

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022
FOR
SENSE ABOUT SCIENCE**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

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REGISTERED OFFICE	41 Portland Place London W1B 1QH
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	06771027 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1146170
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	McCabe Ford Williams Chartered Accountants Charlton House Dour Street DOVER Kent CT16 1BL

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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 5 April 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity has two main objectives:

1. To advance the education of the public in any branch of scientific research (including social science) and in particular by the dissemination of such research and useful information about such research; and
2. To promote (for the benefit of the community) the knowledge and understanding of the public of, and to stimulate interest of the public in, the creation, presentation and use of scientific research.

Significant activities

Our charitable activities:

- Provide advice on scientific matters to the media, policy makers, the general public and others.
- Produce educational materials on scientific issues for the public as well as researchers and others.
- Respond to misleading or false information by providing the public with relevant scientific evidence.
- Promote the importance of independent scientific advice for public policy.

Much of the fund generation occurs through the day to day work of the staff and volunteers. Focused fundraising activities are carried out by the development team, including grant proposals, project and programme partnerships and public appeals.

Public benefit

The trustees of the charity have had due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The charity's objectives and aims have been reviewed taking this guidance into consideration and the trustees have noted the extensive achievements of the charity and the contribution it makes to public life.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable and fundraising activities

1. Evidence Matters: Achieve recognition in public life that evidence matters, and to people in all walks of life

Our goal is parliaments asking questions that reflect the public interest in sound science and evidence; public identification with evidence as a source of accountability; and governments anticipating public scrutiny.

Evidence Week in UK parliament

In November 2021, Sense about Science hosted its fourth Evidence Week in UK Parliament with our lead partner the Institute of Physics and communications partners, Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST), the UK Statistics Authority (UKSA) and Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR), and Ipsos MORI. Evidence Week highlights the need for evidence-based policymaking, and equips MPs, peers and their staff with the insights and tools needed to scrutinise evidence for decision-making.

Evidence Week was launched with a panel of Committee Chairs and experts from some of the country's leading scientific organisations joining constituency MPs to answer questions from the public across the country about how evidence is being used on a range of issues that matter to them and their communities.

This year more than 130 parliamentarians and their staff actively engaged with Evidence Week. Throughout the week, MPs were able to engage with 3-minute briefings from our partners both in person and via the Evidence Week website, on how to handle and understand evidence in 14 pressing policy and research areas. These briefings were visited over 220 times throughout the week, both online and in person. The week was closed with a training session on using scientific evidence, research data and resources specifically designed for parliamentary staff.

Evidence Week in Holyrood

Our first ever Evidence Week at the Scottish Parliament was launched in March 2021 in partnership with the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe). The opening panel discussion included 15 MSPs, the Presiding Officer as well as the Chief Statistician to the Scottish Government, the Chief Social Researcher and Head of Covid 19 analysis division, Scottish Government and representatives from at the Scottish Parliament and the UK Statistics Authority.

Our eight partners brought Scottish-focused research to MSPs and Holyrood staff. Over 70 MSPs, policymakers and researchers also attended a session on Doing Data Better for Policy and the Public Good by Research Data Scotland, with 136 people registered to attend or watch afterwards.

What Counts? A Scoping Inquiry

The What Counts? Inquiry was set up to explore what society needs from the evidence behind policy drawing on the experience of the Covid-19 pandemic. This inquiry, which took place between September 2021 and March 2022 included: a nationwide survey, in partnership with NatCen Social Research; interviews with people from a range of settings and communities who were faced with decisions about risks and trade-offs; interviews with researchers and specialists about how evidence was sought and provided; and a review of the transparency of evidence in the first two waves of pandemic policies. The launch, at the Institute for Government, was well attended by senior people in government - around 80 online and 35 in person including the Chair of the SciTech Committee and the national What Works advisor.

2. Activate communities for better science and evidence in public life

We aim to empower and equip public discussion about evidence - providing insights and materials, creating opportunities for accountability and deliberation, and winning support for the protection of open discussion about research.

Ask for Evidence: a public education campaign

Ask for Evidence, our popular public campaign that helps people request the evidence behind news stories, marketing claims and policies, continued. Despite the ongoing pandemic, our Ask for Evidence ambassadors were able to run a series of community events across the UK presenting the INSIGHT hub. They explained why an eye data hub matters for research into conditions such as dementia and diabetes; and provided an opportunity for the public to ask questions directly to the expert researchers involved in the INSIGHT project

Our ambassadors have found that the pandemic has only strengthened the public's interest in the conversation around evidence. Continuing the campaign via online activity has been critical, not only because of the pandemic's impact on live events, but also to ensure the campaign reached as wide and diverse an audience as possible.

