

CENTRE FOR CRIMINAL APPEALS

England & Wales · Charity number 1144162

Details

Other names	APPEAL, CCA
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07556168
Registered	2011-10-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST PRISONERS AND OTHER CONVICTED PEOPLE LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY A. PROVIDING INVESTIGATION SERVICES, LEGAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING APPEALS OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCES VIA APPLICATIONS TO THE CRIMINAL CASES REVIEW COMMISSION AND THE COURT OF APPEAL B. supporting victims of miscarriages of justice and their families with surviving these injustices including facilitation of a peer support network, as well as support including therapeutic, financial and in kind support. 2. PROMOTING THE SOUND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, IN PARTICULAR BY ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: A. PROVIDING INVESTIGATION SERVICES, LEGAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING APPEALS OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCES VIA APPLICATIONS TO THE CRIMINAL CASES REVIEW COMMISSION AND THE COURT OF APPEAL TO PERSONS WHO, THROUGH LACK OF MEANS, WOULD OTHERWISE BE UNABLE TO AFFORD THEM. B. INFORMING AND EDUCATING CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY MAKERS, INVESTIGATING AND PROSECUTING AUTHORITIES, THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC ABOUT ANY SYSTEMIC ISSUES WHICH NEED TO BE ADDRESSED TO AVOID UNSAFE CONVICTIONS. C. supporting victims of miscarriages of justice and their families in the development of skills to advocate for justice in their own right.

Activities: APPEAL provides investigation services and legal advocacy for victims of unsafe convictions and unfair sentences and uses individual cases as leverage for system-wide criminal justice reform.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£630,007	£658,953	£723,835	10
2024-03-31	£687,450	£524,400	£752,781	10
2023-03-31	£454,534	£430,243	-	-
2022-03-31	£507,538	£338,957	£565,440	8
2021-03-31	£425,313	£334,356	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Allegra Rosa Elizabeth Curling		2026-02-20
Chris David		2015-09-21
David Corker		2026-02-19
Emma Goodall		2026-02-22
Jacob Kendal Bindman		2022-09-20
Mair Rose Williams		2022-10-14
Yusuf Solley		2026-01-21

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Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Centre for Criminal Appeals
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
T/A
APPEAL

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Report of Chair of Trustees:

APPEAL is a charity and law practice dedicated to challenging wrongful convictions and promoting a fairer justice system..

An Impact report detailing the organisation's work over the last year can be found on the APPEAL website, at www.appeal.org.uk. Some highlights are contained within this report.

During 2024-25, APPEAL has continued to challenge wrongful convictions and unfair sentences, bringing cases to the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) and the Criminal Cases Review Commission. In accordance with its Theory of Change, APPEAL has supported individuals and their families who have experienced a miscarriage of justice and who cannot afford to pay for an appeal lawyer.

APPEAL has also campaigned on wider issues to achieve reform of the criminal justice system. The organisation deploys its expert knowledge to identify particular issues of concern, conduct research, publish our findings and campaign.

The key focuses of APPEAL's work on wrongful convictions, includes, racial justice, women's justice and police accountability. Alongside our casework APPEAL provides holistic support to victims of miscarriage of justice and their families, as well as campaigning to reform the unfair compensation regime for wrongful convictions.

This year has been a period of deep, steady progress: behind the scenes, our legal team continued to work on complex cases with care and rigour, often in the face of frustrating institutional resistance. Our racial justice team continued its important work exploring the disproportionate impact of criminal convictions on Black and racially minoritised communities, particularly within the context of joint enterprise prosecutions. This year also saw us strengthening our work to help wrongfully convicted women in the justice system, working collaboratively to raise awareness about the treatment of women, who are survivors of abuse, who are unfairly criminalised.

Joe Hingston

Chair

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objects, as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

The relief of poverty and financial hardship amongst prisoners and other convicted people living in the United Kingdom, by providing investigation services, legal advice and assistance regarding appeals of criminal convictions and sentences via applications to the Criminal Cases Review Commission and the Court of Appeal.

Promoting the sound administration of justice and proper administration of the law for the public benefit, in particular by all or any of the following:

- providing investigation services, legal advice and assistance regarding appeals of criminal convictions and sentences via applications to the Criminal Cases Review Commission and the Court of Appeal to persons who, through lack of means, would otherwise be unable to afford them.
- informing and educating criminal justice policy makers, investigating and prosecuting authorities, the legal profession and the public about any systemic issues which need to be addressed to avoid unsafe convictions.

Public benefit

The trustees have given due consideration to Charity Commission published guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement.

The organisation seeks to benefit the public by testing the accuracy and fairness of the criminal justice system's case outcomes and by making the criminal justice system more accountable for its mistakes so that it can learn from them.

Pro Bono, Students and Volunteers

APPEAL is supported by lawyers at leading City law firms who contribute time pro bono to our case enquiries and litigation efforts as well as to system research directed at reform. The firms assign junior, senior and administrative staff to the cases and research assignments.

APPEAL also works with university students reading law and related disciplines through a clinical legal education programme. The students are trained in appeal practice and the causes of miscarriages of justice and contribute their time to cases and research projects.

APPEAL's continues to offer work experience opportunities to students who would not otherwise be able to secure such placements. Students are hosted from universities in the UK and abroad where the sponsoring institution covers some student expenses and/or provides academic credit.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

APPEAL played a central role in securing justice for Andy Malkinson, whose wrongful conviction was overturned after 17 years. Chris Henley KC's independent report exposed serious institutional failings and prompted the resignation of the CCRC Chair and led to a major review of 5,500 previously rejected CCRC cases. A criminal investigation into police misconduct is now underway, and Andy received interim compensation. His case has directly influenced proposed reforms to the criminal appeals process.

APPEAL launched a national campaign to challenge the UK's restrictive compensation rules for the wrongfully convicted. With new funding, the organisation is uniting victims, briefing MPs, and pushing to repeal the 2014 legal test that requires proving innocence beyond reasonable doubt—a barrier that has denied justice to over 90% of applicants.

APPEAL continued to expose systemic racism in policing and prosecution, particularly through its PROOF 6 event at Parliament. The organisation highlighted cases such as the Manchester 10 and Birmingham Four, and successfully overturned convictions linked to corrupt officer DS Ridgewell. APPEAL is calling for automatic reviews of convictions whenever a police officer is imprisoned.

APPEAL advocated for women affected by trauma and abuse who have been unfairly sentenced, contributing to national legal discourse and supporting the Law Commission's review of homicide laws. This work emphasises the need for trauma-informed legal defences and fairer treatment of women within the justice system.

APPEAL's media presence expanded significantly, with the BBC documentary *The Wrong Man*—telling Andy Malkinson's story—reaching 1.9 million viewers. The organisation featured in over 65 media outlets and participated in more than 20 events, including the CALA conference, where it championed access to justice and highlighted the chronic underfunding of appeal work.

Through its Bound by Injustice (BBI) programme, APPEAL provided emotional, legal, and practical support to 26 individuals and 6 families affected by wrongful convictions. This included end-of-life care, prison advocacy, and creative engagement, culminating in a healing retreat that strengthened community bonds and resilience. Visit: <https://appeal.org.uk/impact-report-2024-25/> for more details of APPEAL's work over the last 12 months.

Aims for the future

Looking to the future, APPEAL aims to fulfil the following objectives in 2025-26;

1. Bring more cases to the Court of Appeal: Building upon recent wins, APPEAL aims to bring at least one appeal case to the Court of Appeal each year.
2. Reform of the CCRC and appeals system: Including cultural and personnel changes within the CCRC, improved access to evidence post-conviction, and a fairer appeals process.
3. Abolish the unfair compensation test: Campaign to end the requirement to prove innocence beyond reasonable doubt for miscarriage of justice compensation.
4. Challenge racism in criminal justice: Publish research on racist stereotypes in joint enterprise cases and the legacy of 'sus' laws, and push for reform.
5. Promote diversity and lived experience: Build more diverse team of lawyers and advisors and work with those who have direct experience of the appeals system.
6. Inform and support women appealing their convictions: work with the women and legal experts to create trauma informed materials to support women navigating the appeals process.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the financial period, the charity received income of £630,007 (2024 £687,450) and had expenditure of £658,953 (£524,400) giving a deficit for the year of £28,946 (2024 surplus £163,050)

Total funds at 31 March 2025 stood at £723,835 (2024 £752,781) of which £639,766 was unrestricted and available for the charity's general use (2024 £519,614). £69,802 was restricted to the specific purposes for which the money was given. A further £14,267 (2024 £194,999) was unrestricted but designated for particular projects, details of which can be found in the notes to the financial statements. It is anticipated that expenditure of the designated funds will occur in the next twelve months.

Principal funding sources

The total donations and grants received by APPEAL in 2024-25 were £608,489. APPEAL is extremely grateful to all of our donors in the 2024-2025 financial year for their generous support of our work.

APPEAL holds a contract with the Legal Aid Agency to represent people seeking to challenge their conviction or sentence at the Court of Appeal or to the CCRC. Due to eligibility restrictions legal aid does not cover the all the cost of case work. We join with other stakeholders in the calls for an increase in the proper provision of public funding for this work.

Reserves policy

The Trustees believe that APPEAL should hold financial reserves because the charity is dependent on income from funding sources from year to year, which is inevitably subject to fluctuation.

In light of APPEAL's dual status as both a law practice and a charity, the Trustees have formulated a reserves policy which demonstrates the appropriate financial prudence required to discharge all regulatory requirements and our commitment to our legal work, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. Recognising that the organisation works on appeal cases over many years, the Trustees have reviewed the charity's needs for reserves and concluded that the appropriate reserves policy is to hold between five and seven months running costs in reserve at the start of the financial year (between £315,916 - £442,283). This reserves policy is longer than some charitable organisations in order to ensure that APPEAL is able to discharge it's legal obligations on it's ongoing cases, taking into account relevant risk factors which affect the work.

The Trustees maintain a continuous review of the organisation's financial position in order to ensure that the its objectives can be met.

Going concern

The trustees consider APPEAL to be a going concern from an review of its management accounts, bank balances, and resource development efforts,whichinclude diverse revenue streams of grants, donations and legal aid .

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a private company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Selection and appointment of new trustees

The trustees/directors are selected in accordance with the regulatory requirements for law practices, which are that all directors of a law practice must be lawyers. When new trustees/directors are required, candidates are identified, considered and appointed by the Co-Directors and the Board of Trustees.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Decision making

The day to day running of the charity is delegated to the following senior management personnel:

Emma Torr (Co-Director)

Matt Foot (Co-Director)

The trustees agree a strategic and operations plan with the Co-Directors, as well as an annual budget each year. The Co-Directors then oversee the implementation of these objectives by the charity employees. Any item of expenditure over £300 has to be approved by at least two trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees receive a thorough induction into APPEAL's work and are encouraged attend our offices and meet with staff. Trustees' training needs are kept under review and group or individual training will be offered if required.

Key management remuneration

APPEAL's salary policy is drafted with consultation of all staff, for approval by the trustees. It is comparatively flat in structure, is transparent and is reviewed every three years.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Risk	Mitigation
Human resources - staff turnover within a small organisation	Provide fair remuneration and support development
Fundraising - The need to hold sufficient funds to meet financial commitments and charity objectives, against an unpredictable fundraising environment	Accurate and regular monitoring of financial accounts and promoting diversification of income streams
Compliance-maintaining SRA authorisation, Legal Aid Agency contract and Specialist Quality Mark (SQM)	Proactive file management and inspection and timely monitoring of compliance duties

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07556168 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1144162

Centre for Criminal Appeals (Registered number: 07556168)

T/A APPEAL

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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J K Bindman Barrister
Ms M R Williams Barrister
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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

J Hingston - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Centre for Criminal Appeals**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Centre for Criminal Appeals ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the 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 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 charity'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

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

Mrs Natalie Coleman
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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27 November 2025

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	463,849	144,640	608,489	666,210
Charitable activities					
Casework	6	12,845	-	12,845	18,323
Other trading activities	4	1,863	-	1,863	-
Investment income	5	3,825	-	3,825	2,917
Other income		2,985	-	2,985	-
Total		<u>485,367</u>	<u>144,640</u>	<u>630,007</u>	<u>687,450</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	7	31,766	-	31,766	15,534
Charitable activities					
Casework	8	410,284	25,765	436,049	428,225
Communications		15,578	4,819	20,397	13,693
Survivor advocate		4,174	1,241	5,415	15,047
Research		-	76,211	76,211	-
Training		-	2,050	2,050	-
General operations		21,404	-	21,404	-
Other		62,741	2,920	65,661	51,901
Total		<u>545,947</u>	<u>113,006</u>	<u>658,953</u>	<u>524,400</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(60,580)	31,634	(28,946)	163,050
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		714,613	38,168	752,781	589,731
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>654,033</u>	<u>69,802</u>	<u>723,835</u>	<u>752,781</u>

Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	1,187	-	1,187	3,760
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	38,236	6,014	44,250	47,438
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>646,342</u>	<u>63,787</u>	<u>710,129</u>	<u>724,938</u>
		684,578	69,801	754,379	772,376
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(31,731)	-	(31,731)	(23,355)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>652,847</u>	<u>69,801</u>	<u>722,648</u>	<u>749,021</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		654,034	69,801	723,835	752,781
NET ASSETS FUNDS	17	<u>654,034</u>	<u>69,801</u>	<u>723,835</u>	<u>752,781</u>
Unrestricted funds				654,034	714,613
Restricted funds				<u>69,801</u>	<u>38,168</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>723,835</u>	<u>752,781</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2025

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to small charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 November 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

J Hingston - Trustee

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(19,785)	136,544
Interest paid		<u>(149)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(19,934)</u>	<u>136,544</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(4,644)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		1,300	-
Interest received		<u>3,825</u>	<u>2,917</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>5,125</u>	<u>(1,727)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(14,809)</u>	<u>134,817</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>724,938</u>	<u>590,121</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>710,129</u>	<u>724,938</u>

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(28,946)	163,050
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,273	2,141
Interest received	(3,825)	(2,917)
Interest paid	149	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	3,188	(29,436)
Increase in creditors	8,376	3,706
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(19,785)</u>	<u>136,544</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Cash flow	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	724,938	(14,809)	710,129
	<u>724,938</u>	<u>(14,809)</u>	<u>710,129</u>
Total	<u>724,938</u>	<u>(14,809)</u>	<u>710,129</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. LEGAL FORM OF THE CHARITY

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Although the net assets of the charity have decreased by £28,946 this year, the trustees are of the opinion that the future of the charity is secure for at least the next 12 months and that, on this basis, the charity is a going concern.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs (including staff pension contributions) are allocated directly to the activity and fund to which they relate. Where the costs incurred relate to more than one activity or fund, they are apportioned on a basis consistent with the resource.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors

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

Creditors and provisions

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

Donated services

The charity is grateful for the donated services of commercial law firms who contribute time pro bono to case screening, litigation and system research. The trustees do not consider that any reliable monetary value can be placed on these services and, for this reason, no value has been reflected in the accounts.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	255,367	224,470
Grants	351,972	441,740
Gift aid	1,150	-
	<u>608,489</u>	<u>666,210</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Fundraising events	1,739	-
Media	124	-
	<u>1,863</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

5. INVESTMENT INCOME		31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
Deposit account interest		<u>3,825</u>	<u>2,917</u>
6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		31.3.25	31.3.24
		Casework	Total
		£	activities
Legal aid		<u>12,845</u>	<u>18,323</u>
7. RAISING FUNDS			
Raising donations and legacies		31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
Staff costs		<u>31,285</u>	<u>14,373</u>
Other trading activities		31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
Fundraising costs		<u>481</u>	<u>1,161</u>
Aggregate amounts		<u>31,766</u>	<u>15,534</u>
8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS			
	Direct	Support	Totals
	Costs	costs (see	
	£	note 9)	£
Casework	436,049	-	436,049
Communications	20,397	-	20,397
Survivor advocate	5,415	-	5,415
Research	76,211	-	76,211
Training	-	2,050	2,050
General operations	21,404	-	21,404
	<u>559,476</u>	<u>2,050</u>	<u>561,526</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other resources expended	39,926	25,735	65,661
Training	<u>2,050</u>	-	<u>2,050</u>
	<u>41,976</u>	<u>25,735</u>	<u>67,711</u>

10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Independent examiner	2,316	2,205
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,273</u>	<u>2,142</u>

11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

12. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	498,132	386,910
Social security costs	47,189	33,848
Other pension costs	<u>20,543</u>	<u>17,067</u>
	<u>565,864</u>	<u>437,825</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Staff	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000. The highest wage paid was £51,095 per annum.

Staff costs have been apportioned between projects and their associated funds on a time basis.

