



**The Autescape Organisation  
(a charitable company limited by guarantee),  
trading as Autescape**

**Trustees Annual Report  
for the period 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022  
(Contains Directors' report)  
(Financial Statements attached)**

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## Objectives

Autism touches the lives of millions of people in the UK. The Autscope Organisation (hereafter referred to by its trading name, Autscope) is principally engaged in organising the Autscope conference, held annually during the summer, which seeks to provide respite, support, information and education to autistic people. It was created by autistic people for autistic people to come together and experience a positive and accepting environment.

At Autscope, autistic people are fully included without having to adjust to the expectations of mainstream society. Presentations do not focus on how autistic people must be fundamentally changed in order to be acceptable. [<http://www.autscope.org/about/concept>]

Autscope's main source of funding is through the fees paid by conference participants, but we also seek donations and grant funding in order to facilitate access to Autscope's services among our target beneficiaries – the majority of whom have incomes significantly below the national average<sup>1</sup>.

### **The charitable objectives of Autscope are:**

1. to provide respite and support for autistic people by (i) organising retreat-style conferences at which autistic people can learn, engage in activities, socialise and relax in an autistic-orientated environment and (ii) generally providing them and their families and carers with information, advice and other forms of assistance;
2. to advance the education and awareness of the public in all matters relating to autism and in particular to increase public awareness of the challenges faced by, and the general circumstances of, autistic people and their families, thus encouraging increased acceptance and support of autistic people in the community;
3. to advance and promote the education of autistic people in self-advocacy and in those issues which are of particular interest and/or relevance to autistic people; and
4. to do such other charitable activities for the benefit and/or support of autistic people as the directors in their discretion shall decide.

The main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit are points 2 and 3 above.

All trustees confirm they have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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<sup>1</sup> Redman et al. (2009). Don't Write Me Off: Make the system fair for people with autism. London: National Autistic Society.

# Activities

## Organising a conference

During the year, the board of directors met monthly to consider the strategic direction of the organisation and make decisions on matters arising. They also established an organising committee overseen by the board but delegated with the responsibility for organising the 2022 Autscope conference. The organising committee was lead by an Event Manager with a core team of managers and other volunteers.

With the end of Covid restrictions this would be the first live event in 2 years. However, as the online conferences we had resorted to had been successful the board decided they would like to keep an online element running concurrently with the live event. In line with Autscope's mission we managed to design and create two environments where the schedule, social structure and presentation topics encouraged the full participation of autistic people either in person or from the comfort of their own homes.

**Venue.** The board had originally secured Giggleswick school for its 2020 venue which was held over until 2021 due to the Covid lockdown. In 2021 when we were unable to still have a live conference we had hoped that Giggleswick school would still be available. Sadly, the changes brought about through lockdown meant Giggleswick were unable to offer their facilities for 2022. This meant the board had to find another setting. Having not had a live conference for 2 years and having established a larger than expected contingent of online participants the board felt they could risk a larger venue with people voicing opinions that they were looking forward to coming back or coming for the first time.

The board decided on The Hayes conference centre in Alfreton, Derbyshire, which had good accessibility as well as a lot of single rooms and en-suites which were increasingly being asked for. It also had good links to rail stations and airports. Although more expensive than Giggleswick the board considered it good value in that it could meet the needs of our growth and the higher expectations of participants. For an en-suite room either single or shared it cost £330 per person and we also had a limited amount of standard rooms for £295 per person.

The Hayes conference centre also had a variety of good communal areas with the accommodation being attached. There were plenty of ground floor rooms and adapted rooms as well as family rooms with a variety of options. The conference centre was also surrounded by gardens with a seated terrace, lakeside area and it also had a bar.

This venue proved to be well liked with the communal areas for socialising providing plenty of scope for different activities. Though a little larger than most of our other venues it did mean more walking than usual for participants to access some of the activities but on the whole this was not a problem. The larger grounds with the lake also provided a relaxing place for those that enjoyed walking and due to excellent weather people were able to take advantage of the lawns and terrace well into the evening. The food was also generally well liked and of a high standard with special diets catered for but a small proportion of participants would have liked more choice. The staff were pleasant and helpful and quickly on hand to sort out any problems.

