

Company number: 07835798
Charity number : 1145596

THE LIGHT FUND COMPANY
(A Company limited by guarantee)

**Report and
Financial statements**

**For the year ended
31 January 2024**

**Howell Wade
Chartered Accountants
55 Church Road
Wimbledon Village
London
SW19 5DQ**

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Company Information

Charity Name: The Light Fund Company

Charity Registration Number: 1145596

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Registered Office address: 55 Church Road
Wimbledon Village
London
SW19 5DQ

Trustees (Directors): Trevor Charles Jones - Chairman
Ian David Hyder
Jacqueline Ann Brown
David William Scott
Ashley Arun Sidney Holman
Caroline High
Vicky Miller
Katherine Ball
Sabrina Segalov
Paul Hodgson
Ian Michael Downes
Anne Bradford
Nicola Webster
Alexandra Salisbury
Helena Stopher
Graham Saltmarch
Mark Schofield
Robyn Cowling

Bankers: Barclays Bank Plc

Accountants: Howell Wade
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Report of the Trustees for year ended 31st January 2024
Registered Charity Number: 1145596

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st January 2024, which are also prepared to meet the requirements of a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) (effective 01 January 2015).

The Light Fund was established in 2004 and became a registered charity in January 2012.

Reference and Administration details:

Registered Company Number: **7835798**

Registered Office: **55 Church Road, LONDON SW19 5DQ**

Correspondence Address: c/o Max Publishing Ltd, United House, North London N7 9DP

Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company (The Charity) are also its trustees for the purposes of the charity law.

The trustees and officers serving during the year were as follows:

Trevor Charles Jones - Chairman
Ian David Hyder
Jacqueline Ann Brown
David William Scott
Ashley Arun Sidney Holman
Caroline High
Vicky Miller
Katherine Ball
Sabrina Segalov
Paul Hodgson
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'The Light Fund raises funds to be distributed to charitable projects.

Its activities are centred within the UK Intellectual Property industry known more commonly as the Licensing Industry.

The **Light** fund is an acronym of **Licensing Industry Giving Help Together**.

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The charity is organized so that the Trustees communicate regularly to manage its affairs. The Trustees work with and alongside a number of volunteers and meet at least once a quarter to review all matters related to the charity. The committee is made up of experienced business people drawn from the Licensing industry.

New and prospective Trustees are usually familiar with the charity's objectives and its ongoing work. They are invited to attend meetings with the existing Trustees in order to further familiarise themselves with the charity and its operations.

The Trustees are supported from time to time by a committee of volunteers drawn from the Licensing industry who help identify fundraising opportunities and help to deliver these events.

Risk Management

The trustees review the risks that the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that their management approach, which minimizes risk and authorizes expenditure only when reserves are sufficient, provides an adequate framework to respond in the event of a problem arising.

Achievements, Performance and Future Plans

The Light Fund devise, create and manage a range of fundraising activities throughout the year.

Most of these are industry-wide events whilst others are based on individual fundraising activities.

We have now been able to re-instate all our usual fund-raising events, which involve live participation by industry members and others.

Other notable sources of funds this financial year have included:

- Northern Light Fund Quiz held in Manchester
- Golf Day
- Treasure Hunt in London
- Southern Light Fund Quiz held at Lord's cricket ground
- Raffles at Awards event organised by Max Publishing Ltd
- Sample sales by companies within licensing, toy & card industries
- Donations from Individuals

Each year The Light Fund makes donations to a small number of 'favoured' charities, who are guaranteed funds from us for a minimum of 3 years to enable them to plan ahead with some certainty over that period. The allocation of balance of funds available, usually the vast majority of the sums raised, is decided by the vote of Trustees and key supporters who chose from those charity proposed to us via our website portal

In line with our donations policy, all donations have been made in the UK, to UK registered charities and the Light Fund is kept up to date by these charities with their progress on the projects outlined by them for the donations.

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In 2023, the beneficiaries of The Light Fund (all registered charities) were:

New Life
CALM
Maggie's
Shelter Box
The Brain Tumour Charity
Bowel Cancer UK
Motor Neurone Disease Association
Pancreatic Cancer UK
Brain Tumour Support
Dogs for Good
Breast Cancer Now
Challenge Africa
Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity
MS-UK
Whizz-Kidz
Winston's Wish
Orchid
Acorn Children's Hospice
Corhn's & Colitis UK
The Sick Children's Trust
UK Men's Sheds Association
Birth Trauma Association
Bone Cancer Research Trust
Youth Minds
Bromley Brighter Beginnings
DEC Turkey Syria Earthquake Appeal
MIND
Greetings Association Benevolent Society
The Rainy Day Trust

From time to time The Light Fund supports individuals from the Licensing or ancillary industries who need support due to illness, bereavement or hardship. We also make donations in memory of dear colleague, or member of their families, who have passed away. These donations are approved by the Trustees and details of these are available if required but, for reasons of confidentiality, are not included in this report. The light Fund has made two such memorial donations during the year in question.

