

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1146192

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07930551
Registered	2012-03-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY IS ESTABLISHED IN SUCCESSION TO THE SOCIETY TO PROMOTE, EDUCATE AND RAISE AWARENESS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ABROAD, OF THE NEED FOR THE CONTROL AND ABATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION RESULTING FROM NOISE AND ALL OTHER POLLUTANTS RELATIVE TO SOLVING NOISE ISSUES, FOR EXAMPLE LIGHT POLLUTION AND AIR QUALITY DEGRADATION; AND TO RELIEVE THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DISTRESS AND ILL HEALTH WHICH NOISE AND RELATED POLLUTANTS CAUSE.

Activities: FIND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO NOISE VIA RESEARCH/EDUCATION/CAMPAIGNS/POLICY/STANDARDS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES, CREATE SUSTAINABLE & JUST CITIES, IMPROVE HEALTH & WELLBEING, INCL: LOVE YOUR EARS: HIGHLIGHTING HEARING DANGER FROM PERSONAL AUDIO DEVs; SILENT APPROACH: ESTABLISHING QUIET(ER) TRANSPORTATION CULTURE; SOUNDSCAPE DESIGN/PLANNING; CHAMPIONING QUIET(ER) GOODS & SERVICES; ISO & BSI STANDARDS.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£108,536	£122,934	-	-
2024-06-30	£121,606	£116,066	-	-
2023-06-30	£104,441	£92,397	-	-
2022-06-30	£152,585	£79,497	-	-
2021-06-30	£59,385	£61,238	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Gerard Bennett		2019-03-15
MICHAEL DAVID LANE		2012-01-31
RICHARD SWERLING		2012-01-31
Stephen John Bridges		2024-12-09

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Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025
FOR
THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The major objective of The Noise Abatement Society (NAS) for over 65 years, established in 1959, has been and remains to find solutions to reduce unnecessary noise and to raise awareness of the destructive nature of noise pollution which profoundly affects public health, wellbeing, productivity and quality of life. A further aim is to share a better understanding of what sound is, how it affects us and how we can solve noise problems and improve sound environments and soundscapes for all in a pragmatic and sustainable way.

This is achieved through providing both short and long-term practical solutions; research; campaigning; education; liaising and working with local and national policy makers, government, citizens, other charitable bodies, academia, International and British standards organisations and industry; and providing one of the UKs only dedicated free noise helplines to inform and raise awareness with the public on noise problems and solutions.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities.

The trustees believe that their report sets this out.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities for the year ended 30th June 2025

The following projects set out a broad framework which illustrates the work of the Noise Abatement Society through which its planned activities this year contributed to the overall aims and objectives set by the Trustees in fulfilment of the aims of the charity. The activities listed should be considered non-exhaustive and, unless otherwise described, ongoing. In all cases the selected projects are representative of the breadth, scope and diverse range of fruitful collaborations achieved by the NAS to effectively engage and create meaningful impact and social value with an increasingly widening range of stakeholders and the public for the benefit of all.

NAS Free Noise Helpline - The NAS provides one of the UKs only free national noise helplines to support and empower members of the public who are affected by noise. The Helpline receives thousands of enquires each year from the public, media, and primarily those in need of support to find solutions to the blight of noise affecting their lives. Many members of the public suffer serious adverse effects due to the impact of excessive noise on their lives associated with neighbour/neighbourhood and transportation noise activity. As testament to this fact NAS is regularly called upon to provide media commentary, advice and participate in research and practical projects to better manage, reduce and solve environmental noise and design, specify and implement good quality soundscapes to support and improve public health, wellbeing, and support aural diversity and quality of life for all.

Data from our Helpline is used to inform NAS' work, and sponsorship is continually being sought to support the cost and expansion of this valuable service.

Love Your Ears (TM) - NAS' schools and outreach programme is ongoing and continues to be championed amongst stakeholders. Data collected by the NAS shows, in line with findings from the World Health Organization and the NHS, the desperate need for educating young people to help them reduce the time and level of listening to their music devices to prevent premature hearing loss. Also included in the programme is an empowerment piece to encourage students to take a break and turn off their devices occasionally, giving them a sense of control over their exposure and potential vulnerability to the 'noise' of all social media platforms to support their mental health.