**Transport.** The Hayes conference centre was only a short journey from Alfreton station but with many main line trains going through Derby we decided to provide transport to and from both stations. Unfortunately we were unable to hire a coach company since many had stopped trading due to Covid so we had to resort to hiring a 17 seat mini bus and transporting people ourselves. We were unable to charge for this but many people willingly donated to Autscope which offset the cost.

**Costs.** Participant registration costs were another key issue considered by the directors. The vast majority of the registration fees paid by Autscope participants cover the cost of hiring the conference venue, including accommodation and catering. Autscope does not seek to make money from the annual conference. Rather, the final fees are set by the Directors with the aim of breaking even. Nevertheless, the Board must ensure that the costs of attending the conference are within the reach of potential participants.

Even though the 2022 venue was fairly expensive the conference was good value for money as we were able to provide en-suite rooms and good facilities. It offered access to a residential 3-day conference with full board for between £295 and £330 depending on booking options. We also had a bursary fund for people on low incomes.

Following the success of adding the fourth optional day in 2019 we also offered this again for an additional £95. This was a relaxation day without any programme so it didn't disadvantage those who could not afford to stay.

For people who were only able to attend the online event we charged £10 which the board considered to be good value considering it gave them access to all the main presentations and online social space.

**Registration.** This time we opened registration on a first come first served basis as we knew we had a big venue to fill. With covid restrictions only just being lifted we were also unsure how many people would register. The intention was to close registration early if necessary and hold back some places for those who were not quick enough to book straight away so they were not disadvantaged. However, as the venue had a bigger capacity than we were exclusively contracted for and with many people opting to share rooms we found we could keep registration open until numbers were required by the venue 2 weeks before the event.

**Publicity.** Autscope 2022 was publicised in Asperger United magazine (supplied at no charge), a quarterly magazine written by and for people on the autism spectrum, in addition to being advertised via the Autscope website and word of mouth. The level of promotion for Autscope 2022 appears to have been adequate to achieve an increase in numbers registering for the conference. Autscope still needs to adopt a conservative approach planning advertising to ensure resources and potentially funds are not deployed pushing demand significantly beyond the number of limited places available.

**Merchandise and sensory equipment.** This year the board did not purchase any new sensory equipment but a small selection of sensory toys and glow products alongside some soft toys were available to purchase and we had some T-shirts, Teddies and bags with the Autscope logo on them which were very popular.

# Achievements and performance

## The Autscope 2022 Conference

In 2022, Autscope held its 18th annual conference on 8th-11th August at The Hayes Conference Centre, Alfreton, Derbyshire. This was a live event with an on-line element for which we used Zoom with additional content on Discord.

This year's theme was 'Interdependence' which was a purposely broad theme intended to explore how the autistic community rely on each other, what support we do/don't need, and what we can offer to the autistic community, and society at large. We had presentations and workshops and these were live streamed where possible to the on-line participants.

The event was attended by 319 participants with the majority attending for the full residential event and a small proportion just attending for the day. This included autistic and non-autistic adults, their children and carers. Of these, 91 also booked for the additional day. We also had a further 222 join us for the online only event. This is the largest number of people to have attended an Autscope conference since they began in 2005. While this number attests to the resounding success of Autscope, it is a continuing challenge to try and find venues that meet the needs of mobility impaired participants and are fully accessible whilst still maintaining reasonable costs for all.

Autscope 2022 ran for three days during which there were workshops, leisure activities, social opportunities, and the Annual General Meeting. All of these activities were specifically oriented to the needs and preferences of autistic people, in line with Autscope's core mission. A fourth day was optional for relaxing and winding down.

**The Programme.** The programme included an excellent set of well-attended and engaging lectures, workshops, and discussions, with a substantial majority of autistic presenters, some new to Autscope (see Box 1). With the theme of 'Interdependence', the programme explored the different ways the autistic community rely on each other, what support we do/don't need, and what we can offer to the autistic community, and society at large.

Presentations were accepted on a competitive basis out of a range of proposals. As in previous years, formal programme lectures came with opportunities for both structured and informal discussion between participants. Full details of Autscope 2022 are available on our website at: [www.autscope.org](http://www.autscope.org).