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13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	569,599	96,611	666,210
Charitable activities			
Casework	18,323	-	18,323
Investment income	2,917	-	2,917
Total	<u>590,839</u>	<u>96,611</u>	<u>687,450</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	9,615	5,919	15,534
Charitable activities			
Casework	298,973	129,252	428,225
Communications	9,748	3,945	13,693
Survivor advocate	3,947	11,100	15,047
Other	46,674	5,227	51,901
Total	<u>368,957</u>	<u>155,443</u>	<u>524,400</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	221,882	(58,832)	163,050
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	492,731	97,000	589,731
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>714,613</u>	<u>38,168</u>	<u>752,781</u>

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14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024	1,339	300	17,617	19,256
Disposals	-	-	(1,300)	(1,300)
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,339</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>16,317</u>	<u>17,956</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	675	300	14,521	15,496
Charge for year	267	-	1,006	1,273
At 31 March 2025	<u>942</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>15,527</u>	<u>16,769</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	<u>397</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>1,187</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,096</u>	<u>3,760</u>

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>44,250</u>	<u>47,438</u>

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade creditors	8,286	5,858
Social security and other taxes	11,649	2,119
Other creditors	7,517	13,062
Accrued expenses	<u>4,279</u>	<u>2,316</u>
	<u>31,731</u>	<u>23,355</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	519,614	120,153	639,767
Women's Justice Initiative	140,229	(131,732)	8,497
Core funding	49,000	(49,000)	-
Staff training	5,770	-	5,770
	<u>714,613</u>	<u>(60,579)</u>	<u>654,034</u>
Restricted funds			
Casework	5,326	-	5,326
Women's Justice Initiative	3,360	10,741	14,101
Staff training	13,391	(2,050)	11,341
Bound by Injustice	-	13,624	13,624
Justice First Fellowship	15,034	(15,034)	-
Racial Justice Researcher	1,057	23,357	24,414
Solidarity Fund	-	995	995
	<u>38,168</u>	<u>31,633</u>	<u>69,801</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>752,781</u>	<u>(28,946)</u>	<u>723,835</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	370,035	(249,882)	120,153
Women's Justice Initiative	-	(131,732)	(131,732)
Core funding	115,332	(164,332)	(49,000)
	<u>485,367</u>	<u>(545,946)</u>	<u>(60,579)</u>
Restricted funds			
Women's Justice Initiative	17,101	(6,360)	10,741
Staff training	-	(2,050)	(2,050)
Bound by Injustice	19,500	(5,876)	13,624
Justice First Fellowship	-	(15,034)	(15,034)
Racial Justice Researcher	92,400	(69,043)	23,357
The Miners' Strike	11,639	(11,639)	-
Solidarity Fund	4,000	(3,005)	995
	<u>144,640</u>	<u>(113,007)</u>	<u>31,633</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>630,007</u>	<u>(658,953)</u>	<u>(28,946)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	492,731	26,883	519,614
Women's Justice Initiative	-	140,229	140,229
Core funding	-	49,000	49,000
Staff training	-	5,770	5,770
	<u>492,731</u>	<u>221,882</u>	<u>714,613</u>
Restricted funds			
Casework	5,326	-	5,326
Women's Justice Initiative	47,078	(43,718)	3,360
Staff training	-	13,391	13,391
Resource development & communications	5,919	(5,919)	-
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	(1,334)	-
Bound by Injustice	11,100	(11,100)	-
Justice First Fellowship	18,394	(3,360)	15,034
Racial Justice Researcher	7,849	(6,792)	1,057
	<u>97,000</u>	<u>(58,832)</u>	<u>38,168</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>589,731</u>	<u>163,050</u>	<u>752,781</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	395,840	(368,957)	26,883
Women's Justice Initiative	140,229	-	140,229
Core funding	49,000	-	49,000
Staff training	5,770	-	5,770
	<u>590,839</u>	<u>(368,957)</u>	<u>221,882</u>
Restricted funds			
Women's Justice Initiative	3,360	(47,078)	(43,718)
Staff training	15,000	(1,609)	13,391
Resource development & communications	-	(5,919)	(5,919)
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	-	(1,334)	(1,334)
Bound by Injustice	1,500	(12,600)	(11,100)
Justice First Fellowship	49,751	(53,111)	(3,360)
Racial Justice Researcher	27,000	(33,792)	(6,792)
	<u>96,611</u>	<u>(155,443)</u>	<u>(58,832)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>687,450</u>	<u>(524,400)</u>	<u>163,050</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	492,731	147,036	639,767
Women's Justice Initiative	-	8,497	8,497
Staff training	-	5,770	5,770
	<u>492,731</u>	<u>161,303</u>	<u>654,034</u>
Restricted funds			
Casework	5,326	-	5,326
Women's Justice Initiative	47,078	(32,977)	14,101
Staff training	-	11,341	11,341
Resource development & communications	5,919	(5,919)	-
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	(1,334)	-
Bound by Injustice	11,100	2,524	13,624
Justice First Fellowship	18,394	(18,394)	-
Racial Justice Researcher	7,849	16,565	24,414
Solidarity Fund	-	995	995
	<u>97,000</u>	<u>(27,199)</u>	<u>69,801</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>589,731</u>	<u>134,104</u>	<u>723,835</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	765,875	(618,839)	147,036
Women's Justice Initiative	140,229	(131,732)	8,497
Core funding	164,332	(164,332)	-
Staff training	5,770	-	5,770
	<u>1,076,206</u>	<u>(914,903)</u>	<u>161,303</u>
Restricted funds			
Women's Justice Initiative	20,461	(53,438)	(32,977)
Staff training	15,000	(3,659)	11,341
Resource development & communications	-	(5,919)	(5,919)
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	-	(1,334)	(1,334)
Bound by Injustice	21,000	(18,476)	2,524
Justice First Fellowship	49,751	(68,145)	(18,394)
Racial Justice Researcher	119,400	(102,835)	16,565
The Miners' Strike	11,639	(11,639)	-
Solidarity Fund	4,000	(3,005)	995
	<u>241,251</u>	<u>(268,450)</u>	<u>(27,199)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,317,457</u>	<u>(1,183,353)</u>	<u>134,104</u>

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

19. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Casework

A grants was received from:

The National Lottery

to be used in the Bound by Injustice projects.

Women's Justice Initiative

Grants were received from:

The Network for Social Change

The Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust

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19. RESTRICTED FUNDS - continued

to address Women's Justice.

Racial Injustice

A grant was received from

The Baring Foundation

Universal Music

to fund research into whether non-unanimous jury verdicts lead to miscarriages of justice for BAME defendants.

Staff Training

A grant was received from the Jomati Foundation to be used in staff training.

Solidarity Fund

A grant was received from A B Charitable Trust to help respond to additional needs deriving from widespread violence across the UK in August 2024

Wrongful convictions and the 1984-85 Miners' strike: Exploring pathways to justice

York University paid for the secondment of Matt Foot to facilitate this project

20. DESIGNATED FUNDS

At the balance sheet date the charity held the following unrestricted funds:

General Fund	£ 639,766
Designated Funds:	
Training	5,770
Women's Justice Initiative	8,497

The general fund represents the free reserves of the charity.

The designated funds have been ring fenced by the Trustees for the following purposes:

An unrestricted donation received from the Jomati Foundation has been set aside for training.

A unrestricted grant from Lankelly Chase has been set aside for use in the Women's Justice Initiative.

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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
Centre for Criminal Appeals
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
T/A APPEAL

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Report of Chair of Trustees:

APPEAL is a charity and law practice dedicated to challenging wrongful convictions and promoting a fairer justice system..

An Impact report detailing the organisation's work over the last year can be found on the APPEAL website, at www.appeal.org.uk. Some highlights are contained within this report.

We bring unsafe convictions and unfair sentences to the Court of Appeal and the Criminal Cases Review Commission. We campaign on the wider issues our cases touch upon in order to achieve reform of the criminal justice system. We deploy our expert knowledge to identify particular issues of concern, conduct research and publish our findings.

During 2023-24, APPEAL has continued to challenge wrongful convictions and unfair sentences, bringing cases to the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) and the Criminal Cases Review Commission. In accordance with its Theory of Change, APPEAL has supported individuals and their families who have experienced a miscarriage of justice and who cannot afford to pay for an appeal lawyer.

APPEAL has also campaigned on wider issues to achieve reform of the criminal justice system. The organisation deploys its expert knowledge to identify particular issues of concern, conduct research, publish findings and campaign.

In 2023, having founded APPEAL and led the organisation for a decade, Emily Bolton stepped down from her role as Director, to focus on casework. She handed leadership of the organisation over to two Co Directors, Emma Torr (Barrister) and Matt Foot (Solicitor) and an expanded Board. Under this new leadership, APPEAL has and will continue to challenge wrongful convictions and promote a fairer justice system.

This transition has been during a big year for APPEAL. We have had successes in the court, with three convictions quashed in the Court of Appeal. These cases provide a unique opportunity for systemic reform to ensure history does not repeat the same mistakes.

The publicity we have received - particularly with Andy Malkinson's case - has brought with it hundreds of letters and emails from others protesting their innocence and seeking APPEAL's legal expertise.

The key focuses of APPEAL's work continues to include wrongful convictions, women's justice, racial justice and police accountability. In addition to this APPEAL continues to support victims of miscarriage of justice through its survivors' advocacy work and will be campaigning to reform the current compensation regime for wrongful convictions.

Joining the fight against wrongful convictions, APPEAL is proud to introduce five dynamic and esteemed patrons, Charlie Falconer, Baron Falconer of Thoroton PC, KC, Ian Hislop, Michael Mansfield KC, Dame Emma Thompson OBE and Winston Trew. Their support stands as a powerful endorsement of APPEAL's mission in fighting wrongful convictions and demanding a fair justice system.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Joe Hingston

Chair

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objects, as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

The relief of poverty and financial hardship amongst prisoners and other convicted people living in the United Kingdom, by providing investigation services, legal advice and assistance regarding appeals of criminal convictions and sentences via applications to the Criminal Cases Review Commission and the Court of Appeal.

Promoting the sound administration of justice and proper administration of the law for the public benefit, in particular by all or any of the following:

- providing investigation services, legal advice and assistance regarding appeals of criminal convictions and sentences via applications to the Criminal Cases Review Commission and the Court of Appeal to persons who, through lack of means, would otherwise be unable to afford them.
- informing and educating criminal justice policy makers, investigating and prosecuting authorities, the legal profession and the public about any systemic issues which need to be addressed to avoid unsafe convictions.

Public benefit

The trustees have given due consideration to Charity Commission published guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement.

The organisation seeks to benefit the public by testing the accuracy and fairness of the criminal justice system's case outcomes and by making the criminal justice system more accountable for its mistakes so that it can learn from them.

Pro Bono, Students and Volunteers

APPEAL is supported by lawyers at commercial law firms who contribute time pro bono to case screening and litigation efforts as well as to system research directed at reform. The firms assign junior, senior and administrative staff to the cases and research assignments.

APPEAL also works with university students reading law and related disciplines through a clinical legal education programme. The students are trained in appeal practice and the causes of miscarriages of justice, and contribute their time to cases and research projects.

APPEAL's policy is not to offer unpaid internships, due to concerns about social mobility and exploitation. Work placements are only offered to students where the sponsoring institution covers some student expenses and/or provides academic credit.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The past year has seen several successes including:

- The overturning of the convictions of Andrew Malkinson, Basil Peterkin and Saliah Mehmet;
- Drafting of consultation responses to the Law Commission's Issues Paper on Criminal Appeals and the Sentencing Council's consultations affecting women and girls in the criminal justice system.
- Reform of the miscarriage of justice compensation scheme involving the removal of the requirement to repay the costs of living in prison

Visit: <https://appeal.org.uk/impact-report-2023-24/> for more details of APPEAL's work over the last 12 months.

Aims for the future

Looking to the future, APPEAL aims to fulfil the following objectives in 2024-25;

1. **Play a key role in achieving root and branch reform:** working with the Law Commission, Parliamentarians and other stakeholders to lay the groundwork for major reform of the appeals system in England and Wales. APPEAL will promote a fairer and more accountable system for overturning wrongful convictions including new leadership and culture change at the CCRC, reform of the test used by the CCRC in referring cases to the Court of Appeal and advocating for reform of evidence disclosure rules.
2. **Scrap the brutal test for compensation:** campaigning to bring together victims of miscarriage of justice who have been refused compensation and lobbying the Government so that the test for compensation is not based upon proving innocence beyond reasonable doubt.
3. **Influence the conversation about racism in criminal justice:** undertaking vital research at trial level into the stereotypes and racist themes which underpin joint enterprise prosecutions and present this work to bring about a non-racist approach to these cases.
4. **Promote co-production and lived experience:** People with lived experience of the harms of the criminal justice system are vital in advocating for change. Working on developing more opportunities for co-production, will place those with lived experience at the heart of system reform efforts.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the financial period, the charity received income of £687,450 (2023 £454,534) and had expenditure of £524,400 (2023 £430,243) giving a surplus for the year of £163,050 (2023 £24,291)

Total funds at 31 March 2024 stood at £752,781 (2023 £589,731) of which £519,614 was unrestricted and available for the charity's general use (2023 £492,731). £38,168 was restricted to the specific purposes for which the money was given (2023 £97,000). A further £194,999 was unrestricted but designated for particular projects, details of which can be found in the notes to the financial statements. It is anticipated that expenditure of the designated funds will occur within the next twelve months.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The total donations and grants received by APPEAL in 2023-24 were £666,210. Appeal is extremely grateful to all of our donors in the 2023-2024 financial year for their generous support of our work.

APPEAL holds a contract with the Legal Aid Agency to represent people seeking to challenge their conviction or sentence at the Court of Appeal or CCRC. Most of APPEAL's work is not covered by legal aid. We join with other stakeholders in calls for an increase in the proper provision for public funding for this work.

Reserves policy

The Trustees believe that APPEAL should hold financial reserves because the charity is dependent on income from funding sources from year to year, which is inevitably subject to fluctuation.

In light of APPEAL's dual status as both a law practice and a charity, the Trustees have formulated a reserves policy which demonstrates the appropriate financial prudence required to discharge all regulatory requirements and our commitment to our legal work, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. Recognising that the organisation works on appeal cases over many years, the Trustees have reviewed the charity's needs for reserves and concluded that the appropriate reserves policy is to hold between five and seven months running costs in reserve at the start of the financial year (between £315,916 and £442,283). This reserves policy is longer than some charitable organisations in order to ensure that APPEAL is able to discharge its legal obligations on its ongoing cases, taking into account relevant risk factors which affect the work. This has been an exceptional year in terms of core funding for APPEAL, with the publicity surrounding Andy Malkinson's exoneration and the Post Office scandal raising public awareness about miscarriages of justice that occur. The core funding raised this year will be used to cover the core expenditures for the coming year.

The Trustees maintain a continuous review of the organisation's financial position in order to ensure that its objectives can be met.

Going concern

The trustees consider APPEAL to be a going concern from an review of its management accounts, bank balances, and resource development efforts, which include diverse revenue streams of grants, donations and legal aid .

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a private company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Selection and appointment of new trustees

The trustees/ directors are selected in accordance with the regulatory requirements for law practices, which are that all directors of a law practice must be lawyers. When new trustees/directors are required, candidates are identified, considered and appointed by a vote of the current Board of Trustees.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Decision making

The day to day running of the charity is delegated to the following senior management personnel:

Emma Torr (Co-Director)

Matt Foot (Co-Director)

The trustees agree a strategic and operations plan with the Co-Directors, as well as an annual budget each year. The Co-Directors then oversee the implementation of these objectives by the charity staff. Any item of expenditure that exceeds £300 has to be approved by a trustee.

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees receive induction in the form of key documents to review and a "deep dive" into the work of the charity via a visit to the offices and meetings with staff. Trustees' training needs are kept under review and group or individual training will be offered if required.