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Risk Know How

We have continued our partnership with Lloyd's Register Foundation on a project to develop understanding of 'Risk Know How.' This is a framework focused on supporting communities to make sense of risk. It aims to empower and equip people to critically engage with data and information, weigh up the risks and benefits within their own contexts and make informed decisions. Risk know-how can help communities navigate the information available and discuss risks in a constructive way, within a real-world context.

In December 2021, we published the world's first risk know-how framework in *Significance*, an official magazine of the Royal Statistical Society. The framework sets out the concepts, language and pathways to understanding risk. We effectively defined, for the first time, what risk literacy is. We have also engaged community risk practitioners from around the world in conversations about the challenges they face navigating risk information and what they need in practical tools and guidance to understand risk.

Evidence know-how: an international campaign for understanding reliability in evidence and data science

Sense about Science have continued our work in data science and ensuring that people know the questions to ask and how to press for clarity about the strengths and weaknesses of using analysis from data models to make decisions. We partnered with Samenweten, a Sense about Science initiative of the Dutch Academy, to produce a Dutch version of our data science guide. We also worked with the Institute for the Public Understanding of Risk at the National University of Singapore and Korean Advanced Institute of Science & Technology to produce 'Using Artificial Intelligence to Support Healthcare Decision: A Guide for Society.'

3. Reshape research engagement toward responsibility and empowerment

Our goal is a research community that is willing, able and cognizant of its capacity to empower others; and recognition and increased adoption of our approach - through VoYS, public engagement partnerships and putting public empowerment at the heart of the international evidence movement.

Voice of Young Science: engaging early career researchers in public debate

The Voice of Young Science (VoYS) network is our unique network of Early Career Researchers (ECRs) who are trained and motivated at the start of their careers to take responsibility for how evidence is portrayed in public discussion. It continued to grow in 2021 and now has over 5000 members.

We held four virtual Standing up for Science workshops, three online and, in December 2021, our first in-person workshop since the pandemic. Participants met researchers who have engaged with the media and learnt from respected journalists about how the media works, how to respond and comment, and what journalists want and expect from researchers. They also learned how evidence is used in policy, how policymakers balance facts and values, how they deal with a lack of good evidence, and how participants can get involved in bringing evidence to policy. We also held a policy engagement workshop to help researchers learn about the policy environment in the UK, how to make their voice heard in the policy making process and get practical tips for getting started.

Quality and peer review programme

Communicating how and why scholarly research papers are different to a news headline or a political press release is central to helping society make sense of science and evidence. The Quality and Peer Review (QPR) programme encourages the public to ask the question "Is it peer reviewed?" and supports VoYS members to get involved in peer review, share the value of peer review with the public and lead public discussion about the role of peer review in society. Our two online QPR workshops in 2021 were attended by over 250 ECRs.

The John Maddox Prize: Standing up for Science

The John Maddox Prize recognises the work of individuals who promote science and evidence and advance the public discussion around difficult topics, despite challenges or hostility. The prize advocates for the value of an open and honest environment for societies to discuss scientific evidence.

The John Maddox Prize, in its tenth year, is a joint initiative of the charity Sense about Science and the leading international scientific journal *Nature*. It continues to attract global nominations from individuals, across the disciplines, who are conducting essential work in standing up for sound science in the public interest and in the face of adversity and opposition. This year over 100 nominations were received from across 23 countries.

Confidence in Research

We continued our partnership with Elsevier to develop an international evidence base that responds to the drivers of trust in science and scientific publishing. The project involves a review of existing research on researcher behaviour, a survey focused on researcher trust and a public survey on drivers of trust in research.

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Public engagement partnerships

In 2021, Sense about Science continued to expand its public engagement work using our 'public-led, expert-fed' model of engagement with a wide range of universities, research institutions and other organisations. Our approach means engaging early and directly with the public and addressing people's questions and concerns around complex, controversial or poorly understood areas of science.

Insight Health Data Research hub: INSIGHT is an NHS-led partnership set up to make routinely collected eye data available for health research to benefit patients. We worked with the Biomedical Research Centre at Moorfields eye hospital to involve members of the public, patients of eye disease, and professionals (data experts, researchers, healthcare providers) early in the process, to co-produce an accessible website and tapped into our unique Ask for Evidence ambassador network to run a series of community events across the UK to showcase INSIGHT.

