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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

for

Centre for Criminal Appeals
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
T/A APPEAL

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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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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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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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J K Bindman (appointed 20.9.22)

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Mrs Natalie Coleman

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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
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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	4				
Casework		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	6				
Casework		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>

Centre for Criminal Appeals
T/A APPEAL

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>417,196</u>	<u>147,038</u>	<u>564,234</u>	<u>395,650</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		418,402	147,038	565,440	396,859
		<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
				<u>565,440</u>	<u>396,859</u>
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

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

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
		<hr/>	<hr/>
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
		<hr/>	<hr/>
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	15,894
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Staff costs	17,411	8,172
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Other trading activities

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Fundraising costs	154	1,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aggregate amounts	17,565	9,172
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Casework	239,054	5,262	244,316
Communications	37,624	-	37,624
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	276,678	5,262	281,940
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
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	<u>1,673</u>	<u>1,313</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	<u>10,351</u>	<u>9,665</u>
	<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
	8	8
Staff	<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>304,499</u>	<u>92,360</u>	<u>396,859</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
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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
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	319,792	(265,114)	54,678
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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 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
	<hr/> 85,661	<hr/> 6,699	<hr/> 92,360
TOTAL FUNDS	<hr/> <hr/> 305,902	<hr/> <hr/> 90,957	<hr/> <hr/> 396,859

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)	-
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	209,540	(202,841)	6,699
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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
	<hr/> 85,661	<hr/> 61,377	<hr/> 147,038
TOTAL FUNDS	<hr/> <hr/> 305,902	<hr/> <hr/> 259,538	<hr/> <hr/> 565,440

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.

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

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/>
	168,581	90,957