The Light Fund has a website which is publicly viewable and is updated regularly to reflect The Light Fund's activities www.lightfund.org

Financial Review

This has been a year of consolidation after last year's epic achievements.

Our fund-raising events have been well attended and enjoyed by the industry. We are especially grateful to a number of companies that have raised substantial sums for the Light Fund through sample sales, Christmas card sales and raffles at awards events.

In the forthcoming year, we anticipate our fundraising amount to be similar to this year, always subject to us being able to carry out the events planned for the forthcoming year.

The Light Fund keeps its expenditure at very low levels. All Trustees and committee members & supporters provide their own time and services free of charge.

Reserves Policy

Due to the minimal amount of administrative expenditure detailed above, our policy is to donate as much as possible at the end of each calendar year to good causes, leaving a prudent balance to cover contingencies before fund-raising recommences the following year.

Financial Statements

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

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Board of Trustees



David William Scott
Director

Date:

15/11/24

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees (Directors) of The Light Fund

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2024, which are set out on the annexed pages.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees (Directors) and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

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

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102) have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



ANTHONY WARREN FCA, ATT, CTA
Chartered Accountant
55 Church Road
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Date:15/11/24.....

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<u>Statement of Financial Activities</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £
<u>INCOME</u>			
Voluntary Income			
Donations		91,024	65,544
Other Income			
Events		61,173	283,426
Sponsored activities		<u> </u>	<u>42,696</u>
Total Income		<u>152,197</u>	<u>391,666</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Expenditure on Raising Funds			
Cost of Organised events		26,359	364,121
Charity collection costs - Just Giving fees		2,032	360
		<u>28,391</u>	<u>364,481</u>
Expenditure on Charitable Activities			
Grants and Charitable donations		139,406	16,983
Other			
Professional and accountancy fees		<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,313</u>
Total expenditure		<u>171,097</u>	<u>384,777</u>
 <u>Net Income / (expenditure) and net</u>			
<u>Movement in funds for the year</u>	4	<u>£ (18,900)</u>	<u>£ 6,889</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Current assets</u>		£	£
Cash at bank		16,538	32,138
<u>Creditors:</u>			
<u>Amounts falling due within one year</u>			
Accruals		(9,900)	(6,600)
		<u>£ 6,638</u>	<u>£ 25,538</u>
<u>Reserves</u>			
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	5	£ 6,638	£ 25,538

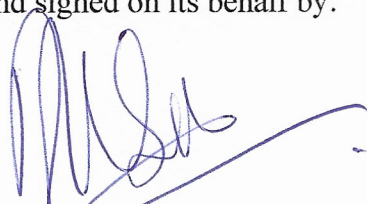
For the year ending 31 January 2024, the Company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The Directors/ Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and the Charities Act 2011.

Approved by the Board of Directors / Trustees on...15/11/24.....
And signed on its behalf by:



David William Scott
Trustee (Director)

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st January 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and estimation in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting for Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 01 January 2019) - Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal. Currently there are no restricted funds.

Income

All income is included on the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Expenditure

Expenses directly relating to the charity's activities are included in the statement of financial activities when paid. Extraneous expenditure, such as accounting fees, are charged in the period to which they relate. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable are accounted for where either the trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or when any condition attached to the grant has been met.

Costs of generating funds comprise costs associated with attracting voluntary income including fund raising costs associated with the organisation of fund- raising events.

Governance cost includes costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked with the statutory requirements of the charity

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2 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There was no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st January 2024.

Trustees Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st January 2024.

3 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in the period under review.

4. STAFF COSTS

There were no staff costs for the year ended 31st January 2024.

5. FUNDS MOVEMENT

Unrestricted Funds

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Balance Brought forward	32,138	21,936
Net incoming resources / expenditure	(15, 600)	10,202
Balance at 31 January 2024	<u><u>16,538</u></u>	<u><u>32,138</u></u>

6. TAXATION

As a charity, The Light Fund is exempt from taxation on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 206 of the taxation of chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that they are applied to charitable objects. No tax charge has arisen in this Charity.