusive of VAT. (2021/22 £33,800 inclusive of VAT).

Note: the charity occupies a large 2 storey building owned by two of the directors rent free. The Board of Directors consider it reasonable to reimburse the Directors for a portion of the electricity and heating, internet and telephone/helpline costs that they have paid personally.

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14 Presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Sterling.

15 Legal form of entity and country of incorporation

Joss Searchlight is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England.

16 Principal place of business

The address of the company's principal place of business and registered office is:

Registered office:
21 Bedford Square
London
WC1B 3HH

Principal place of business:
Station House
15 Station Lane
Witney
OX28 4BB

Joss Searchlight
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 March 2023

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2023 £	2022 £
Sales	111,453	109,953
Charitable Grants	(50,700)	(3,150)
Administrative expenses	(5,722)	(7,996)
Operating profit	55,031	98,807
Interest payable	(487)	-
Profit before tax	54,544	98,807

Joss Searchlight
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 March 2023

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sales		
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	-	5,518
Fundraising income	111,453	104,435
	<u>111,453</u>	<u>109,953</u>
 Charitable Grants		
Charitable Grants	<u>50,700</u>	<u>3,150</u>
 Administrative expenses		
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	12,490	3,370
Professional & Consultancy Fees re Fundraising	33,123	33,338
Gifts Donated from Stock Held	27,849	12,611
Motor expenses	1,334	333
	<u>74,796</u>	<u>49,652</u>
 Premises costs:		
Light and heat	738	462
	<u>738</u>	<u>462</u>
 General administrative expenses:		
Postage	-	739
Stationery and printing	-	391
Bank charges	6	32
Insurance	-	180
Computer and Software Costs	353	1,950
Repairs and maintenance	104	180
Depreciation	2,097	2,816
General Expenses	101	13
	<u>2,661</u>	<u>6,301</u>
 Legal and professional costs:		
Independent Examination Fees	960	900
Other legal and professional	29	-
	<u>989</u>	<u>900</u>
	<u>79,184</u>	<u>57,315</u>

JOSS SEARCHLIGHT

England & Wales - Charity number 1141704

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2021**

**The MGroup Partnership
Chartered Certified Accountants
4 Witan Way
Witney, Oxon
OX28 6FF**

**Company Registration Number: 07580941
Registered Charity Number: 1141704**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS

Mr N Parkes
Mrs D Parkes
Mrs S Sheridan
Ms T Elder
Ms J Lewington
Mr C Skeith (resigned 7 December 2021)

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr N Parkes

REGISTERED OFFICE

21 Bedford Square
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WC1B 3HH

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER

07580941 England and Wales

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

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ACCOUNTANTS

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JOSS SEARCHLIGHT

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees are pleased to present the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021. They have been prepared also to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The charity's name is Joss Searchlight.

Charity Registration Number: 1141704

Company Number: 07580941

Registered Office: 21 Bedford Square
London
WC1B 3HH

DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND OTHER KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The Trustees and officers who served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees: Mr N Parkes
Mrs D Parkes
Mr C Skeith (resigned 7 December 2021)
Ms T Elder
Ms J Lewington
Mrs S Sheridan

CHARITABLE OBJECTS

To relieve the needs of children suffering from cancer and their families through the provision of a co-ordinated support service including but not by way of limitation by offering practical and emotional support for families affected by a child's terminal diagnosis.

The Impact of the pandemic on our organisation:

We experienced a huge surge in appeals for emotional support in Spring 2020, largely in relation to the distress caused by cancer treatments being cancelled, financial difficulties and the inability to secure support via the NHS.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Key sources of stress reported during lockdown:

1. Poor planning of medical needs services
2. Children felt they had fallen even further behind with their education having missed so much due to their illness.
3. Children are finding it difficult to be part of social groups and maintain friendships.
4. Children are suffering huge levels of stress and anxiety.