In addition to the programme of presentations, Autscope also had a diverse range of leisure and social activities. These included our very popular "Sparklies in the Dark" where many people come together to enjoy their love of coloured lights. We also had opportunities to showcase talents in the entertainment evening, plus lightning talks in which participants can share a topic of interest for 5 minutes. Volunteers also ran a quiz night and a recreation of the TV show Countdown. People were also able to join home groups enabling participants to get to know each other better and we extended as many social activities as possible to the on-line participants who also had use of Discord.

### **Box 1: Autscope highlights**

**Heta** talked about a project which ran from December 2021 to April 2022, where a number of autistic people from five continents worked together as an ad hoc committee, the Global Autistic Task Force on Autism Research, to respond to the article 'The Lancet Commission on the future of care and clinical research in autism'. This collaboration resulted in an open letter and an article that was submitted to a peer-reviewed journal. They described some of the challenges encountered during this process, as well as solutions. They also discussed the possibility and potential benefits of similar future projects with the audience being asked to contribute ideas.

**Sue McCowan and Mary Doherty** from Autistic Doctors International (ADI) reported on current ADI research, publications and collaborations aimed at improving healthcare services for autistic people. Projects with the Royal College of Psychiatrists, the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons were discussed, along with research projects in General Practice, including an autism training initiative for GPs. Autistic doctors are in a unique position to educate colleagues and improve services from the inside and they illustrated that through healthy interdependence with their highly valued peer supporters they can model the benefits of open communication between staff, services and users. They explained that when they talk about their own barriers to healthcare, their fellow professionals realise that this is a huge issue for autistic people. They made the point that if they can't access care, who can?

**Saffron Baldoza** gave a workshop on Interdependence at work: Self advocacy and balance. They explained that 22% of autistic adults are employed - compared to 79% of the general population. Through the lens of interdependence, they examined the key problems in securing jobs and coping in the workplace. They believed the key to success is knowing your rights, self advocacy, and most importantly, striking a balance between the independence of working, and utilising support - i.e. becoming interdependent. The workshop outlined what interdependence means before it delved into Autism, unemployment, and rights. They covered job applications, interview adjustments, and the formal support available when at work, before focusing on adjustments an employer can provide. They also covered personal coping strategies for managing within the workplace. Finally, they guided participants through the creation of a simple workplace adjustments passport that they could share with their colleagues and/or managers. They also provided a more comprehensive 'interdependence at work' toolkit with resources for participants to use.

## **Fundraising**

Autscope continued to be part of the Give As You Live and PayPal Giving Fund fundraising platforms in order to capture a small but potentially steady stream of donations.

Give As You Live is a fundraising platform for UK charities and their supporters. To make donations on purchases, shoppers just need to sign up to Give As You Live, select The Autscope Organisation as their favourite charity, install a Give As You Live program on their computer, start shopping, and the money (up to 10% of the total online purchase) is donated to the charity.

PayPal Giving Fund helps people support their favourite charities online and helps charities raise funds through PayPal, eBay and other technology platforms.

Autscope raised £37.50 via PayPal Giving Fund during the reporting period.

## **Online lists**

Autscape has a 'Community' mailing list with moderators and this is popular with a portion of people who have attended Autscape at various times to discuss the conference, share things of interest relating to Autism in general, and maintain social links as an extension of the networking opportunities the Autscape conference provides. It is also a place where people who cannot get to a conference can communicate with other autistic people in a safe on-line environment.

Autscape also runs various sub committee lists in order for people to become actively involved in organising the conference. The most popular is the programme sub committee where proposals to present at the next conference are discussed.

## **Membership**

Attendance at our annual conference or participating in any aspect of Autscape is not dependent on being a member.

The current membership fee is set at £5.00 and members receive information via our members list and announce list. Members who book a place at our annual conference also receive a £5.00 discount on the fee.

Membership stood at 142 people as of 30th September 2022, compared to 277 people as of 30th September 2021. This decrease is due to a timing anomaly as well as a larger number of people attending the online only event in 2021.