Key management remuneration

APPEAL's salary policy is drafted with consultation of all staff, for approval by the trustees. It is comparatively flat in structure, is transparent and is reviewed every three years.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Risk	Mitigation
Human resources - staff turnover within a small organisation	Provide fair remuneration and support development
Fundraising - The need to hold sufficient funds to meet financial commitments and charity objectives, against an unpredictable fundraising environment	Accurate and regular monitoring of financial accounts and promoting diversification of income streams
Compliance-maintaining SRA authorisation, Legal Aid Agency contract and Specialist Quality Mark (SQM)	Proactive file management and inspection and timely monitoring of compliance duties

Centre for Criminal Appeals
T/A APPEAL

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
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Registered Charity number
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Ms M Obi
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 6 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

J Hingston - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Centre for Criminal Appeals**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Centre for Criminal Appeals ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the 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 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 charity'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 Report to the Trustees of
Centre for Criminal Appeals**

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

Mrs Natalie Coleman
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds as restated £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	569,599	96,611	666,210	447,682
Charitable activities					
Casework	5	18,323	-	18,323	5,789
Investment income	4	2,917	-	2,917	1,063
Total		<u>590,839</u>	<u>96,611</u>	<u>687,450</u>	<u>454,534</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	9,615	5,919	15,534	22,474
Charitable activities					
Casework	7	298,973	129,252	428,225	307,428
Communications		9,748	3,945	13,693	52,290
Survivor advocate		3,947	11,100	15,047	-
Other		<u>46,674</u>	<u>5,227</u>	<u>51,901</u>	<u>48,051</u>
Total		<u>368,957</u>	<u>155,443</u>	<u>524,400</u>	<u>430,243</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		221,882	(58,832)	163,050	24,291
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>492,731</u>	<u>97,000</u>	<u>589,731</u>	<u>565,440</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>714,613</u></u>	<u><u>38,168</u></u>	<u><u>752,781</u></u>	<u><u>589,731</u></u>

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds as restated £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	3,760	-	3,760	1,257
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	47,438	-	47,438	18,002
Cash at bank and in hand		686,770	38,168	724,938	590,121
		<u>734,208</u>	<u>38,168</u>	<u>772,376</u>	<u>608,123</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(23,355)	-	(23,355)	(19,649)
		<u>710,853</u>	<u>38,168</u>	<u>749,021</u>	<u>588,474</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>714,613</u>	<u>38,168</u>	<u>752,781</u>	<u>589,731</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>714,613</u>	<u>38,168</u>	<u>752,781</u>	<u>589,731</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>714,613</u>	<u>38,168</u>	<u>752,781</u>	<u>589,731</u>
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				714,613	492,731
Restricted funds				38,168	97,000
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>752,781</u>	<u>589,731</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 6 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

J Hingston - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

		31.3.24	31.3.23
	Notes	£	as restated £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	136,544	15,206
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>136,544</u>	<u>15,206</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(4,644)	(644)
Interest received		2,917	1,063
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(1,727)</u>	<u>419</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		134,817	15,625
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>590,121</u>	<u>574,496</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>724,938</u></u>	<u><u>590,121</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	163,050	24,291
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	2,141	593
Interest received	(2,917)	(1,063)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(29,436)	6,796
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	3,706	(15,411)
Net cash provided by operations	<u>136,544</u>	<u>15,206</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	590,121	134,817	724,938
	<u>590,121</u>	<u>134,817</u>	<u>724,938</u>
Total	<u>590,121</u>	<u>134,817</u>	<u>724,938</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. LEGAL FORM OF THE CHARITY

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The net assets of the charity have increased by £163,050 this year. The trustees are of the opinion that the future of the charity is secure for at least the next 12 months and that, on this basis, the charity is a going concern.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs (including staff pension contributions) are allocated directly to the activity and fund to which they relate. Where the costs incurred relate to more than one activity or fund, they are apportioned on a basis consistent with the resource.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors

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

Creditors and provisions

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

Donated services

The charity is grateful for the donated services of commercial law firms who contribute time pro bono to case screening, litigation and system research. The trustees do not consider that any reliable monetary value can be placed on these services and, for this reason, no value has been reflected in the accounts.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
	£	£
Donations	224,470	158,910
Grants	441,740	286,116
Gift aid	-	2,656
	<u>666,210</u>	<u>447,682</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
£	£
2,917	1,063
<u>2,917</u>	<u>1,063</u>

Deposit account interest

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
Casework £	Total activities £
18,323	5,789
<u>18,323</u>	<u>5,789</u>

Legal aid

6. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
£	£
14,373	22,278
<u>14,373</u>	<u>22,278</u>

Staff costs

Other trading activities

31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
£	£
1,161	196
<u>1,161</u>	<u>196</u>
15,534	22,474
<u>15,534</u>	<u>22,474</u>

Fundraising costs

Aggregate amounts

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £
Casework	428,225
Communications	13,693
Survivor advocate	15,047
	<u>456,965</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other resources expended	<u>33,480</u>	<u>18,421</u>	<u>51,901</u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
	£	£
Independent examiner	2,205	2,100
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>2,142</u>	<u>593</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

11. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
	£	£
Wages and salaries	386,910	312,313
Social security costs	33,848	26,517
Other pension costs	17,067	13,480
	<u>437,825</u>	<u>352,310</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
Staff	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000. The highest wage paid was £50,018 per annum.

Staff costs have been apportioned between projects and their associated funds on a time basis.

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds as restated
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	300,528	147,154	447,682
Charitable activities			
Casework	5,789	-	5,789
Investment income	1,063	-	1,063
Total	<u>307,380</u>	<u>147,154</u>	<u>454,534</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	22,474	-	22,474
Charitable activities			
Casework	151,536	155,892	307,428
Communications	42,371	9,919	52,290
Other	46,729	1,322	48,051
Total	<u>263,110</u>	<u>167,133</u>	<u>430,243</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds as restated
	£	£	£
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	44,270	(19,979)	24,291
Transfers between funds	30,059	(30,059)	-
Net movement in funds	74,329	(50,038)	24,291
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	418,402	147,038	565,440
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>492,731</u>	<u>97,000</u>	<u>589,731</u>

13. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

Correction to the Financial Statements Year ended 31 March 2023

Due to a clerical error a grant of £10,000, whose purpose was restricted to the Bound by Injustice initiative, was wrongly classified as unrestricted.

The comparative figures have been restated to reflect the correct financial position at 31 March 2023.

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2023	1,339	300	12,972	14,611
Additions	-	-	4,645	4,645
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,339</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>17,617</u>	<u>19,256</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	407	300	12,647	13,354
Charge for year	268	-	1,874	2,142
At 31 March 2024	<u>675</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>14,521</u>	<u>15,496</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	<u>664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,096</u>	<u>3,760</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>1,257</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	47,438	18,002
	<u>47,438</u>	<u>18,002</u>

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,858	2,719
Social security and other taxes	2,119	9,057
Other creditors	13,062	5,673
Accrued expenses	2,316	2,200
	<u>23,355</u>	<u>19,649</u>

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	492,731	26,883	519,614
Women's Justice Initiative	-	140,229	140,229
Core funding	-	49,000	49,000
Staff training	-	5,770	5,770
	<u>492,731</u>	<u>221,882</u>	<u>714,613</u>
Restricted funds			
Casework	5,326	-	5,326
Women's Justice Initiative	47,078	(43,718)	3,360
Staff training	-	13,391	13,391
Resource development & communications	5,919	(5,919)	-
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	(1,334)	-
Bound by Injustice	11,100	(11,100)	-
Justice First Fellowship	18,394	(3,360)	15,034
Racial Justice Researcher	7,849	(6,792)	1,057
	<u>97,000</u>	<u>(58,832)</u>	<u>38,168</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>589,731</u>	<u>163,050</u>	<u>752,781</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	395,840	(368,957)	26,883
Women's Justice Initiative	140,229	-	140,229
Core funding	49,000	-	49,000
Staff training	5,770	-	5,770
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	590,839	(368,957)	221,882
Restricted funds			
Women's Justice Initiative	3,360	(47,078)	(43,718)
Staff training	15,000	(1,609)	13,391
Resource development & communications	-	(5,919)	(5,919)
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	-	(1,334)	(1,334)
Bound by Injustice	1,500	(12,600)	(11,100)
Justice First Fellowship	49,751	(53,111)	(3,360)
Racial Justice Researcher	27,000	(33,792)	(6,792)
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	96,611	(155,443)	(58,832)
TOTAL FUNDS	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	687,450	(524,400)	163,050

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	418,402	44,270	30,059	492,731
Restricted funds				
Casework	5,326	-	-	5,326
Women's Justice Initiative	113,033	(36,896)	(29,059)	47,078
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Resource development & communications	5,919	-	-	5,919
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	-	-	1,334
Bound by Injustice	100	11,000	-	11,100
Justice First Fellowship	10,326	8,068	-	18,394
Staff wellbeing	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Racial Justice Researcher	-	7,849	-	7,849
	<u>147,038</u>	<u>(19,979)</u>	<u>(30,059)</u>	<u>97,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>565,440</u>	<u>24,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>589,731</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	307,380	(263,110)	44,270
Restricted funds			
Women's Justice Initiative	59,419	(96,315)	(36,896)
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
Bound by Injustice	12,000	(1,000)	11,000
Justice First Fellowship	57,859	(49,791)	8,068
Racial Justice Researcher	15,424	(7,575)	7,849
Costs of producing impact report	2,452	(2,452)	-
	<u>147,154</u>	<u>(167,133)</u>	<u>(19,979)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>454,534</u>	<u>(430,243)</u>	<u>24,291</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	418,402	71,153	30,059	519,614
Women's Justice Initiative	-	140,229	-	140,229
Core funding	-	49,000	-	49,000
Staff training	-	5,770	-	5,770
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	418,402	266,152	30,059	714,613
Restricted funds				
Casework	5,326	-	-	5,326
Women's Justice Initiative	113,033	(80,614)	(29,059)	3,360
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Staff training	-	13,391	-	13,391
Resource development & communications	5,919	(5,919)	-	-
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	(1,334)	-	-
Bound by Injustice	100	(100)	-	-
Justice First Fellowship	10,326	4,708	-	15,034
Staff wellbeing	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Racial Justice Researcher	-	1,057	-	1,057
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	147,038	(78,811)	(30,059)	38,168
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TOTAL FUNDS	565,440	187,341	-	752,781
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	703,220	(632,067)	71,153
Women's Justice Initiative	140,229	-	140,229
Core funding	49,000	-	49,000
Staff training	5,770	-	5,770
	<u>898,219</u>	<u>(632,067)</u>	<u>266,152</u>
Restricted funds			
Women's Justice Initiative	62,779	(143,393)	(80,614)
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
Staff training	15,000	(1,609)	13,391
Resource development & communications	-	(5,919)	(5,919)
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	-	(1,334)	(1,334)
Bound by Injustice	13,500	(13,600)	(100)
Justice First Fellowship	107,610	(102,902)	4,708
Racial Justice Researcher	42,424	(41,367)	1,057
Costs of producing impact report	2,452	(2,452)	-
	<u>243,765</u>	<u>(322,576)</u>	<u>(78,811)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,141,984</u>	<u>(954,643)</u>	<u>187,341</u>

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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19. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Casework

Grants and donations were received from:

Big D's BBQ

The Michael and Shirley Hunt Charitable Trust

to be used in the Bound by Injustice projects.

Women's Justice Initiative

A grants was received from:

The Legal Education Foundation

to address Women's Justice.

Justice First Fellowship

A grant was received from The Legal Education Foundation to provide training and project support for a trainee solicitor in order to advance access to justice.

Racial Injustice

A grant was received from The Baring Foundation to fund research into whether non-unanimous jury verdicts lead to miscarriages of justice for BAME defendants.

Staff Training

A grant was received from the Jomati Foundation to be used in staff training.

20. DESIGNATED FUNDS

At the balance sheet date the charity held the following unrestricted funds:

General Fund	£ 519,614
Designated Funds:	
Training	5,770
Women's Justice Initiative	140,229
Core funding	49,000

The general fund represents the free reserves of the charity.

The designated funds have been ring fenced by the Trustees for the following purposes:

An unrestricted donation received from the Jomati Foundation has been set aside for training.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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20. DESIGNATED FUNDS - continued

A unrestricted grant from Lankelly Chase has been set aside for use in the Women's Justice Initiative.

Unrestricted grants from the Roddick Foundation and the Network for Social Change have been set aside for the charity's core funding.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	as restated £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	224,470	158,910
Grants	441,740	286,116
Gift aid	-	2,656
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	666,210	447,682
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	2,917	1,063
Charitable activities		
Legal aid	18,323	5,789
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Total incoming resources	687,450	454,534
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	12,747	21,159
Social security	1,147	679
Pensions	479	440
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	14,373	22,278
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	1,161	196
Charitable activities		
Wages	374,163	291,154
Social security	32,701	25,838
Pensions	16,588	13,040
Document fees	189	445
Travel	5,134	2,936
Expert fees	4,589	4,148
Other casework expenses	3,820	-
Communications	11,759	20,185
Client care	3,014	872
Clinical supervision	600	1,100
Carried forward	452,557	359,718

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	as restated £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	452,557	359,718
Survivor advocate resources	988	-
Survivor advocate facilitation	2,562	-
Survivor advocate crisis fund	551	-
Survivor advocate safeguarding	307	-
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	456,965	359,718
Support costs		
Management		
Rent & rates	6,174	4,596
Insurance	6,041	5,526
Light and heat	3,393	5,746
Telephone	1,230	1,404
Printing, postage & stationery	1,031	1,063
Sundries	1,503	757
I T Costs	7,696	7,936
Recruitment	1,613	675
Training	1,609	2,210
Cleaning	467	800
Staff travel	2,723	3,194
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	33,480	33,907
Governance costs		
Independent examiner	2,205	2,100
Practice certificates	337	679
Bookkeeping	11,343	10,130
Bank charges	117	71
SRA fees	2,278	571
Plant and machinery	268	268
Computer equipment	1,873	325
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	18,421	14,144
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Total resources expended	524,400	430,243
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Net income	163,050	24,291
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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
Centre for Criminal Appeals
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
T/A APPEAL

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Report of Chair of Trustees:

APPEAL was founded as a non-profit law practice committed to fighting miscarriages of justice and demanding reform.

An Impact report breaking down the organisation's work in detail this last year can be found on the APPEAL website, at www.appeal.org.uk, but some highlights are provided here.

In 2022-23, APPEAL has continued to fight the cases of individual victims of unsafe convictions and unfair sentences who cannot afford to pay for a lawyer themselves. In accordance with our Theory of Change, the organisation has provided not just legal representation but also thorough investigation and holistic support to the people it represents and their loved ones, neither of which are properly funded by Legal Aid. APPEAL has used individual cases to advocate and campaign, informing the media, parliament, criminal justice policy makers and the public about how and why miscarriages of justice occur and what needs to change to stop them. The team has also worked to inspire the legal profession to take on this challenge and join APPEAL in fighting for change.

Having founded APPEAL and led the organisation for a decade, Emily Bolton is stepping down from her role as Director in 2023, to concentrate on casework and communications. She is handing leadership of the organisation over to two co-directors, Emma Torr (barrister) and Matt Foot (solicitor) and an expanded Board. Under this new leadership, APPEAL will continue to fight to overturn miscarriages of justice and demand vital criminal justice reform.

Fighting individual cases - Investigation and representation

Each of APPEAL's cases shines a spotlight on wider issues and controversies within the criminal appeals system, informing our advocacy and campaigns. Some examples follow. For those marked with an * pseudonyms have been used.

Finally, a day in court

Nearly two decades after his wrongful conviction, APPEAL client Andy Malkinson was finally granted a chance to clear his name.

In January 2023, the Criminal Cases Review Commission ('CCRC') referred Andy's conviction to the Court of Appeal as it considered there was a real possibility it would be overturned.

This was a significant and hard-earned breakthrough for Andy, who has always protested his innocence of a 2003 rape for which he served over 17 years in prison. The CCRC refers fewer than 3% of cases, and twice previously turned down Andy's case.

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The CCRC's decision came in response to an application by APPEAL which presented the compelling new evidence uncovered through years of investigation, made possible by APPEAL's partners and supporters.

This included the results of DNA testing commissioned by APPEAL, which not only supported Andy's innocence but led to further testing that subsequently implicated another man, who has since been identified and arrested.

The new evidence also comprised of previously undisclosed documents and photographs undermining the identification evidence used to prosecute Andy, which APPEAL obtained by twice taking the police to court.

Andy's case illustrates the need for reform to tackle problems which plague our criminal justice system, particularly the unlawful non-disclosure and destruction of evidence by police forces.

APPEAL worked with counsel Edward Henry KC and Max Hardy to persuade the Court of Appeal that Andy's conviction could not stand. The case also benefited from the expert assistance of law firms Ropes & Gray, Latham & Watkins and Mishcon de Reya. Andy's conviction was finally overturned on 26 July 2023.

Andy's story shines a spotlight on many of the system flaws that APPEAL has been campaigning to fix for almost a decade. We will be working to support Andy and others we represent to participate in the Law Commission's review of the criminal appeals system in England and Wales. We intend to seize this landmark opportunity, which came about in part due to our advocacy, to call for transformational change.

Flawed Forensics

Sarah* was wrongly convicted of murdering her husband and given a life sentence. The police focused on compiling a case against Sarah and her co-defendant and failed to follow up on other legitimate lines of enquiry. APPEAL is hoping that recent developments in scientific techniques can expose the flawed science relied upon at trial.

Malcom* tragically died in prison after spending over two decades there for crimes for which he consistently maintained his innocence. As is often the way in our cases, the jury at his 1997 trial were not unanimous in their decision to convict him of murder - only 10 out of 12 returned a guilty verdict. APPEAL has obtained fresh expert evidence which casts doubt on the reliability of forensic evidence relied on to convict him, and presented this to the CCRC, who are considering whether to refer his conviction to the Court of Appeal.