Geoenergy Public dialogue: We partnered with the British Geological Survey to broaden the reach and scope of public engagement on geoenergy and promote evidence-informed public debate about the urgent issue of future energy supply. Through a series of deliberative workshops, we interrogated the awareness and understanding of geoenergy amongst the public, what it means to people, including the questions and concerns it provokes and reflections on what needs to be done within the UK to tackle climate change.

Peritia: We are also part of a Europe-wide project, coordinated by University College, Dublin to explore how people weigh up expertise. The PERiTIA (Policy, expertise and trust in action) project will investigate how people - members of the public and politicians in particular - make decisions about evidence and expertise using a variety of research methods. Sense about Science will conduct Citizens' Assemblies to engage members of the public in testing, developing and shaping the toolkit. Along with project partners Allea, we will also produce a paper on our approach to engaging citizens in collaborative workshops.

Building Trustworthy Clinical AI: We have started a partnership with researchers at MIT to develop public engagement materials which explain the role of AI technology in cancer screening tools.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity held funds at the year end totalling £457,187 (2021 - £284,959).

Reserves policy

The Trustees actively review the policy in line with planned strategy and future commitments. The trustees aspire to hold six months fixed costs in reserve, in order to support organisational resilience and sustainability, to invest in new areas of work and maintain cashflow and continuity of business. Progress is reviewed at meetings of the Governance and Planning Committee and the amount set aside is revised in accordance with projected income and expenditure.

Going concern and Coronavirus

The impact of Coronavirus is continuing to evolve, however to date, the charity has continued to raise funds from existing and new partners. The trustees are confident that the charity has sufficient reserves and income streams to continue for the foreseeable future.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Deed gives the power to elect or co-opt individuals to the charity. Trustees serve a 4 year term followed by a possible renewable term of 3 years. The Governance and Planning Committee maintains an overview of skills and experience needs and a succession plan is maintained in consultation with the board of trustees. Trustee vacancies are advertised and potential trustees are also identified through Sense about Science's wider networks.

A trustee resource is maintained and all trustees participate in induction sessions. Policies relevant to trustees are included within the staff handbook.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The charity is registered as a company limited by guarantee. The Board of Trustees meets four times a year, including a strategy session. During the year there were an average of ten trustees.

The charity specifies that a Chair should be elected annually. In the event of no alternative nominations, the current Chair is automatically elected at the final meeting of the year.

The Governance and Planning Committee is a subcommittee of the Board which provides in depth review and challenge of policies, resources and financial planning, budgeting and reporting. It reports to the Board three times a year. Remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer is reviewed by an ad hoc group led by the Chair and the Chair of the Governance and Planning Committee.

Activities are coordinated by a small office team and supported by a wide network of organisations and volunteers from all areas of science and society.

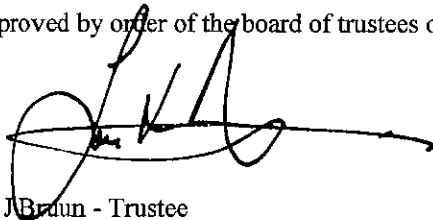
The trustees' policy is to ensure that the charity is not dependent upon a single source of funding and receives its financial support from a diversity of funding sources: it currently receives funding from trusts and foundations, individual scientists and members of the public, learned societies, and scholarly publishers. Donations are governed by a funding policy and the charity fundraising strategy aims for diverse sources of funding. No grant or funding of any kind entitles any organisation to decision-making authority. External funding will not divert Sense about Science from its agreed aims and values.

Risk management

A risk register is reviewed by the Governance and Planning Committee who regularly report to the Board of Trustees on their review of risks to which the charity is exposed. It ensures appropriate controls and mitigation are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud, error or loss.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Bradun', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr J Bradun - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SENSE ABOUT SCIENCE**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sense About Science ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 5 April 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 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 Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales 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.