## **Facebook/Twitter**

The board also continued to develop its Facebook page to promote and relay information about The Autscape Organisation. This is administrated by a board member and is increasing its followers. We also use Twitter which is generally most active during and just after the conference.

## **Collaboration**

The board have continued Autscape's membership of the European Council of Autistic People. Although this cost £174.91 the board were able to take advantage of the Zoom subscription enabling Autscape to provide a professional online conference to a large amount of people. Autscape is represented on the board and therefore able to take part in discussions and be informed of issues affecting the European community.

We also collaborated with a group of volunteers who raised money to provide bursaries specifically for people of colour to attend Autscape. The board welcomed this as an initiative that helped 14 people of colour to attend and we have opened a dialogue with people of colour organisations and representatives so we can better meet their needs at future conferences and encourage more people of colour to attend.

## **Technology**

We have continued to develop the Autscape website and we used Ticket Tailor for the conference booking system. We also utilised Zoom and Discord for the conference.

## **Organising committee**

The board set up a dedicated organising committee for the Annual Autscope conference who reported regularly to the board so they could monitor the progress. The organising committee had experienced Autscope conference organisers but they were also able to bring in as many volunteers as required to help with various tasks.

## **Policies**

The board reviewed its Membership policy though it has delayed implementation pending review of associated GDPR policies.

The board also compiled and approved a new Booking policy which incorporates booking terms and conditions including cancellations and will be the standard booking policy for all future events.

The Behaviour policy was also reviewed and amendments made to reflect the changes to the organising structure in that an organising committee/management team and not the board were delegated main responsibility for behaviour at the event. Serious behaviour issues may still be escalated to the board especially those which may require some further action.

## **Bursary Scheme**

The board introduced its first Bursary scheme for the Autscope 2018 conference. The aim being to make Autscope accessible to people who would otherwise not be able to afford to attend.

During the previous two years of only low fee online conferences we did not award any bursaries. As a result the bursary fund carried forward from the end of the 2021 reporting period was £2016.

The bursary committee considered all applications and we used the whole of the fund granting bursaries to the 10 people who asked for one with amounts ranging between £50 and £200. Hopefully we will be able to donate an amount of money to a bursary fund every year from now on.

## **Summary**

Having been impacted heavily by Coronavirus for the previous two years we were pleased to be able to bring back a live conference. Whilst the charity was able to continue to make a difference to the circumstances of its beneficiaries by providing an on-line replacement event, it was thrilling and refreshing to be able to bring back people to real autistic space where participants felt safe and accepted whilst learning and exploring aspects of their own and others' autism. We were also able to use the skills we had acquired through only having on-line events to reach even more people by keeping the on-line facility for those who were not able to get to a live event.

This has a wider benefit to society as a whole in that the more people we can deliver our conference to, the better able we are to educate people about the challenges autistic people face and how they can be better supported and accepted individually and as an autistic community.

## **Financial review**

### **Treasurers report**

Autscape has continued to make sure its financial procedures are of a high standard and by close monitoring it makes changes to its procedures as and when necessary.

In 2022, Autscape was able to return to hosting an in-person event. This was well attended but since Covid restrictions had only recently been lifted there was still some trepidation around mixing with large groups and therefore the overall attendance was too low to break even.

This, along with the fact that the two previous years were online only and brought in little income means the board need to take great financial care in the upcoming year.

Also contributing to an overall net income were the regular contributions Autscape receives from its chosen fundraising platforms, for which you can refer to the fundraising report for further details, and also the generous donations of Autscape attendants and members of £3,844, which came to a total of £3881.

### **Accounts / Financial**

The total assets held at the end of the financial period was £29,143. For comparison, the state of all funds at the end of the previous year was £27,646.

### **Reserves Policy**

The reserves exist so that the charity is able to continue even if there is some expenditure that is unplanned. However, reserves are harmful if they are allowed to build up without limit instead of being spent on charitable activities.

There is balance to be made between the goals of making the charity robust and not holding on to excessive funds. Autscape has a simple reserves policy - it aims for the reserves to be between two limits. If the reserves fall under the lower limit, or above the higher limit, the board have to take action to increase or decrease the reserves as appropriate.