Women's Justice

Two days after Katie* turned 20 years old, she was convicted of murder and sentenced to 17 years in prison. At trial Katie was presented as equally culpable of the murder alongside her male co-defendant. APPEAL has obtained numerous records which demonstrate that Katie was an extremely vulnerable young woman who herself was the victim of abuse. This fresh evidence illustrates that Katie was not protected when at her most vulnerable and was undoubtedly failed by the system, and paints a very different picture of her than was portrayed at trial. APPEAL continues to work to uncover fresh evidence which is capable of undermining the safety of her conviction.

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Sunita* was convicted, along with another man, of murder of her husband. Evidence obtained by APPEAL demonstrates that she had learning difficulties and a very low IQ. Compounded by the fact that Sunita's comprehension of English was also limited, APPEAL has concerns about her ability to properly participate in her case and whether she was afforded a fair trial. APPEAL is working with counsel and experts to obtain fresh evidence and arguments to present to the Court of Appeal.

Judicial reluctance to overturn wrongful convictions

The Freshwater Five is one of our most high-profile cases. Four fisherman and a scaffold business owner were wrongly convicted of a drug smuggling conspiracy in the English Channel in 2011. On appeal ten years later, the Court of Appeal acknowledged that the prosecution had failed to hand over vital marine navigation data to the defence and that there was "no credible eye-witness testimony" linking them to the drugs found. Nevertheless, their convictions were upheld. A request that the IOPC re-open its investigation of the case, supported by former law enforcement officers, remained under review this year.

Racism and Injustice

David Pinto is a devoted father of four who, in 2013, was wrongly convicted of the murder of his nephew. David was convicted on purely circumstantial evidence when far more compelling leads were abandoned. The victim's mother - also David's sister - lost not only her son to murder but also her brother to prison. Racialised stereotypes about drugs and gangs played a role in convincing the jury that David would murder his own sister's son.

Influencing and Advocating for reform

APPEAL has been feeding back to the Law Commission in the scoping stage of their review into the criminal appeals system of England & Wales. This review, announced in August 2022 came about in part due to a 2021 report by the Westminster Commission on Miscarriages of Justice, in which APPEAL played a key role as the Secretariat.

Throughout the year, we have written to and had meetings with government ministers, MPs, peers and civil servants. We have responded to the government consultation on Legal Aid, published a policy briefing and supported relevant campaigns of partner organisations. We have spoken at nine external events.

Tara Casey, our women's justice caseworker, was quoted in Parliament in October 2022 while the house was debating legislation affecting the criminalisation of the TV licence fee.

Split juries, race and class

Work has continued on a ground-breaking research project looking at the phenomenon of juries in England and Wales being permitted to deliver a guilty verdict when not all members of the jury are convinced of guilt.

This review appears to be the first time that the origins of the 'majority verdict rule' in England and Wales has been subject to such scrutiny.

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This rule was introduced in 1967, - a time of increased migration from the Commonwealth as well as anti-racist and anti-colonial struggle. It abolished the centuries-old principle that a unanimous verdict was required in order for someone to be convicted of a criminal offence. Since the change, prosecutors have only needed to persuade 10 out of 12 jurors of a defendant's guilt. Many of the people APPEAL represents were wrongly convicted despite two of the jurors at their trial believing them to be innocent.

Led by Researcher Nisha Waller, and funded by the Baring Foundation, the research considers the extent to which race and class influenced the decision to introduce majority verdicts and how the rule interacts with miscarriages of justice.

The research has drawn on hundreds of archive materials including Home Office files and British newspapers. Initial findings suggest the introduction of the majority verdict rule may be linked to the decision to allow a wider range of people, in terms of race and class, to serve on juries.

Giving clients and their families and communities strength and hope

Bound By Injustice (BBI) is APPEAL's network for those at the sharp end of our broken justice system - people who have survived miscarriages of justice, and their loved ones. The group is facilitated by our Survivors Advocates, one of whom has lived experience as the spouse of someone wrongfully convicted. The cost-of-living crisis is affecting everyone, and many of our clients and families are bearing the brunt. Having a loved one in prison can have a massive effect on families' incomes, as the remaining partner struggles to balance paid work with caring for children and vulnerable family members, supporting the person in prison as well as the legal battle. Our Survivors Advocates produced an information pack compiling support that may be available to them including benefits, grants, help with energy bills, cheap eats and useful resources.

This year 33 of the 46 BBI members have received individual support from the Survivors Advocates with issues such as housing, further education, care for vulnerable family members and bereavement. Our Survivors Advocates have also liaised with prisons, holding them accountable for the conditions in which they keep APPEAL's clients.

We also provided two residential retreats for BBI members. The first took place in May in Pembrokeshire and was led by Jennifer Thompson, a speaker, advocate and pioneer of restorative justice who is also a crime survivor. Jennifer, founder of the US-based charity Healing Justice, facilitated a space for our community to speak openly about the trauma and loss caused by their own wrongful conviction, or that of a loved one. One member described how it had allowed them to feel 'connected in a deep and meaningful way with every single participant' and another called it 'a brilliant experience'.

In August, 30 members of our BBI community came together in Oxford to discuss what they had in common and find confidence as advocates for criminal justice reform. They also enjoyed cricket in the sun, punting on the river and activities facilitated by our Survivor Advocates. Everyone in the group bonded over their shared experiences, however the most notable connections were made between our very youngest BBI members. They even presented an acrostic poem about BBI to a rapt audience of their loved ones. With nervous excitement they read out:

Being together and
Believing
In each other

These words epitomise BBI and reflect the feeling of unity which continues to grow within the community.

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Inspiring the legal profession

The scope of our ambition to change the justice system is not matched by the size of our small staff team. We will only get there by growing a movement of lawyers to battle alongside us for change. The achievements in this report were made possible because of those current and future legal professionals who have already joined the fight.

Lawyers working in for-profit firms donate their time for free (pro bono) to work on APPEAL's clients' cases. This gives the people we represent the depth and breadth of investigation which is so vital to reaching the truth. Working with APPEAL also opens other lawyers' eyes to the injustices in the system.

Amanda Raad, a partner at Ropes & Gray, explains the importance of the firm's partnership with APPEAL:

"Our work with APPEAL is about more than righting legal wrongs. It's equally about supporting the individuals wrongly incarcerated as well as their families. It's an absolute privilege to be part of the healing process and to watch the Bound by Injustice community support one another. We are stronger together."

We also partnered with four universities to inspire the next generation of social justice lawyers, offering specialist training to aspiring solicitors and barristers.

Vanessa Wiggins, who supervises the clinic students at the University of East London notices that:

"APPEAL offers students a unique opportunity to bridge the gap between theory and practice, foster a deeper understanding of the legal system and to fight for a fair and inclusive justice system"

The Trustees hope that the information above provides a helpful account of the work of APPEAL in the reporting period.

Joe Hingston

Chair

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objects, as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

The relief of poverty and financial hardship amongst prisoners and other convicted people living in the United Kingdom, by providing investigation services, legal advice and assistance regarding appeals of criminal convictions and sentences via applications to the Criminal Cases Review Commission and the Court of Appeal.

Promoting the sound administration of justice and proper administration of the law for the public benefit, in particular by all or any of the following:

- providing investigation services, legal advice and assistance regarding appeals of criminal convictions and sentences via applications to the Criminal Cases Review Commission and the Court of Appeal to persons who, through lack of means, would otherwise be unable to afford them.
- informing and educating criminal justice policy makers, investigating and prosecuting authorities, the legal profession and the public about any systemic issues which need to be addressed to avoid unsafe convictions.

Public benefit

The trustees have given due consideration to Charity Commission published guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement.

The organisation seeks to benefit the public by testing the accuracy and fairness of the criminal justice system's case outcomes and by making the criminal justice system more accountable for its mistakes so that it can learn from them.

Pro Bono, Students and Volunteers

APPEAL is supported by lawyers at commercial law firms who contribute time pro bono to case screening and litigation efforts as well as to system research directed at reform. The firms assign junior, senior and administrative staff to the cases and research assignments.

APPEAL also works with university students reading law and related disciplines through a clinical legal education programme. The students are trained in appeal practice and the causes of miscarriages of justice, and contribute their time to cases and research projects.

APPEAL's policy is not to offer unpaid internships, due to concerns about social mobility and exploitation. Work placements are only offered to students where the sponsoring institution covers some student expenses and/or provides academic credit..

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

APPEAL's achievements over the 12-month period include the following:

Fighting individual cases

Because our justice system is broken, APPEAL has hundreds of people asking for our assistance every year. Unfortunately, our limited resources mean we can only progress a fraction of these cases. We prioritise those with the highest chance of success and which fit onto our strategic priority areas.

In this reporting year, we considered and responded to 346 requests for legal assistance made by or on behalf of people inside and out of prison

- 293 men
- 53 women

Investigation

In the last year we have submitted 38 individual requests for access to evidence including:

- 3 post-conviction disclosure requests
- 51 subject access requests
- 2 other evidence access requests

Litigation

- 27 individuals represented; and 4 women's justice cases that we've supported our partners with
- 1 case referred to the Court of Appeal
- 5 submissions made to the Court of Appeal
- 4 legal submissions filed with the CCRC, with 1 application referred to the Court of Appeal and 2 applications pending
- 8 experts instructed
- 3 formal complaints against law enforcement agencies made
- 3 information access complaints to the Information Commissioner made, all of which were successful
- Made 18 interventions on behalf of clients in relation to prison conditions or to probation

Advocating and influencing

Despite the small size of our team, APPEAL's work featured in an average of more than one publication per week across this year. The vast majority were in the country's most prominent news platforms (including the BBC, the Times and Sunday Times, ITV, the Mail and the Guardian). We also featured in industry blogs and magazines. Publications were across print, radio, TV and podcasts.

We send a regular monthly newsletter to 1,800 people and run lively platforms on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, creating a total of 361k impressions over the year. We see our highest engagement on Twitter, which has 5.4k followers. We increased our social media following by more than 1,300 this year.

- Featured in 55 broadcasts or publications across 23 outlets.
- 62k website visits over the year (up by 1.2k from last year)
- More than 15k (up by more than 50% from last year) hits on our TVL FAQ page with an average of just under 6 minutes spent on page
- Newsletter to 1,840 people, with an audience increase of more than 500 from last year

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Aims for the future

Looking to the future, APPEAL aims to fulfil the following objectives:

ONE - PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE IN REFORMING CRIMINAL APPEALS PROCEDURE AND POLICY

We will act as a major contributor for the Law Commission's review of criminal appeals. We will provide evidence in two formal consultations, and facilitate our Bound by Injustice community in sharing their expertise with the Law Commission. We will mobilise a group of stakeholders to help us refine our proposals for reform and ensure we represent a unified voice for change.

TWO - ENSURE THAT ANDY MALKINSON'S EXONERATION DRIVES REFORM OF THE SYSTEM

Having represented Andy Malkinson at his final appeal hearing in July 2023 and achieved his exoneration, we will advocate for root and branch reform of the appeals system that took so long to recognise his wrongful conviction. We will ensure that the failures at both trial and appeal levels are addressed in reform demands.

THREE - STRENGTHEN THE BOUND BY INJUSTICE COMMUNITY

We will organise at least two in person events for the Bound by Injustice community, including one designed to enhance the connections between the young members of the group. We will use new funding to build on the existing trusting relationships we have with our community, including through arranging home visits. We will work to create a safe and supported environment within which the group - including those in prison - can have their voices heard by those in positions of power.

FOUR - INFLUENCE THE CONVERSATION ABOUT RACISM IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

We will publish a report exploring whether current rules around non-unanimous jury verdicts in England and Wales find their origins in racism and whether this has links to miscarriages of justice and the silencing of BAME voices. The report will represent a significant development in the public conversation around racism in the criminal justice system. Based on our findings, we will propose how the system can be improved and advocate for change.

FIVE - STAND UP FOR THOSE BEING PROSECUTED FOR BEING POOR

We will hold the BBC to account as it implements the 10-point Action Plan aimed to address the gender disparity in TV Licensing prosecutions. We will create a "What happens in TVL prosecutions and what should I do?" flier which will be distributed to those with vulnerabilities that are being prosecuted for not paying their TV Licence. We have already handed in our petition I'm not a criminal: Stop TV Licensing prosecuting people during the cost-of-living crisis to the Culture Minister and are creating further media coverage around this issue.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Total funds at 31 March 2023 stood at £589,732 (2022 £565,440) of which £502,733 was unrestricted and available for the charity's general use. £86,999 was restricted to the specific purposes for which the money was given.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The total donations and grants received by APPEAL in 2022-23 were £447,683. Appeal is extremely grateful to all of our donors in the 2022-2023 financial year for their generous support of our work.

APPEAL holds a contract with the Legal Aid Agency to represent people seeking to challenge their conviction or sentence at the CCRC or Court of Appeal levels - which is a unique contract in the current Legal Aid regime. This funding source is limited and most of the work APPEAL undertakes is not covered by legal aid payments, however the contract is vital as a source of funds for the payment of experts and the work of forensic science laboratories where pro bono assistance cannot be obtained.

Further, the contract enables APPEAL to obtain civil Legal Aid for judicial review cases arising out of criminal appeal proceedings such as challenges to public bodies who decline to allow access to evidence. The contract also allows such litigation to be brought with a level of costs protection for clients seeking judicial review which is also key.

This Legal Aid contract means that APPEAL's donors never pay for things that the state should be paying for, but rather private funding is directed at work that is not statutorily supported, but APPEAL hopes one day will be as a result of its efforts.

Reserves policy

The trustees have given this much consideration given our unusual dual status as both a law practice and a charity and have formulated a reserves policy which demonstrates the financial prudence required to satisfy all of our regulatory requirements and our commitment to our clients.

There is no swift resolution in appeals cases, which can take 5 years to move slowly through the court process. Similarly, there is no "quick fix" available for the systemic problems that beset the justice system.

Legal Aid covers only a small amount of the work APPEAL needs to do on cases to represent clients effectively and only pays out at the end of the case, which is not a timetable within APPEAL's control.

Therefore, the Trustees have concluded that it is necessary for APPEAL to have a longer term reserves policy than is often held by charitable organisations of this size. As a law practice engaged in cases that entail a long-term commitment to vulnerable clients who would be unable to find alternative representation, APPEAL has a duty to ensure that its operations are not threatened by cash-flow issues so the team can provide a continuity of service, especially when a case is "live" at the Court of Appeal or the Criminal Cases Review Commission.

Additionally, as APPEAL's clients would be unlikely to find another law practice prepared to represent them, were APPEAL to have to close its doors, to protect clients' interests, the organisation would need to lodge applications with the Criminal Cases review Commission or the Court of Appeal on behalf of all existing clients before doing so, using such evidence as had been mustered prior to that time. This would take at least four months to complete.

The charity therefore holds between six and eight months running costs in reserve as standard.

Going concern

The trustees consider APPEAL to be a going concern from an review of its management accounts, bank balances, and resource development efforts, which include diverse revenue streams of grants, donations and legal aid.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a private company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Selection and appointment of new trustees

The trustees/ directors are selected in accordance with the regulatory requirements for law practices, which are that all directors of a law practice must be lawyers. When new trustees/directors are required, candidates are identified, considered and appointed by a vote of the current Board of Trustees.

Decision making

The day to day running of the charity is delegated to the following senior management personnel:

Emily Bolton (Director)

Naima Sakande (Deputy Director)

Emma Torr (Legal Director)

The trustees agree a strategic and operations plan with the charity director, as well as an annual budget each year. The director then oversees the implementation of this by the charity staff. Any item of expenditure that is not budgeted for or exceeds £300 has to be signed off by a trustee.

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees receive induction in the form of key documents to review and a "deep dive" into the work of the charity via a visit to the offices and meetings with staff. Trustees' training needs are kept under review and group or individual training will be offered if required.