Mr John Sheather BSc FCA
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Date: 26 OCTOBER 2022

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	683,594	9,648	693,242	540,736
Charitable activities					
Projects		23,604	170,712	194,316	85,276
Investment income	4	<u>29</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>175</u>
Total		<u>707,227</u>	<u>180,360</u>	<u>887,587</u>	<u>626,187</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Fundraising projects		9,875	-	9,875	9,966
Charitable activities	6				
Projects		517,756	176,841	694,597	522,855
Other		<u>10,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,887</u>	<u>11,724</u>
Total		<u>538,518</u>	<u>176,841</u>	<u>715,359</u>	<u>544,545</u>
NET INCOME		168,709	3,519	172,228	81,642
Transfers between funds	17	<u>(185)</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		168,524	3,704	172,228	81,642
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>204,279</u>	<u>80,680</u>	<u>284,959</u>	<u>203,317</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>372,803</u>	<u>84,384</u>	<u>457,187</u>	<u>284,959</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET 5 APRIL 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	1,569	-	1,569	2,861
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	158,555	-	158,555	56,696
Cash at bank	14	<u>245,423</u>	<u>212,278</u>	<u>457,701</u>	<u>241,052</u>
		403,978	212,278	616,256	297,748
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(32,744)	(127,894)	(160,638)	(15,650)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>371,234</u>	<u>84,384</u>	<u>455,618</u>	<u>282,098</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>372,803</u>	<u>84,384</u>	<u>457,187</u>	<u>284,959</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>372,803</u>	<u>84,384</u>	<u>457,187</u>	<u>284,959</u>
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				372,803	204,279
Restricted funds				<u>84,384</u>	<u>80,680</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>457,187</u>	<u>284,959</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 5 April 2022.

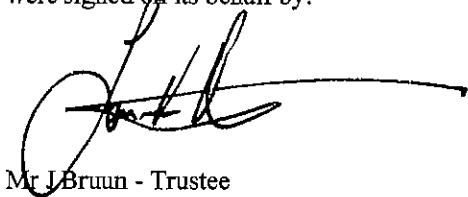
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- 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.

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 21 September 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr J Bruun - Trustee

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>216,620</u>	<u>85,053</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>216,620</u>	<u>85,053</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(1,105)
Interest received		<u>29</u>	<u>175</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>29</u>	<u>(930)</u>
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		216,649	84,123
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>241,052</u>	<u>156,929</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>457,701</u>	<u>241,052</u>

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	172,228	81,642
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,292	1,294
Interest received	(29)	(175)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(101,859)	7,131
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>144,988</u>	<u>(4,839)</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u>216,620</u>	<u>85,053</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 6.4.21 £	Cash flow £	At 5.4.22 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>241,052</u>	<u>216,649</u>	<u>457,701</u>
	<u>241,052</u>	<u>216,649</u>	<u>457,701</u>
Total	<u>241,052</u>	<u>216,649</u>	<u>457,701</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Sense About Science is an incorporated charity, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered number, principal address and nature of operations can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

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.

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.

Goods and services donated to the charity are only recognised when they are material to the financial statements. The trustees do not consider it practical to value these goods and services.

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.

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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes.

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.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible assets

The charity provides for depreciation on a 20% straight line basis in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

The charity has a capitalisation policy where by tangible assets are only capitalised if they cost more than £500. Tangible assets under £500 are written to the statement of financial activities as an expense.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations (including gift aid)	<u>693,242</u>	<u>540,736</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>29</u>	<u>175</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants Activity Projects	<u>194,316</u>	<u>85,276</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs
	£
Projects	<u>694,597</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Other resources expended	<u>10,887</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	Other resources expended	Total activities
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	2,700	2,430
Board of trustees' meetings	23	-
Trustees' expenses	307	-
Bookkeeping and payroll	<u>7,857</u>	<u>9,294</u>
	<u>10,887</u>	<u>11,724</u>

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	2,700	2,430
Depreciation - owned assets	1,292	1,294
Rent	<u>62,693</u>	<u>60,037</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2022 nor for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Trustees' expenses

In the year ended 5 April 2022, one trustee reclaimed expenses totalling £307 (2021 - NIL).

10. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	399,904	326,375
Social security costs	38,504	30,869
Other pension costs	<u>32,326</u>	<u>17,127</u>
	<u>470,734</u>	<u>374,371</u>

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

	2022	2021
	10	9
Employees	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2022	2021
£80,001 - £90,000	-	1
£120,001 - £130,000	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	540,736	-	540,736
Charitable activities			
Projects	-	85,276	85,276
Investment income	<u>175</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175</u>
Total	<u>540,911</u>	<u>85,276</u>	<u>626,187</u>

EXPENDITURE ON

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fundraising projects	9,966	-	9,966
Charitable activities			
Projects	486,417	36,438	522,855
Other	<u>11,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,724</u>
Total	<u>508,107</u>	<u>36,438</u>	<u>544,545</u>
 NET INCOME	 32,804	 48,838	 81,642

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward	<u>171,475</u>	<u>31,842</u>	<u>203,317</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	 <u>204,279</u>	 <u>80,680</u>	 <u>284,959</u>