The reserves are currently set at £5000 for the lower limit and £8000 for the higher limit. The reserves held at the end of the financial period were £8,566, with the surplus being used towards the venue deposit for Autscape 2023, demonstrating how Autscape is planning its activities in advance.

## **Structure, governance and management**

### **Governing document**

The Autscope Organisation (Autscope) is a company limited by guarantee and governed by its Memorandum & Articles of association dated July 2010. The Autscope Organisation is registered as a Charity with the Charities Commission.

### **Constitution and recruitment of trustees**

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as the Board. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association members of the Board are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting. Board members are elected to roles by the board and with the exception of the Chair and vice chair who are elected annually, they will usually remain in that role until their time on the board expires.

### **Changes to the board**

There were some notable changes both to the directors and their roles at Autscope between October 2021 and September 2022

**Chair/Company Secretary/Treasurer.** In September 2022 James Pelham was elected as chair and Martijn Dekker was elected as vice-chair. Richard Chandler remained as the Treasurer and Elaine Binhammer remained as Company secretary.

At the 2022 AGM, Martijn Dekker and James Pelham were re-elected to the board and David Singh, Kacey Clark and George Watts were also elected. Leneh Buckle left the board having completed her term and Peter Marshall did not stand for election having been co-opted following the 2021 AGM.

**The Board would like to thank all of the people who generously donated to Autscope and those who contributed to our subcommittees, working groups and plan list, and who assisted at the conference itself.**

## Reference and administrative details

**Full name** The Autscope Organisation

**Registered charity number** 114913

**Registered company number** 07325467

**Principal address and Registered Office**

101 Broad Park Road

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**Directors at the time of the report**

James Pelham, Chair

Martijn Dekker, Vice Chair

Richard Chandler, Treasurer

Patricia Jubb, Honorary Secretary

Heta Pukki

Kacey Clark

Georgina Watts

David Singh

Elaine Binhammer, Company Secretary

**Company Secretary at the time of the report**

Mrs Elaine Binhammer

**Directors who served during the financial year**

Elaine Binhammer, Company Secretary

Karen Leneh Ruth-Ann Buckle

Martijn Dekker, Vice Chair

James Pelham

Heta Pukki, Honorary Secretary

Peter Marshall

Patricia Jubb, Honorary Secretary

Richard Chandler, Treasurer

David Singh

Kacey Clark

Georgina Watts

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the directors.

## **Responsibilities of the Trustees**

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to: select suitable accounting policies and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The trustees must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

## **Small company provisions:**

This report has been prepared in accordance with FRS102 SORP with the special provisions for small companies under the Companies Act 2006.

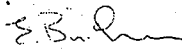
## **Exemptions**

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption (see statement on balance sheet).

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed



Dated 23rd October 2023

Elaine Binhammer, Company Secretary

## THE AUTSCAPE ORGANISATION

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### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 30 September 2022

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I report on the financial statements of The Autscape Organisation for the year ended 30 September 2022, which are set out on pages 13 to 19.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

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

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

#### Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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.

Jim Dodds  
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Date: 24 October 2023



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

(INCLUDING SUMMARY INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 30 September 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	5	3,844	-	3,844	789
Charitable activities					
Grants and contracts	6	87,076	-	87,076	6,960
Investments	7	66	-	66	1
<b>Total income</b>		<b>90,986</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,986</b>	<b>7,750</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	8	89,489	-	89,489	855
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>89,489</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,489</b>	<b>855</b>
<b>Net movement of funds</b>		<b>1,497</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>6,895</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		27,646	-	27,646	20,751
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>29,143</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,143</b>	<b>27,646</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 15 to 19 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Charity Number 1141913  
Company Number 7325467

**BALANCE SHEET**

As at 30 September 2022

	Notes	£	Total 2022 £	£	Total 2021 £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	13	21,277		16,560	
Cash at bank and in hand	14	8,566		11,176	
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>29,843</b>		<b>27,736</b>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	<b>( 700 )</b>		<b>( 90 )</b>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>29,143</b>		<b>27,646</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>29,143</b>		<b>27,646</b>
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>			<b>29,143</b>		<b>27,646</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted income funds			29,143		27,646
Restricted income funds			-		-
<b>Total funds</b>			<b>29,143</b>		<b>27,646</b>