Key management remuneration

APPEAL's salary policy is drafted with consultation of all staff, for approval by the trustees. It is comparatively flat in structure, is transparent and is reviewed every three years.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Risk	Mitigation
Human resources - turnover of staff can have a serious effect within a small organisation	Paying staff fairly and supporting their development to attract and retain skilled staff who share APPEAL's ethos.
Fundraising - sufficient funds are needed to meet existing commitments and achieve objectives and future fundraising is uncertain within a challenging financial environment.	This is mitigated by close monitoring of budgets on a monthly basis. The diversification of income streams is a key strategic objective for the coming years.
Regulation - maintaining SRA authorisation, legal aid contract and Specialist Quality Mark (SQM)	Fully electronic case and file management and regular monitoring of our compliance duties.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Registered Charity number

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C David Solicitor

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J K Bindman Barrister (appointed 20.9.22)

Ms M R Williams Barrister (appointed 15.9.22)

Ms M Obi (appointed 15.9.22)

Ms S Ahmad (appointed 26.10.22) (resigned 1.11.23)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

J Hingston - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Centre for Criminal Appeals**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Centre for Criminal Appeals ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the 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 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 charity'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 Report to the Trustees of
Centre for Criminal Appeals

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

Mrs Natalie Coleman

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20 December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	310,528	137,154	447,682	485,705
Charitable activities	4				
Casework		5,789	-	5,789	21,751
Investment income	3	1,063	-	1,063	82
Total		<u>317,380</u>	<u>137,154</u>	<u>454,534</u>	<u>507,538</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	22,474	-	22,474	17,565
Charitable activities	6				
Casework		151,536	155,892	307,428	244,316
Communications		42,371	9,919	52,290	37,624
Other		46,729	1,322	48,051	39,452
Total		<u>263,110</u>	<u>167,133</u>	<u>430,243</u>	<u>338,957</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		54,270	(29,979)	24,291	168,581
Transfers between funds	15	<u>30,059</u>	<u>(30,059)</u>	-	-
Net movement in funds		84,329	(60,038)	24,291	168,581
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		418,402	147,038	565,440	396,859
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>502,731</u></u>	<u><u>87,000</u></u>	<u><u>589,731</u></u>	<u><u>565,440</u></u>

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	1,257	-	1,257	1,206
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	18,002	-	18,002	24,798
Cash at bank and in hand		503,121	87,000	590,121	574,496
		<u>521,123</u>	<u>87,000</u>	<u>608,123</u>	<u>599,294</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(19,649)	-	(19,649)	(35,060)
		<u>501,474</u>	<u>87,000</u>	<u>588,474</u>	<u>564,234</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>502,731</u>	<u>87,000</u>	<u>589,731</u>	<u>565,440</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>502,731</u>	<u>87,000</u>	<u>589,731</u>	<u>565,440</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>502,731</u>	<u>87,000</u>	<u>589,731</u>	<u>565,440</u>
FUNDS					
	15			502,731	418,402
Unrestricted funds				87,000	147,038
Restricted funds				<u>589,731</u>	<u>565,440</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>589,731</u>	<u>565,440</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2023

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

J Hingston - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	15,206	216,528
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Net cash provided by operating activities		15,206	216,528
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Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(644)	(1,670)
Interest received		1,063	82
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Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		419	(1,588)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		15,625	214,940
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		574,496	359,556
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		590,121	574,496
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The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	24,291	168,581
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	593	1,673
Interest received	(1,063)	(82)
Decrease in debtors	6,796	45,082
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(15,411)	1,274
	<u>15,206</u>	<u>216,528</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u><u>15,206</u></u>	<u><u>216,528</u></u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.22	Cash flow	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	574,496	15,625	590,121
	<u>574,496</u>	<u>15,625</u>	<u>590,121</u>
	<u>574,496</u>	<u>15,625</u>	<u>590,121</u>
Total	<u><u>574,496</u></u>	<u><u>15,625</u></u>	<u><u>590,121</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The net assets of the charity have increased by £24,292 this year. The trustees are of the opinion that the future of the charity is secure for at least the next 12 months and that, on this basis, the charity is a going concern.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs (including staff pension contributions) are allocated directly to the activity and fund to which they relate. Where the costs incurred relate to more than one activity or fund, they are apportioned on a basis consistent with the resource.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors

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

Creditors and provisions

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Donations	158,910	114,760
Grants	286,116	370,657
Gift aid	2,656	(2)
Cycle rent received	-	290
	<u>447,682</u>	<u>485,705</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,063</u>	<u>82</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	31.3.23	31.3.22
	Casework	Total
	£	activities
Legal aid	5,789	£
	<u>5,789</u>	<u>21,751</u>
5. RAISING FUNDS		
Raising donations and legacies		
	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Staff costs	22,278	17,411
	<u>22,278</u>	<u>17,411</u>
Other trading activities		
	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fundraising costs	196	154
	<u>196</u>	<u>154</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>22,474</u>	<u>17,565</u>
6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS		
		Direct
		Costs
		£
Casework		307,428
Communications		52,290
		<u>359,718</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance	Totals
	£	costs £	£
Other resources expended	33,907	14,144	48,051
	<u>33,907</u>	<u>14,144</u>	<u>48,051</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Independent examiner	2,100	1,926
Depreciation - owned assets	593	1,673
	<u>2,693</u>	<u>3,600</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

10. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	312,313	239,413
Social security costs	26,517	19,026
Other pension costs	13,480	10,351
	<u>352,310</u>	<u>268,790</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Staff	8	8
	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000. The highest wage paid was £41,550 per annum.

Staff costs have been apportioned between projects and their associated funds on a time basis.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	165,913	319,792	485,705
Charitable activities			
Casework	21,751	-	21,751
Investment income	82	-	82
Total	<u>187,746</u>	<u>319,792</u>	<u>507,538</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4,626	12,939	17,565
Charitable activities			
Casework	56,159	188,157	244,316
Communications	1,136	36,488	37,624
Other	11,922	27,530	39,452
Total	<u>73,843</u>	<u>265,114</u>	<u>338,957</u>
NET INCOME	113,903	54,678	168,581
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	304,499	92,360	396,859
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>418,402</u></u>	<u><u>147,038</u></u>	<u><u>565,440</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2022	695	300	12,972	13,967
Additions	644	-	-	644
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At 31 March 2023	1,339	300	12,972	14,611
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DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2022	139	300	12,322	12,761
Charge for year	268	-	325	593
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At 31 March 2023	407	300	12,647	13,354
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NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2023	932	-	325	1,257
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At 31 March 2022	556	-	650	1,206
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13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	18,002	24,798
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,719	494
Social security and other taxes	9,057	6,767
Other creditors	5,673	2,776
Deferred income	-	23,000
Accrued expenses	2,200	2,023
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	19,649	35,060
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Deferred income brought forward of £15,000 represents the advance receipt of a grant instalment from The Legal Education Foundation in respect of the Justice First Fellowship Scheme for the year 2022/23. Deferred income brought forward of £8,000 represents advance receipt of a grant from Nottingham University for the year 2022/23.

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Balance brought forward	23,000	
Released during the year	23,000	
Received during the year		23,000
Balance carried forward		23,000

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	418,402	54,270	30,059	502,731
Restricted funds				
Casework	5,326	-	-	5,326
Women's Justice Initiative	113,033	(36,896)	(29,059)	47,078
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Resource development & communications	5,919	-	-	5,919
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	-	-	1,334
Bound by Injustice	100	1,000	-	1,100
Justice First Fellowship	10,326	8,068	-	18,394
Staff wellbeing	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Racial Justice Researcher	-	7,849	-	7,849
	<u>147,038</u>	<u>(29,979)</u>	<u>(30,059)</u>	<u>87,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>565,440</u>	<u>24,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>589,731</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	317,380	(263,110)	54,270
Restricted funds			
Women's Justice Initiative	59,419	(96,315)	(36,896)
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
Bound by Injustice	2,000	(1,000)	1,000
Justice First Fellowship	57,859	(49,791)	8,068
Racial Justice Researcher	15,424	(7,575)	7,849
Costs of producing impact report	2,452	(2,452)	-
	<u>137,154</u>	<u>(167,133)</u>	<u>(29,979)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>454,534</u>	<u>(430,243)</u>	<u>24,291</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	304,499	113,903	418,402
Restricted funds			
Casework	2,826	2,500	5,326
Women's Justice Initiative	59,248	53,785	113,033
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	5,973	4,027	10,000
Open Justice	16,340	(16,340)	-
Staff training	720	(720)	-
Resource development & communications	5,919	-	5,919
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	-	1,334
Bound by Injustice	-	100	100
Justice First Fellowship	-	10,326	10,326
Staff wellbeing	-	1,000	1,000
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	92,360	54,678	147,038
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>396,859</u>	<u>168,581</u>	<u>565,440</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	187,746	(73,843)	113,903
Restricted funds			
Casework	10,000	(7,500)	2,500
Women's Justice Initiative	202,677	(148,892)	53,785
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	10,000	(5,973)	4,027
Open Justice	52,901	(69,241)	(16,340)
Staff training	-	(720)	(720)
Resource development & communications	20,000	(20,000)	-
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	(1,334)	-
Bound by Injustice	1,300	(1,200)	100
Justice First Fellowship	20,580	(10,254)	10,326
Staff wellbeing	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>319,792</u>	<u>(265,114)</u>	<u>54,678</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>507,538</u>	<u>(338,957)</u>	<u>168,581</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	304,499	168,173	30,059	502,731
Restricted funds				
Casework	2,826	2,500	-	5,326
Women's Justice Initiative	59,248	16,889	(29,059)	47,078
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	5,973	(5,973)	-	-
Open Justice	16,340	(16,340)	-	-
Staff training	720	(720)	-	-
Resource development & communications	5,919	-	-	5,919
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	-	-	1,334
Bound by Injustice	-	1,100	-	1,100
Justice First Fellowship	-	18,394	-	18,394
Staff wellbeing	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Racial Justice Researcher	-	7,849	-	7,849
	<u>92,360</u>	<u>24,699</u>	<u>(30,059)</u>	<u>87,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>396,859</u>	<u>192,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>589,731</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	505,126	(336,953)	168,173
Restricted funds			
Casework	10,000	(7,500)	2,500
Women's Justice Initiative	262,096	(245,207)	16,889
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	10,000	(15,973)	(5,973)
Open Justice	52,901	(69,241)	(16,340)
Staff training	-	(720)	(720)
Resource development & communications	20,000	(20,000)	-
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	(1,334)	-
Bound by Injustice	3,300	(2,200)	1,100
Justice First Fellowship	78,439	(60,045)	18,394
Staff wellbeing	1,000	-	1,000
Racial Justice Researcher	15,424	(7,575)	7,849
Costs of producing impact report	2,452	(2,452)	-
	<u>456,946</u>	<u>(432,247)</u>	<u>24,699</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>962,072</u></u>	<u><u>(769,200)</u></u>	<u><u>192,872</u></u>

Transfers between funds

As a result of the challenges experienced during the Coronavirus pandemic, Lankelly Chase have lifted all restrictions on grants that they have given APPEAL. This has resulted in a transfer to unrestricted funds of £29,059 previously allocated to the Women's Justice Initiative and £1,000 previously allocated to Staff wellbeing.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

17. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Casework

Grants and donations were received from:

Big D's BBQ

Victoria Halden

Ropes & Gray

to be used in the Open Justice and Bound by Injustice projects.

Women's Justice Initiative

Grants were received from:

The Legal Education Foundation

The Lloyds Foundation

Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust

to address Women's Justice.

Justice First Fellowship

A grant was received from The Legal Education Foundation to provide training and project support for a trainee solicitor in order to advance access to justice.

Racial Injustice

A grant was received from The Baring Foundation to fund research into whether non-unanimous jury verdicts lead to miscarriages of justice for BAME defendants.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	158,910	114,760
Grants	286,116	370,657
Gift aid	2,656	(2)
Cycle rent received	-	290
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	447,682	485,705
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,063	82
Charitable activities		
Legal aid	5,789	21,751
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Total incoming resources	454,534	507,538
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	21,159	15,271
Social security	679	1,465
Pensions	440	675
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	22,278	17,411
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	196	154
Charitable activities		
Wages	291,154	224,142
Social security	25,838	17,561
Pensions	13,040	9,676
Document fees	445	3,528
Travel	2,936	3,327
Expert fees	4,148	9,267
Communications	20,185	5,830
Outreach work	-	23
Client care	872	-
Carried forward	358,618	273,354

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	358,618	273,354
Clinical supervision	1,100	-
Other costs	-	3,324
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	359,718	276,678
Support costs		
Management		
Rent & rates	4,596	7,782
Insurance	5,526	4,526
Light and heat	5,746	(4)
Telephone	1,404	810
Printing, postage & stationery	1,063	2,312
Sundries	757	324
I T Costs	7,936	8,894
Recruitment	675	2,299
Training	2,210	1,688
No description	-	300
Cleaning	800	384
Staff travel	3,194	-
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	33,907	29,315
Governance costs		
Independent examiner	2,100	1,926
Practice certificates	679	1,157
Bookkeeping	10,130	9,167
Bank charges	71	216
S Q M fees	-	1,260
SRA fees	571	-
Plant and machinery	268	139
Computer equipment	325	1,534
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	14,144	15,399
Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	430,243	338,957
Net income	<hr/>	<hr/>
	24,291	168,581
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
for
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Report of Chair of Trustees:

APPEAL was founded as a non-profit law practice committed to fighting miscarriages of justice and demanding reform.

An Impact report breaking down the organisation's work in detail this last year can be found on the APPEAL website, at www.appeal.org.uk, but some highlights are provided here.

In 2021-22, APPEAL has continued to fight the cases of individual victims of unsafe convictions and unfair sentences who cannot afford to pay for a lawyer themselves. As the criminal justice system continued to throw fresh challenges at the people APPEAL represents, this year the organisation has demonstrated that with a small but committed team working with determination, skill and agility, miscarriages of justice can be kept on the public agenda.

The organisation has provided not just legal representation but also thorough investigation and holistic support to the people it represents, neither of which are properly funded by Legal Aid.

APPEAL has used individual cases to advocate and campaign, informing the media, parliament, criminal justice policy makers and the public about how and why miscarriages of justice occur and what needs to change to stop them.

The team has also worked to inspire the legal profession to take on this challenge and join them in fighting for change.

Fighting individual cases

Fighting the cases of those wrongfully convicted or unfairly sentenced is at the heart of APPEAL's work. These individual cases act as the spotlight they shine on the flaws in the justice system.

APPEAL only represents people who cannot afford to pay for a lawyer and whose cases have the highest chance of success. The team has a rigorous screening process in place to identify such cases.

CASE STUDY - Andy Malkinson served over 17 years in prison for a 2003 rape that DNA evidence now shows he did not commit. Since his arrest Andy has steadfastly maintained his innocence. This led him to spend a decade longer in prison than he might have done had he admitted guilt.

APPEAL found fresh evidence of Andy's innocence, including fresh forensic analysis that detected unknown male DNA in crime-specific samples taken from the victim and her clothing. APPEAL submitted his conviction review application to the Criminal Cases Review Commission ('CCRC') in May 2021 and lodged further fresh evidence in March 2022.

Despite being crucial case exhibits, the clothing worn by the victim was unlawfully lost or destroyed by Greater Manchester Police - an issue that has been made the subject of a formal complaint investigation.

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Fortunately, APPEAL discovered that samples had been retained separately by the Government's Forensic Archive, meaning there was just enough material to carry out new DNA analysis. APPEAL also uncovered previously undisclosed evidence, which they were only able to obtain by taking the police to court, undermining the credibility of two key prosecution witnesses. In discovering these crucial pieces of evidence, APPEAL has had to fight the system every step of the way. APPEAL is hopeful that the institutions responsible will finally admit their mistakes and exonerate Andy.

CASE STUDY - "Jenny" (not her real name) was convicted in 2017 of throwing her baby on the ground causing him serious injury.

At the time of trial, she maintained that she had dropped the baby by accident. In her appeal hearing in October 2021, she told the court that in fact the injuries suffered by the baby were the direct result of being punched in the head by her abusive partner whilst she was holding the child. Jenny described to the Court of Appeal how she was unable to tell the truth to the police and the trial court because she was afraid for her life and the safety of her family.

APPEAL presented corroborating evidence to the Court including contemporaneous medical evidence from the night in question suggesting that she was punched. The court also considered evidence from an expert psychologist that Jenny, who is from a Black and Minority Ethnic background, lived with abuse so severe that her experiences in the relationship were equivalent to "torture" that left her with PTSD.

In the ruling, the court wrote: "We accept that there is ample independent evidence of domestic violence having occurred within the relationship" and "we are also prepared to accept... that the applicant was punched." Despite this, the court declined to quash her conviction, a baffling decision.

The case illustrates how far the authorities still have to go in understanding the complex issues involved in domestic abuse, including why a woman would delay in reporting. APPEAL continues to seek avenues for justice for Jenny.

CASE STUDY: One arm of APPEAL's Women's Justice Initiative focuses on representing women who are criminalised as a result of poverty. 75% of TV licence prosecutions are against women despite making up only 49% of licence holders and most TV licencing cases are heard in private, frequently without the participation of the defendant, meaning many people are convicted without even knowing.

"Carla" (not her real name) was prosecuted for not paying her TV licence, despite making multiple attempts to do so. APPEAL made representations on her behalf to TV Licensing that it was not in the public interest to charge her for this offence. TV Licensing agreed and dropped the charges. APPEAL then worked with the Public Law Project who represented Carla in threatening to bring a judicial review of TV Licensing's discriminatory policies. In response, TV Licensing agreed to conduct a fresh Equality Impact Assessment into the gender disparity, a significant campaign victory. Her story was picked up in the Times.