Regarding our work with returning to school our groups also identified an increasing number of children suffering from anxiety in September 2020. As part of our 'common experience' program we devised questionnaires and conducted interviews via Zoom/mobile to examine the experiences of these vulnerable children. We found increased levels of anxiety and associated stress symptoms of having to care for a vulnerable child without the usual support systems in place at schools. Especially affected were new cancer sufferers. Families reported their concerns not being given thorough consideration during the decision making process and in the worst cases a low quality of EHC plans detailing children's needs and care provisions. The impact appeared to be determined by factors such as age, levels of disability, pre-existing mental health and especially confinement due to fear of infection. For many families returning to school led to enhanced anxiety & heightened stress-related problems. The only silver lining was that vulnerable children, often the victims of school bullying had temporary relief whilst studying from home. We collated responses from August 2020 until January 2021 when the second national lockdown was imposed resulting in new school closures. We concluded that whilst the lockdown offered some 'protection' overall child cancer sufferers are more likely to have suffered negatively from the impact of the pandemic and their parents to have suffered enhanced parental distress.

All of our planned events to raise funds were cancelled for the whole year. Annually, we secure significant funding via large events, corporate sponsorship contracts & ticket sales. We also secure further funds via live auctions. Our public donations decreased and we no longer seemed to 'fit' the criteria for funding from many large corporate foundations and charitable trusts. In summer 2020 many specified funding for the over 70's, for poverty and provisions of food.

In May 2020, having been unable to secure income for several months we took the difficult decision to close to grant applications until our financial position improved.

At July 2020 we had less than 6 months of funding available so we applied to Lloyds Bank regarding the government Bounce Back Loan Scheme. We received £15,853 of Bounce Back Loan plus a Covid-19 response grant of £10,004. This greatly relieved the pressure of ensuring that we did not run out of funds.

The changes we made to our operating models:

With all of our events cancelled for the foreseeable future, we needed to consider other funding options. We therefore applied for Covid-19 support grants to replace our lost income and to many more Charitable Trusts and Foundations.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

NEW SUPPORT SYSTEMS CREATED:

1. **Create online Services:**

Live Chat - Created in September 2020 and accessed via our homepage. <http://www.josssearchlight.org.uk>. This service runs daily from 9.00am - 5.00pm however it is also installed via the Support Services Manager's mobile phone for out of hours enquiries that are more urgent.

Chat Bot - Initial model created which is currently being test piloted via our focus groups.

2. **Psychosocial & Art Therapies:** We have an ongoing demand for these services. Art therapy sessions are focused on fine and gross motor skills.
3. **Peer Support Group Sessions via Zoom:** The emphasis is on health issues impacted by the pandemic.

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FROM BENEFICIARIES:

1. Relieves anxieties for children and their parents
2. Gives the ability to express feelings & communicate with others 'who understand'
3. Creates family links & develops better awareness
4. Helps to build better relationships & bonds
5. Gives families 'a voice' via our 'Common Experiences' program.
6. Provides structure to the day for children
7. Gives respite care to parents

Public benefit:

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the trustees' report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Financial sustainability:

In May 2020 we were concerned that with an uncertain year ahead we may be forced to make some tough funding choices and may have to restrict support services for those most in need, e.g. for children with severe disabilities who were unable to return to school. Due to successful raising of funds we fortunately did not have to implement those tough choices.

Our work is sustainable as we have replaced our lost event income with Covid-19 support grants and with the Governments Bounce Back Loan of £15,853. We also replaced lost event income by applying to more Charitable Trusts & Foundations.

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Financial review:

The charity received total income of £102,166, the cost of raising funds was £1,048. This was a good fundraising result, considering that we had no event income and had started the year with only £19,781 in the bank.

Risk assessment:

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Reserves policy:

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

The policy is to ensure free reserves for 6 months of expenditure. Joss Searchlight is very dependent on its own fundraising efforts. As we have been unable to stage any of our large fundraising events and live auctions for the past 2 years the trustees considered it prudent that a minimum of six months expenditure be held. The trustees ensure that the reserves are regularly checked and keep the reserves policy under quarterly review.