The company was entitled to an exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with the respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The notes on pages 15 to 19 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 23 October 2023

and are signed on its behalf by:

Richard Chandler  
Treasurer

Richard Chandler  
Richard Chandler (Oct 24, 2023 11:23 GMT+1)

## **THE AUTSCAPE ORGANISATION**

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### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 30 September 2022

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#### **1 Accounting Policies**

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

#### **2 Basis of accounting**

##### **2.1 Basis of preparation**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

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

The Autscope Organisation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

##### **2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis**

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £29,143 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 to 18 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

#### **3 Income**

##### **3.1 Recognition of income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### **3.2 Offsetting**

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

##### **3.3 Grants and donations**

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance or provision of other specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

##### **3.4 Volunteer help**

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

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#### **3.5 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

#### **3.6 Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charities' work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

### **4 Expenditure and liabilities**

#### **4.1 Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised when 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.

#### **4.2 Charitable activities**

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering a conference and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

#### **4.3 Governance and support costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### **4.4 Irrecoverable VAT**

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

#### **4.5 Creditors**

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

#### **4.6 Provisions for liabilities**

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

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### Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>5 Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations and gifts	3,844	-	3,844	789
	<u>3,844</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,844</u>	<u>789</u>
<b>6 Charitable activities</b>				
Autscape 2021 event fee income	-	-	-	6,960
Autscape 2022 event fee income	87,076	-	87,076	-
	<u>87,076</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,076</u>	<u>6,960</u>
<b>7 Income from investments</b>				
Bank interest	66	-	66	1
	<u>66</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>1</u>

Income was £90,986 (2021: £7,750) of which £90,986 was unrestricted or designated (2021: £7,750) and £0 was restricted (2021: £0).

### Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>8 Charitable activities</b>				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Autscape 2021	-	-	-	855
Autscape 2022 venue hire	80,744	-	80,744	-
Other event costs	393	-	393	-
Event childcare costs	1,825	-	1,825	-
Event minibus hire	2,208	-	2,208	-
Travel costs	13	-	13	-
<u>Support costs</u>				
Sales and marketing	473	-	473	-
Office cost	1,385	-	1,385	-
IT costs	27	-	27	-
Insurance	601	-	601	-
Bank charges and fees	1,120	-	1,120	-
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	700	-	700	-
	<u>89,489</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,489</u>	<u>855</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £89,489 (2021: £855) of which £89,489 was unrestricted or designated (2021: £855) and £0 was restricted (2021: £0).

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**9 Fees for examination of the accounts**

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts.	700	-
	<u>700</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2021: £nil)

**10 Analysis of staff costs, and the cost of key management personnel**

The Charity does not currently employ any staff.

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the Trustees.

**11 Transactions with trustees**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their Charity or a related entity.

**Trustees' expenses**

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

**Transaction(s) with related parties**

There has been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

**12 Corporation Taxation**

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

**13 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)**

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	-	631
Prepayments	21,277	15,929
	<u>21,277</u>	<u>16,560</u>

**14 Cash at bank and in hand**

	2022 £	2021 £
Short term deposits	5,055	5,379
Cash at bank	3,511	5,797
	<u>8,566</u>	<u>11,176</u>

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**15 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)**

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	-	90
Accruals		
Independent examination of accounts	700	-
	<u>700</u>	<u>90</u>

**16 Events after the end of the reporting period**

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

**17 Analysis of charitable funds****Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds**

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General unrestricted fund	27,646	90,986	( 89,489 )	-	29,143
<b>Totals</b>	<u>27,646</u>	<u>90,986</u>	<u>( 89,489 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,143</u>

**Purpose of unrestricted funds**

General unrestricted fund      The 'free reserves' after allowing for designated funds.

**18 Capital commitments**

As at 30 September 2022, the charity had no capital commitments (2021 -£nil).

**19 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	8,566	-	8,566	11,176
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	20,577	-	20,577	16,470
	<u>29,143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,143</u>	<u>27,646</u>