APPEAL in the media

This year APPEAL secured media coverage in influential mainstream media outlets - radio, TV and podcasts - reporting from both sides of the political spectrum, including the Guardian, the Times and Sunday Times, the Sun, the Independent and the BBC. APPEAL almost doubled media coverage from the previous year including featuring in 43 broadcasts or publications across 19 media outlets. The website had over 50,000 visits this year, newsletter subscribers were up by 63% and social media following was up by 1,200.

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Bound by Injustice - APPEAL's support group for victims of miscarriages of justice

APPEAL uses a holistic representation model which means they can offer a multidisciplinary team to everyone whose case is taken on and to their loved ones. The goal is to mitigate the whole harm done by miscarriages of justice to individuals, families and communities, whether the courts acknowledge them or not.

The impact of wrongful imprisonment extends far beyond the prison walls. Family members, friends and loved ones feel like they are serving time too, but on the outside. With Bound by Injustice (BBI), APPEAL's support and advocacy group bringing together wrongfully convicted people and their families, they are no longer serving that time alone.

In the latter part of this financial year APPEAL took on two new team members to work with this group - Cath and Sue, the Survivor Advocates. They have increased the APPEAL's capacity to provide holistic support and will ensure those with lived experience become a core part of APPEAL's policy and campaigning work.

Inspiring the next generation of lawyers

APPEAL also wants to inspire the next generation of social justice lawyers. This year the team work with three university law departments to offer specialist training to aspiring solicitors and barristers. The team is thankful to its partner universities.

Resourcing the work

No criminal justice system is perfect. However, as a practising criminal defence barrister, I have seen first-hand how the government has simply abandoned the criminal justice system. It is inevitable that a neglected system leads to miscarriages of justice. A wrongly convicted individual requires considerable resources to right the wrong - they cannot do it alone. A legal team must review the trial process and conduct factual investigation to find the 'fresh evidence' which unlocks the door to the Court of Appeal. Abysmal rates of pay for criminal appeal work and prohibitive bureaucracy mean that dedicated publicly-funded specialist appeal lawyers are few and far between.

However, the team at APPEAL is able to offer wrongfully convicted people the depth and breadth of investigation and litigation that their cases so urgently need. This is in part thanks to the lawyers who volunteer their time with the organisation as part of its pro bono scheme. As well as increasing capacity, the pro bono scheme helps the team to raise awareness of the problems in the justice system. APPEAL is hugely grateful to the eight law firms and the numerous barristers who have partnered with them this year.

APPEAL holds a Legal Aid contract purely for criminal appeals work. However, Legal Aid funds make up a paltry 4% of their income as a charity as it is available in only very limited circumstances. It is only thanks to funders who share their vision and commitment that APPEAL is able to fight for a fair justice system. Every donation is vital in continuing this battle.

Thank you for your interest in APPEAL's work.

Joe Hingston

Chair

Centre for Criminal Appeals

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objects, as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

The relief of poverty and financial hardship amongst prisoners and other convicted people living in the United Kingdom, by providing investigation services, legal advice and assistance regarding appeals of criminal convictions and sentences via applications to the Criminal Cases Review Commission and the Court of Appeal.

Promoting the sound administration of justice and proper administration of the law for the public benefit, in particular by all or any of the following:

- providing investigation services, legal advice and assistance regarding appeals of criminal convictions and sentences via applications to the Criminal Cases Review Commission and the Court of Appeal to persons who, through lack of means, would otherwise be unable to afford them.
- informing and educating criminal justice policy makers, investigating and prosecuting authorities, the legal profession and the public about any systemic issues which need to be addressed to avoid unsafe convictions.

Public benefit

The trustees have given due consideration to Charity Commission published guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement.

The organisation seeks to benefit the public by testing the accuracy and fairness of the criminal justice system's case outcomes and by making the criminal justice system more accountable for its mistakes so that it can learn from them.

Pro Bono, Students and Volunteers

APPEAL is supported by lawyers at commercial law firms who contribute time pro bono to case screening and litigation efforts as well as to system research directed at reform. The firms assign junior, senior and administrative staff to the cases and research assignments.

APPEAL also works with university students reading law and related disciplines through a clinical legal education programme. The students are trained in appeal practice and the causes of miscarriages of justice, and contribute their time to cases and research projects.

APPEAL's policy is not to offer unpaid internships, due to concerns about social mobility and exploitation. Work placements are only offered to students where the sponsoring institution covers some student expenses.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Looking to the future, APPEAL aims to fulfil the following objectives:

FIGHTING INDIVIDUAL CASES

We will expand our casework team.

We will assess the cases of at least 150 prisoners who write to us, and provide them with individual responses.

We will provide holistic representation to at least 20 people whose convictions we believe to be unsafe or whose sentences we believe to be unfair.

ADVOCATING AND INFLUENCING

We will focus on influencing the Law Commission's review of the criminal appeals system. Our recommendations will include a change to the 'real possibility test', which is applied by the Criminal Cases Review Commission to determine whether to refer cases to the Court of Appeal. This change was recommended by the Westminster Commission on Miscarriages of Justice in 2021. We will continue to highlight the failings in disclosure of evidence in criminal cases. We will campaign for audio recordings of trial to be retained for longer than the current seven year time period, and for access to free trial transcripts

We will also campaign to ensure that TV Licensing stops prosecuting those who are living in poverty or who are otherwise vulnerable, especially during the cost-of-living crisis.

TACKLING STRUCTURAL INJUSTICE

Women's Justice Initiative:

We will represent women convicted of offences that arose directly from domestic abuse or coercive control.

Racial justice: We will launch the results of a research project exploring the links between non-unanimous jury verdicts, wrongful convictions and racial justice.

GIVING FAMILIES STRENGTH AND HOPE

We will continue providing one to one support for our clients and their families through our Survivor Advocates.

We will hold at least two in-person retreats for the Bound by Injustice community with peer support and community-building goals. We will start to develop a co-production model to ensure the expertise of the BBI community becomes integral in our representation and campaigning.

INSPIRING THE LEGAL PROFESSION

We will strengthen and expand our partnerships with universities and law firms.

We will train and supervise a further 30 lawyers and 30 students on our cases.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

APPEAL's achievements over the 12-month period include the following:

WE INVESTIGATE

This year:

We considered and responded to 498 requests for legal assistance made by or on behalf of people inside and out of prison

- 375 men
- 123 women

We've submitted 121 individual requests for access to evidence including:

- 3 Freedom of Information requests
- 10 post-conviction disclosure requests
- 103 subject access requests/requests for case papers from previous representatives
- 8 other evidence access requests

WE LITIGATE

This year:

- 28 individuals represented including bringing on 5 new clients (4 women, 1 man)
- 1 case argued before the Court of Appeal
- 4 legal submissions filed with the CCRC, with 3 applications currently pending
- 3 formal complaints against law enforcement agencies made
- Successfully concluded 1 judicial review against the police, with the force agreeing to disclose evidence and pay legal costs
- Halted 3 TV license prosecutions
- Made 7 information access complaints to the Information Commissioner, with 2 successful and 4 still under consideration
- Made 14 interventions on behalf of clients in relation to prison conditions

WE ADVOCATE

Generating public outrage

This year we secured media coverage largely in influential mainstream media outlets - radio, TV and podcasts - reporting from both sides of the political spectrum including in the Guardian, the Times and Sunday Times, the Sun, the Independent and the BBC.

- We almost doubled our media coverage in 2021/22 from the previous year, featuring in 43 broadcasts or publications across 19 media outlets
- 10 of these were on women's justice issues, four were podcasts
- 50k website visits over the year. More than 7k on our TVL FAQ page with an average of 6 minutes spent on page
- Newsletter up 63% from last year
- 1200 overall increase in social media following

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Speaking truth to power

This year we provided secretariat support to the All-Party-Parliamentary Group on Miscarriages of Justice ('the APPG'). The APPG hosted a panel event on the scarcity of government compensation for miscarriage of justice survivors. The event, hosted by Bob Neill MP, featured Jo Hamilton, one of the sub-post mistresses who had her wrongful conviction overturned in the recent Post Office appeals alongside other experts.

Our influencing:

- 15 Parliamentary Questions tabled
- 7 Government Consultations responded to:
 - 3 on women and girls in the criminal justice system
 - 4 on law reform including open justice and legal aid
- 3 Policy Briefings published:
 - Poverty is not a Crime, the case for ending the criminalisation of the non-payment of the TV Licence
 - Conveyor Belt Justice, the case against the Single Justice Procedure
 - Destroying the Evidence, the case for retaining Trial Audio Recordings and Providing Trial Transcripts
- 4 open letters to the government signed and 1 authored
- We've spoken at 11 events including three on wrongful conviction policy reform, two on racial injustice and two on women in the criminal justice system.

Bound By Injustice reborn

After three long years over the pandemic, the BBI community were finally able to reunite in person in 2022. Our offices in London were magically transformed from a law office into a sanctuary for survivors of miscarriages of justice to connect, share, laugh and brainstorm.

Inspiring the legal profession

OUR PRO BONO SOLICITORS TOLD US

- 95% of solicitors who worked with us pro bono agreed that this had increased their awareness of errors and unfairness in the justice system
- 92% said their pro bono work made them want to do more work to overturn and prevent miscarriages of justice
- 96% said working with APPEAL had helped them to develop their professional skills

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Total funds at 31 March 2022 stood at £565,440 (2021 £396,859) of which £418,402 was unrestricted and available for the charity's general use. £147,038 was restricted to the specific purposes for which the money was given.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The total donations and grants received by APPEAL in 2021-22 were £485,705. Appeal is extremely grateful to all of our donors in the 2021-2022 financial year for their generous support of our work.

APPEAL holds a contract with the Legal Aid Agency to represent people seeking to challenge their conviction or sentence at the CCRC or Court of Appeal levels - which is a unique contract in the current Legal Aid regime. This funding source is limited and most of the work APPEAL undertakes is not covered by legal aid payments, however the contract is vital as a source of funds for the payment of experts and the work of forensic science laboratories where pro bono assistance cannot be obtained.

Further, the contract enables APPEAL to obtain civil Legal Aid for judicial review cases arising out of criminal appeal proceedings such as challenges to public bodies who decline to allow access to evidence. The contract also allows such litigation to be brought with a level of costs protection for clients seeking judicial review which is also critical.

This Legal Aid contract means that APPEAL's donors never pay for things that the state should be paying for, but rather private funding is directed at work that is not statutorily supported, but APPEAL hopes one day will be as a result of its efforts.

Reserves policy

The trustees have given this much consideration given our unusual dual status as both a law practice and a charity and have formulated a reserves policy which demonstrates the financial prudence required to satisfy all of our regulatory requirements and our commitment to our clients.

There is no swift resolution in appeals cases, which can take 5 years to move slowly through the court process. Similarly, there is no "quick fix" available for the systemic problems that beset the justice system.

Legal Aid covers only a small amount of the work APPEAL needs to do on cases to represent clients effectively and only pays out at the end of the case, which is not a timetable within APPEAL's control.

Therefore, the Trustees have concluded that it is necessary for APPEAL to have a longer term reserves policy than is often held by charitable organisations of this size. As a law practice engaged in cases that entail a long-term commitment to vulnerable clients who would be unable to find alternative representation, APPEAL has a duty to ensure that its operations are not threatened by cash-flow issues so the team can provide a continuity of service, especially when a case is "live" at the Court of Appeal or the Criminal Cases Review Commission.

Additionally, as APPEAL's clients would be unlikely to find another law practice prepared to represent them, were APPEAL to have to close its doors, to protect clients' interests, the organisation would need to lodge applications with the Criminal Cases review Commission or the Court of Appeal on behalf of all existing clients before doing so, using such evidence as had been mustered prior to that time. This would take at least four months to complete.

The charity therefore holds at least four months running costs in reserve as standard.

Going concern

The trustees consider APPEAL to be a going concern from an review of its management accounts, bank balances, and resource development efforts, which include diverse revenue streams of grants, donations and legal aid .

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a private company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Selection and appointment of new trustees

The trustees/ directors are selected in accordance with the regulatory requirements for law practices, which are that all directors of a law practice must be lawyers. When new trustees/directors are required, candidates are identified, considered and appointed by a vote of the current Board of Trustees.

Decision making

The day to day running of the charity is delegated to the following senior management personnel:

Emily Bolton (Director)

Naima Sakande (Deputy Director)

Emma Torr (Lawyer)

The trustees agree a strategic and operations plan with the charity director, as well as an annual budget each year. The director then oversees the implementation of this by the charity staff. Any item of expenditure that is not budgeted for or exceeds £300 has to be signed off by a trustee.

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees receive induction in the form of key documents to review and a "deep dive" into the work of the charity via a visit to the offices and meetings with staff. Trustees' training needs are kept under review and group or individual training will be offered if required.

Key management remuneration

APPEAL's salary policy is drafted with consultation of all staff, for approval by the trustees. It is comparatively flat in structure, is transparent and is reviewed every three years.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Risk	Mitigation
Human resources - turnover of staff can have a serious effect within a small organisation	Paying staff fairly and supporting their development to attract and retain skilled staff who share APPEAL's ethos.
Fundraising - sufficient funds are needed to meet existing commitments and achieve objectives and future fundraising is uncertain within a challenging financial environment.	This is mitigated by close monitoring of budgets on a monthly basis. The diversification of income streams is a key strategic objective for the coming years.
Regulation - maintaining SRA authorisation, legal aid contract and Specialist Quality Mark (SQM)	Fully electronic case and file management and regular monitoring of our compliance duties.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07556168 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

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Registered office

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Trustees

J Hingston Barrister

C David Solicitor

Ms A Khan Solicitor

J K Bindman (appointed 20.9.22)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Mrs Natalie Coleman

ACCA

Roy Pinnock & Co LLP

Chartered Certified Accountants

Wren House

68 London Road

St Albans

Hertfordshire

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

J Hingston - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Centre for Criminal Appeals**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Centre for Criminal Appeals ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the 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 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 charity'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 Report to the Trustees of
Centre for Criminal Appeals**

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ACCA which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

Mrs Natalie Coleman
ACCA
Roy Pinnock & Co LLP
Chartered Certified Accountants
Wren House
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20 January 2023

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	165,913	319,792	485,705	407,635
Charitable activities					
Casework	4	21,751	-	21,751	15,894
Investment income	3	82	-	82	1,784
Total		<u>187,746</u>	<u>319,792</u>	<u>507,538</u>	<u>425,313</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	4,626	12,939	17,565	9,172
Charitable activities					
Casework	6	56,159	188,157	244,316	222,488
Communications		1,136	36,488	37,624	44,568
Other		<u>11,922</u>	<u>27,530</u>	<u>39,452</u>	<u>58,128</u>
Total		<u>73,843</u>	<u>265,114</u>	<u>338,957</u>	<u>334,356</u>
NET INCOME		113,903	54,678	168,581	90,957
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		304,499	92,360	396,859	305,902
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>418,402</u></u>	<u><u>147,038</u></u>	<u><u>565,440</u></u>	<u><u>396,859</u></u>

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	1,206	-	1,206	1,209
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	20,000	4,800	24,800	69,880
Cash at bank and in hand		417,258	157,238	574,496	359,556
		<u>437,258</u>	<u>162,038</u>	<u>599,296</u>	<u>429,436</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(20,062)	(15,000)	(35,062)	(33,786)
		<u>417,196</u>	<u>147,038</u>	<u>564,234</u>	<u>395,650</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>418,402</u>	<u>147,038</u>	<u>565,440</u>	<u>396,859</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>418,402</u>	<u>147,038</u>	<u>565,440</u>	<u>396,859</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>418,402</u>	<u>147,038</u>	<u>565,440</u>	<u>396,859</u>
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				418,402	304,499
Restricted funds				147,038	92,360
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>565,440</u>	<u>396,859</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2022

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 January 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

J Hingston - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	216,528	45,791
Interest paid		-	(69)
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Net cash provided by operating activities		216,528	45,722
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Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,670)	-
Interest received		82	1,784
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Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(1,588)	1,784
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		214,940	47,506
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			
		359,556	312,050
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			
		574,496	359,556
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The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	168,581	90,957
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,673	1,313
Interest received	(82)	(1,784)
Interest paid	-	69
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	45,080	(64,872)
Increase in creditors	1,276	20,108
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Net cash provided by operations	216,528	45,791
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2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Cash flow	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	359,556	214,940	574,496
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	359,556	214,940	574,496
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Total	359,556	214,940	574,496
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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The net assets of the charity have increased by £168,581 this year. The trustees are of the opinion that the future of the charity is secure for at least the next 12 months and that, on this basis, the charity is a going concern.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated directly to the activity to which they relate. Where the costs incurred relate to more than one activity, they are apportioned on a basis consistent with the resource.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors

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

Creditors and provisions

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Donations	114,758	141,853
Grants	370,657	264,047
Gift aid	-	1,735
Cycle rent received	290	-
	<u>485,705</u>	<u>407,635</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>82</u>	<u>1,784</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		31.3.22	31.3.21
		Casework	Total
		£	activities
Legal aid		21,751	£
		<u>21,751</u>	<u>15,894</u>
5. RAISING FUNDS			
Raising donations and legacies		31.3.22	31.3.21
		£	£
Staff costs		17,411	8,172
		<u>17,411</u>	<u>8,172</u>
Other trading activities		31.3.22	31.3.21
		£	£
Fundraising costs		154	1,000
		<u>154</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Aggregate amounts		<u>17,565</u>	<u>9,172</u>
6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS			
	Direct	Support	Totals
	Costs	costs (see	
	£	note 7)	£
Casework	239,054	5,262	244,316
Communications	37,624	-	37,624
	<u>276,678</u>	<u>5,262</u>	<u>281,940</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance	Totals
	£	costs £	£
Other resources expended	24,053	15,399	39,452
Casework	5,262	-	5,262
	<u>29,315</u>	<u>15,399</u>	<u>44,714</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Independent examiner	1,926	1,836
Depreciation - owned assets	1,673	1,313
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,150</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

10. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	239,413	214,634
Social security costs	19,026	16,863
Other pension costs	10,351	9,665
	<u>268,790</u>	<u>241,162</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Staff	8	8
	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000. The highest wage paid was £35,000 per annum.