At 1 April 2020 the trustees were unable to continue to designate reserve funds for the provision of respite breaks and holidays due to lack of funds.

Governing document:

Joss Searchlight is a company limited by guarantee without share capital use of 'Limited' exemption, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended on 3 November 2011. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute amounts not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

Recruiting & appointing trustees:

Trustees are known to us and have 'lived'/direct experience of caring for a child with cancer. We recruited our most recent trustee, Tina Elder via Charity Mentors. Tina had previously worked as a business consultant at Macmillan Cancer Support and is therefore instrumental in helping us to position the charity

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Volunteers:

We have a total of 44 wonderful volunteers who support the work of our charity, last year as all our events were cancelled our core 20 volunteers supported us. Volunteers contribute greatly to the charity by:

1. Creating awareness of childhood cancer, e.g. delivering publications to treatment centres and promoting messages online.
2. Support Services - organising activities, e.g. art therapy sessions, meeting with families to offer support, delivering toys, art materials, cleaning materials and other support items. Creating and delivering small remembrance gifts, e.g. to families who lost a child to cancer.
3. Working with our focus groups to establish 'common experiences' and what helps to build resilience.
4. Evaluating how well health, education and social services listen to children with cancer and their families.
5. Event planning and delivery, e.g. our annual Christmas Ball for 300 guests and our annual Festival of Light (last able to be staged in 2019). Volunteers are planning a big 'come back' in 2022.

FUTURE PLANS:

By addressing the key learnings from the support sessions we're able to create a strong foundation to develop future support services.

Our initial focus group research and 'common experience' program suggests that adolescents who 'feel better' about their body image have been found to have better cancer journeys. Findings emerged that attitude about appearance is key to good mental health. It appears that improvement of body image is perceived to improve quality of life. Treatment with chemotherapy often results in hair loss (including eyelash/eye brow) and steroid-induced weight gain, which are particularly distressing to adolescents. Many have suffered social discrimination contributing to feelings of depression and low self esteem. Our future project work will address the emotional impact of these issues and will help prevent anxiety. Feedback suggests that these young patients have unique psychosocial problems and often require ongoing support following cancer treatments.

In summary we need to highlight the multiple challenges following cancer treatments, promote positive self-image and the acceptance of a broad range of appearances.

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Our project work will address:

1. The impact of body image issues for adolescents living with cancer
2. Managing negative feelings
3. The importance of core beliefs
4. Finding and accepting help
5. Building resilience
6. Applying the skills to further develop

As a direct result of the new digital solutions we now have new ideas, conversations and stories so that we can continue to enhance our emotional support work. With the support of our wider cancer family community we have plans to expand the project further to strengthen our emotional support services.

The services we were able to provide:

We increased our psychosocial support services to fill the gaps in support via the NHS. We took our support sessions online and delivered via Zoom with the help of our wonderful volunteers.

We introduce a new 'Live Chat' via our website which proved a popular new way for families to reach out for help. Understanding more about how families cope with cancer related stress is enabling us to develop needs driven support services.

THE DIFFERENCE THE NEW RESOURCES ARE MAKING:

Generally families have described that the resources are helping to address the 'common experiences' outlined from the questionnaires.

1. The project is being highly praised by our cancer family community for tackling the unmet emotional needs.
2. Feedback illustrates that families have enjoyed the therapy activities and shared their enjoyment with others.
3. Providing children & their families with ongoing personalised support packages & information is helping to improve the experience throughout their cancer journey.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees (who are also directors of Joss Searchlight for the purposes 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 assume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. In so far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is not aware; and the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the trustees on 22 December 2021

Mr N Parkes
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 10 to 25.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. However, I would like to draw your attention to the related party disclosure in Note 16 on pages 24 to 25.