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £
COST	
At 6 April 2021 and 5 April 2022	<u>6,189</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 6 April 2021	3,328
Charge for year	<u>1,292</u>
At 5 April 2022	<u>4,620</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 5 April 2022	<u>1,569</u>
At 5 April 2021	<u>2,861</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Operating debtors	156,800	36,450
Other debtors	<u>1,755</u>	<u>20,246</u>
	<u>158,555</u>	<u>56,696</u>

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14. CASH AT BANK

				5.4.22	5.4.21
	General fund	Lloyds Register Foundation	Peritia	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Interest savings account	143,601	127,894	84,384	355,879	175,551
Bank current accounts	17,160	-	-	17,160	4,648
Euro account	84,662	-	-	84,662	60,854
	<u>245,423</u>	<u>127,894</u>	<u>84,384</u>	<u>457,701</u>	<u>241,053</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	14,792	9,615
Other creditors	17,952	6,035
Deferred income	<u>127,894</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>160,638</u>	<u>15,650</u>

16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

The company has future operating lease commitments totalling £212,712 (2021 - £18,011).

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6.4.21	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 5.4.22
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	204,279	168,709	(185)	372,803
Restricted funds				
Wellcome Trust	5,944	(6,129)	185	-
Peritia	<u>74,736</u>	<u>9,648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,384</u>
	<u>80,680</u>	<u>3,519</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>84,384</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>284,959</u>	<u>172,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>457,187</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	707,227	(538,518)	168,709
Restricted funds			
Wellcome Trust	13,073	(19,202)	(6,129)
Peritia	9,648	-	9,648
Lloyds Register Foundation	<u>157,639</u>	<u>(157,639)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>180,360</u>	<u>(176,841)</u>	<u>3,519</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>887,587</u>	<u>(715,359)</u>	<u>172,228</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 6.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	171,475	32,804	204,279
Restricted funds			
Wellcome Trust	31,842	(25,898)	5,944
Peritia	-	74,736	74,736
	<u>31,842</u>	<u>48,838</u>	<u>80,680</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>203,317</u>	<u>81,642</u>	<u>284,959</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	540,911	(508,107)	32,804
Restricted funds			
Amberstone	5,500	(5,500)	-
Wellcome Trust	5,040	(30,938)	(25,898)
Peritia	74,736	-	74,736
	<u>85,276</u>	<u>(36,438)</u>	<u>48,838</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>626,187</u>	<u>(544,545)</u>	<u>81,642</u>

In 2021/22 we received the final instalment of £13,073 towards our 30-month Wellcome Trust Public Engagement Fund grant, Ask for Evidence, an empowering public-led campaign on health claims. Within this year £19,202 has been spent. This fund was fully spent in this year.

In 2021/22 we received a further £9,648 from the EU (Horizon 2020) for citizens workshops in London in 2022 and user testing of a Trust Toolkit developed with project partners in Europe. The fund has a balance carried forward of £84,384.

In 2021/22 we received £285,533 from the Lloyds Register Foundation for our project to develop understanding of Risk Know How. Within this year £157,639 has been spent and £127,894 was carried forward at the year end as deferred income.

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18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year donations totalling £250 (2021 - £600) were received from the trustees.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations (including gift aid)	693,242	540,736
Investment income		
Bank interest	29	175
Charitable activities		
Grants	<u>194,316</u>	<u>85,276</u>
Total incoming resources	887,587	626,187
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	8,770	8,736
Social security	842	939
Pensions	<u>263</u>	<u>291</u>
	9,875	9,966
Charitable activities		
Wages	391,134	317,639
Social security	37,662	29,930
Pensions	32,063	16,836
Rent, service charges, rates and electricity	62,693	60,037
Insurance	809	1,100
Computer and website	7,819	7,907
Telephone	938	534
Postage and stationery	2,316	802
Bank charges	287	278
Project related expenses	149,114	84,044
Exchange rate variances	2,901	2,454
Repairs, renewals and equipment	5,569	-
Office equipment depreciation	<u>1,292</u>	<u>1,294</u>
	694,597	522,855
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's remuneration	2,700	2,430
Board of trustees' meetings	23	-
Trustees' expenses	307	-
Bookkeeping and payroll	<u>7,857</u>	<u>9,294</u>
	<u>10,887</u>	<u>11,724</u>
Total resources expended	<u>715,359</u>	<u>544,545</u>
Net income	<u><u>172,228</u></u>	<u><u>81,642</u></u>

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