Staff costs have been apportioned between projects and their associated funds on a time basis.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	198,095	209,540	407,635
Charitable activities			
Casework	15,894	-	15,894
Investment income	1,784	-	1,784
Total	<u>215,773</u>	<u>209,540</u>	<u>425,313</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3,061	6,111	9,172
Charitable activities			
Casework	84,366	138,122	222,488
Communications	4,673	39,895	44,568
Other	39,415	18,713	58,128
Total	<u>131,515</u>	<u>202,841</u>	<u>334,356</u>
NET INCOME	84,258	6,699	90,957
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	220,241	85,661	305,902
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>304,499</u></u>	<u><u>92,360</u></u>	<u><u>396,859</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2021	-	300	11,997	12,297
Additions	695	-	975	1,670
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At 31 March 2022	695	300	12,972	13,967
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DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2021	-	300	10,788	11,088
Charge for year	139	-	1,534	1,673
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At 31 March 2022	139	300	12,322	12,761
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NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2022	556	-	650	1,206
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At 31 March 2021	-	-	1,209	1,209
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13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	24,800	69,880
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	496	11,963
Social security and other taxes	6,767	16,281
Other creditors	2,776	3,706
Deferred income	23,000	-
Accrued expenses	2,023	1,836
	<u>35,062</u>	<u>33,786</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	304,499	113,903	418,402
Restricted funds			
Casework	2,826	2,500	5,326
Women's Justice Initiative	59,248	53,785	113,033
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	5,973	4,027	10,000
Open Justice	16,340	(16,340)	-
Staff training	720	(720)	-
Resource development & communications	5,919	-	5,919
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	-	1,334
Bound by Injustice	-	100	100
Justice First Fellowship	-	10,326	10,326
Staff wellbeing	-	1,000	1,000
	<u>92,360</u>	<u>54,678</u>	<u>147,038</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>396,859</u>	<u>168,581</u>	<u>565,440</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	187,746	(73,843)	113,903
Restricted funds			
Casework	10,000	(7,500)	2,500
Women's Justice Initiative	202,677	(148,892)	53,785
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	10,000	(5,973)	4,027
Open Justice	52,901	(69,241)	(16,340)
Staff training	-	(720)	(720)
Resource development & communications	20,000	(20,000)	-
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	(1,334)	-
Bound by Injustice	1,300	(1,200)	100
Justice First Fellowship	20,580	(10,254)	10,326
Staff wellbeing	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>319,792</u>	<u>(265,114)</u>	<u>54,678</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>507,538</u></u>	<u><u>(338,957)</u></u>	<u><u>168,581</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	220,241	84,258	304,499
Restricted funds			
Casework	2,826	-	2,826
Women's Justice Initiative	51,394	7,854	59,248
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	-	5,973	5,973
Open Justice	-	16,340	16,340
Staff training	1,897	(1,177)	720
Fighting Fund	11,164	(11,164)	-
Resource development & communications	-	5,919	5,919
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	18,380	(17,046)	1,334
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	85,661	6,699	92,360
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TOTAL FUNDS	305,902	90,957	396,859
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	215,773	(131,515)	84,258
Restricted funds			
Women's Justice Initiative	115,934	(108,080)	7,854
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	10,000	(4,027)	5,973
Open Justice	49,192	(32,852)	16,340
Staff training	-	(1,177)	(1,177)
Fighting Fund	-	(11,164)	(11,164)
Resource development & communications	19,920	(14,001)	5,919
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	(18,380)	(17,046)
Bound by Injustice	13,160	(13,160)	-
	<u>209,540</u>	<u>(202,841)</u>	<u>6,699</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>425,313</u>	<u>(334,356)</u>	<u>90,957</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	220,241	198,161	418,402
Restricted funds			
Casework	2,826	2,500	5,326
Women's Justice Initiative	51,394	61,639	113,033
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	-	10,000	10,000
Staff training	1,897	(1,897)	-
Fighting Fund	11,164	(11,164)	-
Resource development & communications	-	5,919	5,919
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	18,380	(17,046)	1,334
Bound by Injustice	-	100	100
Justice First Fellowship	-	10,326	10,326
Staff wellbeing	-	1,000	1,000
	<u>85,661</u>	<u>61,377</u>	<u>147,038</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>305,902</u></u>	<u><u>259,538</u></u>	<u><u>565,440</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	403,519	(205,358)	198,161
Restricted funds			
Casework	10,000	(7,500)	2,500
Women's Justice Initiative	318,611	(256,972)	61,639
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	20,000	(10,000)	10,000
Open Justice	102,093	(102,093)	-
Staff training	-	(1,897)	(1,897)
Fighting Fund	-	(11,164)	(11,164)
Resource development & communications	39,920	(34,001)	5,919
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	2,668	(19,714)	(17,046)
Bound by Injustice	14,460	(14,360)	100
Justice First Fellowship	20,580	(10,254)	10,326
Staff wellbeing	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>529,332</u>	<u>(467,955)</u>	<u>61,377</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>932,851</u>	<u>(673,313)</u>	<u>259,538</u>

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

17. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Casework

Grants and donations were received from:

The Roddick Foundation

The Fairness Foundation

Humanade

The Persula Foundation

Big D's BBQ

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

17. RESTRICTED FUNDS - continued

Victoria Halden

to be used in the Open Justice and Bound by Injustice projects.

Women's Justice Initiative

Grants were received from:

Lankelly Chase

The Legal Education Foundation

The Lloyds Foundation

Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust

to address Women's Justice.

Resource Development & communications

A grant was received from the Woodford Family Charitable Trust.

Innocence Initiative

A grant was received from Evan Cornish to address criminal justice accountability in the North of England.

Justice First Fellowship

A grant was received from The Legal Education Foundation to provide training and project support for a trainee solicitor in order to advance access to justice.

Staff Wellbeing

A grant was received from Lankelly Chase to support staff, volunteer and trustee wellbeing.

Centre for Criminal Appeals
T/A APPEAL

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	114,758	141,853
Grants	370,657	264,047
Gift aid	-	1,735
Cycle rent received	290	-
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	485,705	407,635
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	82	1,784
Charitable activities		
Legal aid	21,751	15,894
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Total incoming resources	507,538	425,313
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	15,271	7,467
Social security	1,465	453
Pensions	675	252
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	17,411	8,172
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	154	1,000
Charitable activities		
Wages	224,142	207,167
Social security	17,561	16,410
Pensions	9,676	9,413
Record collection fees	3,528	92
Investigators' fees	-	693
Travel	3,327	1,860
Expert fees	9,267	23,515
Communications	5,830	2,956
Outreach work	23	350
Other costs	3,324	566
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	276,678	263,022

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Centre for Criminal Appeals
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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Support costs		
Management		
Rent & rates	7,782	29,978
Insurance	4,526	4,262
Light and heat	(4)	400
Telephone	810	104
Printing, postage & stationery	2,312	1,398
Sundries	324	144
I T Costs	8,894	7,048
Recruitment	2,299	1,379
Training	1,688	2,560
Office move costs	-	1,212
Clinical supervision	300	-
Cleaning	384	-
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	29,315	48,485
Governance costs		
Independent examiner	1,926	1,836
Practice certificates	1,157	2,316
Bookkeeping	9,167	8,100
Bank charges	216	43
S Q M fees	1,260	-
Plant and machinery	139	-
Computer equipment	1,534	1,313
Interest payable	-	69
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	15,399	13,677
Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	338,957	334,356
Net income	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	168,581	90,957

CENTRE FOR CRIMINAL APPEALS

England & Wales - Charity number 1144162

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07556168 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1144162

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
for
Centre for Criminal Appeals
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
T/A
APPEAL

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Report of Chair of Trustees:

The pandemic year of 2020-2021 was full of challenges for APPEAL, as for so many organisations working in the justice sector.

Pandemic response

The prisoners APPEAL represents were hit hard as the justice system, on its knees due to years of neglect, buckled even further, with pandemic-related delays besetting every aspect of APPEAL's work, from access to documents, to prison visits, to street level investigation.

Conditions in prisons were lonely and frightening for all prisoners, but for the wrongfully convicted behind bars the pandemic meant not only health concerns for themselves and their families, but also the fear that they might be allowed to die before they could be vindicated in the courts - or a family member would die before that day finally came.

The APPEAL team focused on supporting these prisoners and their families through these terrible times. We called on the government to urgently release a proportion of the prison population to protect prisoners, prison staff and local community NHS systems from the dire impact of a concentrated outbreak of infection in a prison. Alongside our pro bono law firm partners, Linklaters, APPEAL worked quickly to provide information to those supporting people in custody during the pandemic. We created template letters for loved ones and lawyers to help prisoners access healthcare, request compassionate release, and demand access to confidential legal advice. In total our Covid-19 resources were accessed more than 6,000 times.

Casework

Getting two cases to the Court of Appeal despite the pandemic felt like a miracle.

"Peter's" conviction was quashed in the Court of Appeal in 2021 (we cannot give his real name or the date of this victory for legal reasons). He had fought to clear his name from the moment he was convicted, seeking legal advice from numerous firms of solicitors. Due to the constraints of Legal Aid, no lawyer was able to devote enough time and resources to properly investigate his case. Then he found APPEAL. We took on Peter's case and after a thorough screening process, followed by in-depth investigation and analysis, we were able to uncover fresh evidence robust enough to take to the Court of Appeal. We had to fight every step of the way to obtain the evidence we needed. Of the 948 hours the APPEAL team spent on the case, less than 1% of that work was actually funded by Legal Aid. As Peter's daughter put it after the conviction was quashed: "the justice system let us down, but APPEAL didn't".

The prosecution's decision to retry Peter means he will have this case hanging over him for at least two years due to the backlog of trials in the Crown Courts, another aspect of the havoc that the pandemic is wreaking on access to justice.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The negative result in the other case, that of the Freshwater Five, was a terrible blow for the convicted men and their families. APPEAL took the case of Jon Beere and Danny Payne, two members of the 'Freshwater Five' - all of whom maintain their innocence of a £53m cocaine smuggling plot - to the Court of Appeal in February 2021. Judges considered fresh expert evidence, uncovered by APPEAL, that undermined the prosecution's case against the five men that they conspired to use a fishing boat to collect drugs from a containership in the English Channel and later deposited them in Freshwater Bay off the Isle of Wight. The 'Freshwater Five' had been sentenced to a total of 104 years' imprisonment in 2011 after being convicted by an 11-1 majority jury verdict. Devastatingly, their convictions were upheld despite the Court of Appeal finding that a failure to disclose evidence at their trial "should not have happened". In its judgment, the Court of Appeal said of this disclosure failure that the prosecution expert who extracted the data made a "serious and surprising mistake" in not supplying it to law enforcement investigators. APPEAL continues to work on the case.

Case Study: Alvin

After spending over two decades in prison for two murders for which he steadfastly maintained his innocence, Alvin died in custody in 2019. In 1997 Alvin, who was black, was convicted of shooting a tourist during an armed robbery despite witnesses describing the gunman as white. Subsequently, tests undermined the forensic evidence presented at his trial and a key prosecution witness was revealed to have a raft of undisclosed dishonesty convictions. More than three years into his life sentence, Alvin was convicted of another murder, with prosecutors relying on expert testimony which the CCRC later described as flawed. APPEAL has now presented the CCRC with compelling fresh evidence, including an expert report undermining fingerprint evidence which was central to the prosecution's case. Along with Alvin's family, APPEAL remains determined to posthumously clear Alvin's name.

Case Study: Andy

Andy was released from prison in December 2020 having served over 17 years for a stranger rape he did not commit. Through hard-won battles to get access to crucial evidence, including taking the police to court, we found that two key prosecution witnesses, who had been presented to the jury as honest, actually had multiple criminal convictions for dishonesty offences. Having successfully persuaded the police to allow new forensic analysis, we also commissioned tests which detected unknown male DNA in crime-specific areas, including the fingernail scrapings from the hand the victim said she used to scratch the attacker's face. Armed with this compelling new evidence that another man was responsible, we are applying to get Andy's case back before the Court of Appeal. We are determined to see Andy exonerated and the system which led to his wrongful imprisonment denounced.

Finances

As a practising defence barrister, I see every day the effects of the parlous state of the criminal justice system on those at the sharp end, against whom the deck is all too often unfairly stacked when it comes to resources. State-funded Legal Aid falls far short of paying for the level of investigation and legal representation that is needed to ensure a fair trial. I know that people get wrongfully convicted in the trial courts more frequently than we would like to believe.

Nevertheless, once you reach the appeal stage, the funding regime is even more limited. APPEAL, as a charity and law practice, relies on the support of funders who share our vision and commitment to a fair justice system. Their recognition of the additional pressures of the pandemic has ensured that we have survived this last financial year and our staffing is intact for the year to come, despite the pandemic environment.

Every donation to APPEAL is vital in keeping our small team fighting individual cases, giving families strength and hope, inspiring the legal profession, and campaigning for reform.

Joe Hingston (Chair of the Board of Trustees and criminal barrister)



Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objects, as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

The relief of poverty and financial hardship amongst prisoners and other convicted people living in the United Kingdom, by providing investigation services, legal advice and assistance regarding appeals of criminal convictions and sentences via applications to the Criminal Cases Review Commission and the Court of Appeal.

Promoting the sound administration of justice and proper administration of the law for the public benefit, in particular by all or any of the following:

- providing investigation services, legal advice and assistance regarding appeals of criminal convictions and sentences via applications to the Criminal Cases Review Commission and the Court of Appeal to persons who, through lack of means, would otherwise be unable to afford them.
- informing and educating criminal justice policy makers, investigating and prosecuting authorities, the legal profession and the public about any systemic issues which need to be addressed to avoid unsafe convictions.

Public benefit

The trustees have given due consideration to Charity Commission published guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement.

The organisation seeks to benefit the public by testing the accuracy and fairness of the criminal justice system's case outcomes and by making the criminal justice system more accountable for its mistakes so that it can learn from them.

Pro Bono, Students and Volunteers

Qualified commercial solicitors working pro bono, and law students from a diverse range of universities, help us to ensure that we offer wrongfully-convicted people the depth and breadth of investigation and litigation that their cases so urgently need. As well as increasing our capacity, by providing specialist training and exposure to cases, our pro bono scheme helps raise awareness of the problems in the justice system and inspire more professionals to fight for change.

In 2020-21 we:

" ran six training sessions with University Partners and trained 30 students

" ran 11 training sessions with pro bono firms and trained 69 solicitors to fight miscarriages of justice

We are hugely grateful to the nine law firms and three universities who have partnered with us this year.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

APPEAL's achievements over the 12-month period include the following:

Casework

Our casework team has adapted to the pandemic and continued to investigate cases and demand access to evidence for suspected victims of miscarriages of justice. This year we have:

- " screened requests for assistance from 123 prisoners, including 65 men and 58 women.
- " submitted 161 individual requests for access to evidence, through 11 Freedom of Information Requests, 20 Nunn requests to police forces, 61 Subject Access Requests using the General Data Protection Regulations, and 69 requests for case papers from previous representatives.

Our in-depth investigation protocol means we are very selective about what cases we take forward. This year we:

- " represented 28 prisoners, including three new clients
- " made 11 Court of Appeal submissions, and won one case
- " made four CCRC submissions
- " made two Magistrates Court submissions, and won both cases
- " brought one Information Commissioner's Office complaint, which was upheld

Advocating and influencing

This year we provided staffing to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Miscarriages of Justice, including a clerk for the Westminster Commission on Miscarriages of Justice's inquiry into the Criminal Cases Review Commission. The Westminster Commission, chaired by Lord Garnier and Baroness Stern, published a tightly focused report supported by a substantial volume of evidence:

- " oral testimony from 12 expert witnesses
- " 36 written submissions
- " letters from over 100 CCRC applicants and their families

The report made 30 recommendations to improve the effectiveness of the CCRC, criticising the quality of its investigations and recommending that the 'real possibility' test, which dictates whether a case can be referred, should be changed. It was launched virtually, with almost 300 people attending.