DJ GREEN (FCCA)

For and on behalf of
THE MGROUPE PARTNERSHIP
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
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23 December 2021

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
INCOME						
Income from generated funds:						
Donations and legacies		1,041	-	-	1,041	6,008
Charitable Activities		101,125	-	-	101,125	89,686
Total income	4	<u>102,166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,166</u>	<u>95,694</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Expenditure on raising funds		1,048	-	-	1,048	225
Expenditure on charitable activities:						
Direct charitable expenditure		40,262	-	-	40,262	84,582
Support and governance costs		9,400	-	-	9,400	7,784
Total expenditure	5	<u>50,710</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,710</u>	<u>92,591</u>
NET (EXPENDITURE) / INCOME		51,456	-	-	51,456	3,103
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		51,456	-	-	51,456	3,103
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds at 1 April 2020	15	<u>24,414</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,414</u>	<u>46,311</u>
Total funds at 31 March 2021	15	<u>75,870</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,870</u>	<u>49,414</u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

JOSS SEARCHLIGHT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	12,244	13,947
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock	10	3,394	6,225
Debtors	11	10,353	11,096
Cash at bank and in hand		91,633	19,781
		<u>105,380</u>	<u>37,102</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	2,764	1,635
		<u></u>	<u></u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		102,616	35,467
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		114,860	49,414
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	13,990	-
		<u></u>	<u></u>
NET ASSETS		<u>100,870</u>	<u>49,414</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:			
Unrestricted income funds	15	75,870	24,414
Designated income funds	15	25,000	25,000
		<u>100,870</u>	<u>49,414</u>

JOSS SEARCHLIGHT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A smaller entities.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

No notice has been deposited under section 476 of the act requesting the company to obtain an audit.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

Mr N Parkes
Trustee

Date approved by the board: 22 December 2021

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Joss Searchlight is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

Registered office

21 Bedford Square
London
WC1B 3HH

Principal place of business

Station House
15 Station Lane
Witney
OX28 4BB

The financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The charity is a public benefit entity.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A smaller entities, Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A smaller entities 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' ("FRS 102"), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. The Trustees are of the view that the level of reserves will support the charity going forward.

Income

Recognition of Income

This is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the income;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Income with related expenditure

Where income has related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the Charities SORP or FRS 102 1A.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued...)

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources and are treated as restricted or unrestricted income in line with the donor's instructions.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as income from donations when receivable.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and Support Costs

Support costs represent the cost of central functions, for example governance costs, payroll administration, information technology. Governance costs are those support costs which relate to public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specific service or output.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued...)

Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remains in control of the charity.

Deferred income

No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates so as to write off the cost less residual value of the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Equipment	Reducing balance basis at 15% per annum
Fixtures and Fittings	Reducing balance basis at 15% per annum
Motor Vehicles	Straight line basis at 15% per annum

Leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Stock

Stock held represents gifts for distribution to beneficiaries and is valued at the Trustees' best estimate of market value as estimated at 31 March 2021.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued...)

Financial instruments

The charity only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Financial assets are measured at cost and are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. Where objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

The impairment loss for financial assets measured at cost is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the best estimate, which is an approximation, of the amount that the charity would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amount and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date non-financial assets not carried at fair value, like goodwill and plant, property and equipment, are reviewed to determine whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any asset or group of related assets (which is the higher of value in use and the fair value less cost to sell) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If the recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the statement of financial activities.

If an impairment loss is subsequently reversed, the carrying amount of the asset, or group of related assets, is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not to exceed the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset, or group of related assets, in prior periods. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the statement of financial activities.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and subsequently at amortised cost.

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2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued...)

Funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

3 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

No significant accounting estimates and judgements have had to be made by the trustees in preparing these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

4 INCOMING RESOURCES

None of the charity's income is attributable to geographical markets outside the United Kingdom.

The incoming resources included on page 10 consist of the following sources of income:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
Income from Donations and Legacies				
Donations and Gifts	1,041	-	1,041	1,060
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	-	-	-	4,948
	<u>1,041</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,041</u>	<u>6,008</u>
Income from Charitable Activities				
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	218	-	218	1,266
Fundraising	90,903	-	90,903	88,420
Grant income	10,004	-	10,004	-
	<u>101,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,125</u>	<u>89,686</u>
Total Income	<u>102,166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,166</u>	<u>95,694</u>

Included in fundraising income is £5k from The Foyle Foundation which is unrestricted.

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5 EXPENDITURE

The resources expended included on page 10 consist of the following sources of expenditure:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Raising funds				
Advertising and Promotion	387	-	387	60
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	661	-	661	67
Website and Social Media Fees	-	-	-	98
	<u>1,048</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,048</u>	<u>225</u>
Charitable Activities				
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>				
Gifts, Grants and Charitable Event Costs	12,101	-	12,101	50,875
CCPAS Fees	129	-	129	-
Gifts donated from Stock held	2,832	-	2,832	4,907
Professional & Consultancy Fees re Fundraising	25,200	-	25,200	28,800
<i>Support and Governance Costs</i>				
Depreciation	2,591	-	2,591	2,819
Equipment	1,581	-	1,581	532
General Expenses	183	-	183	313
Independent Examination Fees	1,620	-	1,620	810
Premises Expenses (incl Utilities)	513	-	513	461
Printing, Postage and Stationery	991	-	991	1,302
Telephone and Internet charges	347	-	347	521
Travel, Mileage and Mobile Phone	1,105	-	1,105	971
Van Expenses	205	-	205	55
Bank Loan Interest	264	-	264	-
	<u>49,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,662</u>	<u>92,366</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>50,710</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,710</u>	<u>92,591</u>

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6 EMPLOYEES

The average number of persons employed by the company (including trustees) during the year was:

	2021	2020
Average number of employees (including trustees)	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

7 STAFF COSTS

There were no staff costs and no trustees received any remuneration during the year other than those amounts disclosed in Note 16.

8 KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL REMUNERATION

No trustees of the charity have received remuneration in excess of £60,000 in the year to 31 March 2021.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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9 TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Equipment £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	15,850	3,856	4,500	24,206
Additions	701	187	-	888
At 31 March 2021	<u>16,551</u>	<u>4,043</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>25,094</u>
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 April 2020	5,405	2,154	2,700	10,259
Charge for year	1,655	261	675	2,591
At 31 March 2021	<u>7,060</u>	<u>2,415</u>	<u>3,375</u>	<u>12,850</u>
Net book value				
At 1 April 2020	<u>10,445</u>	<u>1,702</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>13,947</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>9,491</u>	<u>1,628</u>	<u>1,125</u>	<u>12,244</u>

10 STOCK

	2021 £	2020 £
Donated goods and goods for distribution	<u>3,394</u>	<u>6,225</u>

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11 DEBTORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	-	4,948
Other debtors	10,353	6,148
	<u>10,353</u>	<u>11,096</u>

Included in other debtors are advances to the directors (Note 16) of £10,353 (2020 = £6,148). These advances are interest free and have no fixed date of repayment.

12 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	1,863	-
Accruals	901	1,635
	<u>2,764</u>	<u>1,635</u>

13 CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	13,990	-

Included in the amounts falling due after more than one year are the following amounts which are due in more than five years:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	2,136	-

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14 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at 31 March 2021 represented by:

	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible assets	-	-	12,244	12,244
Stock	-	-	3,394	3,394
Debtors	-	-	10,353	10,353
Cash at bank and in hand	-	25,000	66,633	91,633
Current liabilities	-	-	(2,764)	(2,764)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	(13,990)	(13,990)
	-	25,000	75,870	100,870

15 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers	As at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	24,414	102,166	(50,710)	-	75,870
Total unrestricted funds	24,414	102,166	(50,710)	-	75,870
Designated funds:					
Holiday Grant programme	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Restricted funds					
Digital solutions	-	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	49,414	102,166	(50,710)	-	100,870

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15 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued...)