CCRC's chair, Helen Pitcher, speaking at the report launch said "the real possibility test has ... been our test since we were formed but now is a good time to review that". In our own reform-directed work, we will capitalise on this point as we campaign around the report's recommendations.

APPEAL also responded to a number of government consultations including the Justice Committee Inquiry on the Future of Legal Aid, the Justice Committee Inquiry into Private Prosecutions, the Public Consultation on Decriminalising TV licencing and the Attorney General's Review on the efficiency and effectiveness of disclosure in the criminal justice system. We also spoke at 11 public events.

We have secured media coverage on many of our cases and policy asks in news and features on both sides of the political spectrum, including in print, on the radio on TV and in podcasts. We were featured in 24 broadcasts or publications across 13 media outlets. We have also supported our clients in talking to the press where it was in their interests to do so.

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A Guardian article featuring the Freshwater Five produced the highest level of engagement and was shared more than 3.5k times on social media. The Guardian's Today in Focus six-part podcast, going into depth on the Freshwater Five case, attracted more than a million listens and was number one in the current affairs podcast charts.

In social media, our monthly newsletter subscribers doubled to 800, we have 5,000 Twitter followers and 1,700 Instagram followers.

Women's Justice Initiative

Women in prison are a highly vulnerable group, many of whom do not need to be in prison at all. We need a justice system that is responsive to the root causes of crime and seeks to rehabilitate women, rather than torpedo their lives.

Of the women that wrote to us for assistance this year:

- 80% had been diagnosed with a mental health issue
- 80% had experienced domestic abuse
- 44% had had a drug or alcohol addiction

There had been no prior research of women's experiences of appealing, so Women's Justice Advocate Naima Sakande conducted an 18-month research project, funded by the Griffins Society and hosted at the Institute of Criminology at the University of Cambridge, to identify the barriers faced by women seeking to overturn unsafe convictions or unfair sentences in the Court of Appeal. Naima found that more than one in three women did not know how to lodge an appeal, that there has been a 36% drop in women appealing between 2011 and 2019, and that more than one in three women felt that the effect of imprisonment on their children had not been considered.

We also shone a light on TV licence prosecutions. Women account for 73% of TV Licensing prosecutions, despite making up only 49% of licence holders. Magistrate Court reforms have meant that most TV Licencing cases are heard in private, frequently without the participation of the defendant, meaning many people are convicted without even knowing. APPEAL is committed to ending this discriminatory and criminalising system of debt enforcement.

Bound by Injustice

Our peer support network, named Bound by Injustice by the participants in recognition of the unfortunate bond which unites them, brings together families of wrongfully convicted people, as well as innocent people who have served prison sentences who APPEAL represents. People whose loved ones are in prison for crimes they didn't commit often tell us that they feel like they are serving their loved one's prison sentence alongside them, wracked with anxiety about their wellbeing, missing their support in daily life, as well as in difficult times such as illness and bereavement. At the same time, they often want to use their voices to speak out against the system which has failed their loved one and advocate for change.

This year our usual face-to-face retreat was replaced by a series of virtual Healing Circles, run by a specialist partner from the United States, Healing Justice. These online workshops brought victims of miscarriages of justice and their loved ones together to work through their trauma and begin to heal. In 2020-21 we held six Circles, with 30 participants.

The resilience of the Bound By Injustice community are the APPEAL team's daily inspiration.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The total donations and grants received by APPEAL in 2020-21 were £407,635. Appeal is extremely grateful to all of our donors in the 2020-2021 financial year for their generous support of our work.

APPEAL holds a contract with the Legal Aid Agency to represent people seeking to challenge their conviction or sentence at the CCRC or Court of Appeal levels - which is a unique contract in the current Legal Aid regime. This funding source is limited and most of the work APPEAL undertakes is not covered by legal aid payments, however the contract is vital as a source of funds for the payment of experts and the work of forensic science laboratories where pro bono assistance cannot be obtained.

Further, the contract enables APPEAL to obtain civil Legal Aid for judicial review cases arising out of criminal appeal proceedings such as challenges to public bodies who decline to allow access to evidence. The contract also allows such litigation to be brought with a level of costs protection for clients seeking judicial review which is also critical.

This Legal Aid contract means that APPEAL's donors never pay for things that the state should be paying for, but rather private funding is directed at work that is not statutorily supported, but APPEAL hopes one day will be as a result of its efforts.

Reserves policy

The trustees have given this much consideration given our unusual dual status as both a law practice and a charity and have formulated a reserves policy which demonstrates the financial prudence required to satisfy all of our regulatory requirements and our commitment to our clients.

There is no swift resolution in appeals cases, which can take 5 years to move slowly through the court process. Similarly, there is no "quick fix" available for the systemic problems that beset the justice system.

Legal Aid covers only a small amount of the work APPEAL needs to do on cases to represent clients effectively and only pays out at the end of the case, which is not a timetable within APPEAL's control.

Therefore, the Trustees have concluded that it is necessary for APPEAL to have a longer term reserves policy than is often held by charitable organisations of this size. As a law practice engaged in cases that entail a long-term commitment to vulnerable clients who would be unable to find alternative representation, APPEAL has a duty to ensure that its operations are not threatened by cash-flow issues so the team can provide a continuity of service, especially when a case is "live" at the Court of Appeal or the Criminal Cases Review Commission.

Additionally, as APPEAL's clients would be unlikely to find another law practice prepared to represent them, were APPEAL to have to close its doors, to protect clients' interests, the organisation would need to lodge applications with the Criminal Cases review Commission or the Court of Appeal on behalf of all existing clients before doing so, using such evidence as had been mustered prior to that time. This would take at least four months to complete.

The charity therefore holds at least four months running costs in reserve as standard.

Going concern

The trustees consider APPEAL to be a going concern from an review of its management accounts, bank balances, and resource development efforts, which include diverse revenue streams of grants, donations and legal aid .

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Selection and appointment of new trustees

The trustees/ directors are selected in accordance with the regulatory requirements for law practices, which are that all directors of a law practice must be lawyers. When new trustees/directors are required, candidates are identified, considered and appointed by a vote of the current Board of Trustees.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Risk	Mitigation
Human resources - turnover of staff can have a serious effect within a small organisation	Paying staff fairly and supporting their development to attract and retain skilled staff who share APPEAL's ethos.
Fundraising - sufficient funds are needed to meet existing commitments and achieve objectives and future fundraising is uncertain within a challenging financial environment.	This is mitigated by close monitoring of budgets on a monthly basis. The diversification of income streams is a key strategic objective for the coming years.
Regulation - maintaining SRA authorisation, legal aid contract and Specialist Quality Mark (SQM)	Fully electronic case and file management and regular monitoring of our compliance duties.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07556168 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1144162

Registered office
6 - 8 Amwell Street (First Floor)
London
EC1R 1UQ

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Trustees

J Hingston Barrister
G F Maddocks Solicitor (resigned 30.3.21)
C David Solicitor
Ms A Khan Solicitor

Independent Examiner

Mrs Natalie Coleman
ACCA
Roy Pinnock & Co LLP
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Hingston', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J Hingston - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Centre for Criminal Appeals**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Centre for Criminal Appeals ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the 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 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 charity'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 Report to the Trustees of
Centre for Criminal Appeals

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ACCA which is one of the listed bodies.

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.



Mrs Natalie Coleman
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23 December 2021

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	198,095	209,540	407,635	243,051
Charitable activities					
Casework	4	15,894	-	15,894	16,586
Investment income					
Total	3	<u>1,784</u> 215,773	<u>-</u> 209,540	<u>1,784</u> 425,313	<u>265</u> 259,902
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	3,061	6,111	9,172	5,277
Charitable activities					
Casework	6				
Communications		84,366	138,122	222,488	197,343
		4,673	39,895	44,568	1,437
Other					
Total		<u>39,415</u> 131,515	<u>18,713</u> 202,841	<u>58,128</u> 334,356	<u>42,460</u> 246,517
NET INCOME		<u>84,258</u>	<u>6,699</u>	<u>90,957</u>	<u>13,385</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		220,241	85,661	305,902	292,517
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>304,499</u>	<u>92,360</u>	<u>396,859</u>	<u>305,902</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	1,209	-	1,209	2,522
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	10,008	59,872	69,880	5,008
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>327,068</u>	<u>32,488</u>	<u>359,556</u>	<u>312,050</u>
		337,076	92,360	429,436	317,058
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(33,786)	-	(33,786)	(13,678)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>303,290</u>	<u>92,360</u>	<u>395,650</u>	<u>303,380</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		304,499	92,360	396,859	305,902
NET ASSETS FUNDS	15	<u>304,499</u>	<u>92,360</u>	<u>396,859</u>	<u>305,902</u>
Unrestricted funds				304,499	220,241
Restricted funds				92,360	85,661
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>396,859</u>	<u>305,902</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for


- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2021

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 December 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line that ends in a small hook.

J Hingston - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The net assets of the charity have increased by £90,957 this year, Despite the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic, the trustees are of the opinion that the future of the charity is secure for at least the next 12 months and that, on this basis, the charity is a going concern.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated directly to the activity to which they relate. Where the costs incurred relate to more than one activity, they are apportioned on a basis consistent with the resource.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors

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

Creditors and provisions

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Donations	141,853	30,619
Grants	264,047	210,728
Gift aid	<u>1,735</u>	<u>1,704</u>
	<u>407,635</u>	<u>243,051</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,784</u>	<u>265</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

4.	INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	31.3.21	31.3.20
		Casework	Total
		£	activities
	Legal aid	<u>15,894</u>	<u>16,586</u>
5.	RAISING FUNDS		
	Raising donations and legacies		
		31.3.21	31.3.20
		£	£
	Staff costs	<u>8,172</u>	<u>5,207</u>
	Other trading activities		
		31.3.21	31.3.20
		£	£
	Fundraising costs	<u>1,000</u>	<u>70</u>
	Aggregate amounts	<u>9,172</u>	<u>5,277</u>
6.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS		
		Direct	Support
		Costs	costs (see
		£	note 7)
	Casework	218,539	3,949
	Communications	<u>44,483</u>	<u>85</u>
		<u>263,022</u>	<u>4,034</u>
			Totals
			£
			<u>222,488</u>
			<u>44,568</u>
			<u>267,056</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Other resources expended	44,520	13,608	58,128
Casework	3,880	69	3,949
Communications	85	-	85
	<u>48,485</u>	<u>13,677</u>	<u>62,162</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Independent examiner	1,836	1,776
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,313</u>	<u>1,313</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

10. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	214,634	164,897
Social security costs	16,863	12,598
Other pension costs	9,665	6,649
	<u>241,162</u>	<u>184,144</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Staff	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000. The highest wage paid was £35,000 per annum.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. STAFF COSTS - continued

Staff costs have been apportioned between projects and their associated funds on a time basis.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	69,193	173,858	243,051
Charitable activities			
Casework	16,586	-	16,586
Investment income	265	-	265
Total	<u>86,044</u>	<u>173,858</u>	<u>259,902</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	5,277	-	5,277
Charitable activities			
Casework	51,017	146,326	197,343
Communications	515	922	1,437
Other	11,656	30,804	42,460
Total	<u>68,465</u>	<u>178,052</u>	<u>246,517</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>17,579</u>	<u>(4,194)</u>	<u>13,385</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	202,662	89,855	292,517
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>220,241</u>	<u>85,661</u>	<u>305,902</u>

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	<u>300</u>	<u>11,997</u>	<u>12,297</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020	300	9,475	9,775
Charge for year	-	<u>1,313</u>	<u>1,313</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>300</u>	<u>10,788</u>	<u>11,088</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>1,209</u>	<u>1,209</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>2,522</u>	<u>2,522</u>
13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31.3.21	31.3.20
		£	£
Prepayments and accrued income		<u>69,880</u>	<u>5,008</u>
14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31.3.21	31.3.20
		£	£
Trade creditors		11,963	1,721
Social security and other taxes		16,281	7,962
Other creditors		3,706	1,161
Accrued expenses		<u>1,836</u>	<u>2,834</u>
		<u>33,786</u>	<u>13,678</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	220,241	84,258	304,499
Restricted funds			
Casework	2,826	-	2,826
Women's Justice Initiative	51,394	7,854	59,248
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	-	5,973	5,973
Open Justice	-	16,340	16,340
Staff training	1,897	(1,177)	720
Fighting Fund	11,164	(11,164)	-
Resource development & communications	-	5,919	5,919
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	<u>18,380</u>	<u>(17,046)</u>	<u>1,334</u>
	<u>85,661</u>	<u>6,699</u>	<u>92,360</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>305,902</u>	<u>90,957</u>	<u>396,859</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	215,773	(131,515)	84,258
Restricted funds			
Women's Justice Initiative	115,934	(108,080)	7,854
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	10,000	(4,027)	5,973
Open Justice	49,192	(32,852)	16,340
Staff training	-	(1,177)	(1,177)
Fighting Fund	-	(11,164)	(11,164)
Resource development & communications	19,920	(14,001)	5,919
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,334	(18,380)	(17,046)
Bound by Injustice	<u>13,160</u>	<u>(13,160)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>209,540</u>	<u>(202,841)</u>	<u>6,699</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>425,313</u>	<u>(334,356)</u>	<u>90,957</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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15. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	202,662	17,579	220,241
Restricted funds			
Casework	5,678	(2,852)	2,826
Women's Justice Initiative	17,228	34,166	51,394
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	4,500	(4,500)	-
Staff training	1,897	-	1,897
Show Us The Evidence campaign	3,006	(3,006)	-
Fighting Fund	9,171	1,993	11,164
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	<u>48,375</u>	<u>(29,995)</u>	<u>18,380</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>89,855</u>	<u>(4,194)</u>	<u>85,661</u>
	<u>292,517</u>	<u>13,385</u>	<u>305,902</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	86,044	(68,465)	17,579
Restricted funds			
Casework	20,000	(22,852)	(2,852)
Women's Justice Initiative	123,028	(88,862)	34,166
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	-	(4,500)	(4,500)
Show Us The Evidence campaign	-	(3,006)	(3,006)
Fighting Fund	11,080	(9,087)	1,993
Resource development & communications	2,000	(2,000)	-
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	1,750	(31,745)	(29,995)
Rent contribution	15,000	(15,000)	-
Bound by Injustice	1,000	(1,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>173,858</u>	<u>(178,052)</u>	<u>(4,194)</u>
	<u>259,902</u>	<u>(246,517)</u>	<u>13,385</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	202,662	101,837	304,499
Restricted funds			
Casework	5,678	(2,852)	2,826
Women's Justice Initiative	17,228	42,020	59,248
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	4,500	1,473	5,973
Open Justice	-	16,340	16,340
Staff training	1,897	(1,177)	720
Show Us The Evidence campaign	3,006	(3,006)	-
Fighting Fund	9,171	(9,171)	-
Resource development & communications	-	5,919	5,919
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	48,375	(47,041)	1,334
	<u>89,855</u>	<u>2,505</u>	<u>92,360</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>292,517</u>	<u>104,342</u>	<u>396,859</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	301,817	(199,980)	101,837
Restricted funds			
Casework	20,000	(22,852)	(2,852)
Women's Justice Initiative	238,962	(196,942)	42,020
Miscarriages of Justice in the North of England	10,000	(8,527)	1,473
Open Justice	49,192	(32,852)	16,340
Staff training	-	(1,177)	(1,177)
Show Us The Evidence campaign	-	(3,006)	(3,006)
Fighting Fund	11,080	(20,251)	(9,171)
Resource development & communications	21,920	(16,001)	5,919
All Party Parliamentary Group Secretariat	3,084	(50,125)	(47,041)
Rent contribution	15,000	(15,000)	-
Bound by Injustice	14,160	(14,160)	-
	<u>383,398</u>	<u>(380,893)</u>	<u>2,505</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>685,215</u>	<u>(580,873)</u>	<u>104,342</u>

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

17. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Casework

Grants and donations were received from:

The Roddick Foundation

Lankelly Chase

Network for Social Change

Big D's BBQ

Victoria Halden

17. **RESTRICTED FUNDS - continued**

to be used in the Open Justice and Bound by Injustice projects.

Women's Justice Initiative

Grants were received from:

Lankelly Chase

The Legal Education Foundation

The Lloyds Foundation

Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust

to address Women's Justice.

Resource Development & communications

A grant was received from the Woodford Family Charitable Trust.

Bound by Injustice

A grant was received from Lankelly Chase

A donation was received from Big D's BBQ

Innocence Initiative

A grant was received from Evan Cornish to address criminal justice accountability in the North of England.