Movement in funds (previous year)

	At 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers	As at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	21,311	95,694	(92,591)	-	24,414
Total unrestricted funds	21,311	95,694	(92,591)	-	24,414
Designated funds					
Holiday Grant programme	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Total designated funds	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Total funds	46,311	95,694	(92,591)	-	49,414

16 TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS AND RELATED PARTIES

It was agreed at the charity's outset that Dianne Parkes, Director, would act as fundraiser due to her experience in fundraising and her knowledge of the organisation.

This is considered to be a payment for provision of services and consent from the Charity Commission was obtained in 2013.

During this financial year the amount of consultancy fees paid (via the company Absolute Works Ltd of which D Parkes is a director) was £25,200 inclusive of VAT (2019/20: £28,800 inclusive of VAT).

Other payments paid to directors incurred whilst carrying out charitable activities are detailed below:

	2021 £	2020 £
Mileage	237	393
Mobile telephone charges	-	434
Charity Helpline (80% of total cost)	504	480
Internet (33% of total cost)	115	221
Electricity and heating (14% of total cost)	485	461
	1,341	1,989

Note: the charity occupies a large 2 storey building owned by two of the Directors rent free. The Board of Directors consider it reasonable to reimburse the two directors for a portion of the electricity and heating, internet and telephone/helpline costs that they have paid personally, as shown above.

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16 TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS AND RELATED PARTIES (continued...)

	2021	2020
Number of directors that received payments:	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

At the start of the year, there was an amount owing to the charity of £6,148 from two of the Directors. This amount was repaid to the charity in December 2020. At the start of the year the directors also held retained petty cash totalling £2,259. During the year, the charity advanced a sum of £12,000 to these Directors to cover charity spending as the charity does not have a debit or credit card facility. The Directors used their personal bank account and debit cards to make some purchases on behalf of the charity. These purchases totalled £10,758. The charity advanced a further amount to the directors of £6,852 which was paid in error. The Directors owed the charity £10,353 at 31st March 2021 and is shown as a debtor at the year end. The £6,852 paid in error is due to be repaid to the charity by the Directors by 31st December 2021.

Apart from reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of the charity, no other payments were made to directors or any persons connected with them during this financial period.

During the year, no stock was donated by the two directors. In 2020 the directors donated stock with a value of £4,492 to the charity.

No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

JOSS SEARCHLIGHT**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME		
Donations and Gifts	1,041	1,060
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	-	4,948
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	218	1,266
Fundraising	90,903	88,420
Grant income	10,004	-
	102,166	95,694
Administrative expenses		
Advertising and Promotion	387	60
Charity Shop/Ebay Shop	661	67
Website and Social Media Fees	-	98
Gifts, Grants and Charitable Event Costs	12,101	50,875
CCPAS Fees	129	-
Gifts donated from Stock held	2,832	4,907
Professional & Consultancy Fees re Fundraising	25,200	28,800
Depreciation	2,591	2,819
Equipment	1,581	532
General Expenses	183	313
Independent Examination Fees	1,620	810
Premises Expenses (incl Utilities)	513	461
Printing, Postage and Stationery	991	1,302
Telephone and Internet charges	347	521
Travel, Mileage and Mobile Phone	1,105	971
Van Expenses	205	55
	50,446	92,591
Operating surplus		
	51,720	3,103
Interest payable and similar charges		
Bank Loan Interest	264	-
Surplus on ordinary activities		
	51,456	3,103
TRANSFER TO INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	51,456	3,103
Income and expenditure account brought forward	49,414	46,311
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT CARRIED FORWARD		
	100,870	49,414