NAS is a founding member of the UK Hearing Conservation Association (HCA), the UKs first multi-disciplinary association dedicated to preventing damage to hearing health and to reduce other noise related health conditions, alongside multiple prominent organisations including the British Safety Council, the Institute of Acoustics and the British Tinnitus Association. The focus of the HCA is on preventable causes of hearing loss and hearing health impact through common sense, cost effective, evidenced solutions. The group represents respected, informed and influential leaders in the field of noise, acoustics, health and hearing who can be trusted to provide independent, evidence based advice and leadership in the area of hearing conservation. As such, the aims of the HCA and NAS are synergistically aligned. Specifically, the HCA provides a unique multi-disciplinary platform to help support and raise awareness of NAS' Love Your Ears outreach and training programme.

NAS is also a proud founding supporter of the "Make Listening Safe Campaign" (MLSC). The aim of the campaign is to ensure that more than 50% of people between 10 and 40 years of age are aware of the causes of avoidable hearing loss; highlight how they can mitigate the risks; help them choose safer options to prevent avoidable hearing loss; and encourage legislation to make sure safer options are freely available to everyone. The MLSC was launched in the UK in 2023 before being rolled out to 193 countries, which are members of the World Health Organization (WHO), planned for 2024 and beyond. The campaign is also supported by the WHO, the Institute of Acoustics, NHS England, Tinnitus UK, the British Society of Audiology and the Royal Academy of Music along with many other prominent organisations.

NAS continues to actively seek sponsorship for its important Love Your Ears (TM) Schools Programme.

Silent Approach (TM) - Interest in NAS' UK government backed quiet(er) Retiming Programme remains ongoing. The landmark NAS programme sets out a framework to enable sustainable 'anytime' delivery and servicing without causing noise disturbance. Transport for London's website embeds NAS at the heart of their advice on efficient deliveries as part of the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy for which NAS provided co-design, strategy and support from 2013-2018. The transportation policies of multiple Mayors of London have referred to the importance of quiet(er) delivery and servicing programmes as a key component to achieving efficient and more sustainable delivery modes to support cleaner, quieter and less congested neighbourhoods.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Soundscape - NAS has been a member of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Soundscape Standards Working Group 54 (ISO TC43/SC1/WG54) since its inception in 2009. The UK is the convener of ISO Working Group 54 on Soundscape, as a direct result of NAS' sustained soundscape engagement campaign with the UK and the international acoustics community. The UK actively participates in various ISO Working Groups via the British Standards Institution (BSI). NAS' Managing Director Dr Lisa Lavia is a BSI UK Expert appointed to ISO Working Group 54 and an ongoing active contributor to the drafting of all of the standards in the series. Since 2009, the ISO Soundscape Standards Working Group 54 has published one International Soundscape Standard (ISO 12913-1:2014) and two International Soundscape Technical Specifications (ISO/TS 12913-2:2018, ISO/TS 12913-3:2019) and has been conducting preparatory work for Part 4 of the series. ISO Standards are formally reviewed every five years and Technical Specifications every three years. This year review is ongoing for ISO/TS 12913-2:2018; ISO/TS 12913-3:2019 was reviewed and subsequently withdrawn and replaced with the new ISO/TS 12913-3:2025; preparatory work for Part 4 remained ongoing with a draft for review scheduled for early next year. In sum, the multi-part ISO Soundscape Standards series has established an international standardised framework for designing soundscape solutions and interventions in the built environment for the first time.

NAS is also a founding member of ISO Working Group 68 (ISO/TC43/SC1/WG68), led by the UK, which is developing the world's first International Standard series for measuring and assessing non-acoustic factors (NAFs). Part one of the planned multi-part standard series (ISO/TS 16755-1:2025) was published in the spring of 2025. This significant achievement, following approximately six years of work by the drafting committee, which includes the NAS, underscores the significance of NAFs which are acknowledged to account for at least one-third of the human perceptual response to sound in context, and possibly as much as two-thirds. However, until now there has been no agreed standardised method to identify, measure and assess NAFs. To help address this gap, NAS co-initiated this work in 2018 with the BSI, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the UK Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). The standard provides a necessary bridge between traditional acoustic standards and the ISO Soundscape Standards series by assessing additional human response information, to enable better understanding and interpretation of the human perceptual response to sound and aural diversity in context. The recently published ISO/TS 16755-1:2025 is now the first acoustic standard of its kind to do so. This groundbreaking standard benefits industry, academia and policy makers by providing a framework to help them better assess and evidence the human contextual response to sound and support improved design and interventions for improved health, mental health and wellbeing outcomes for all.

NAS is an invited observer member of the Welsh Government's Noise Regulators meeting. NAS has provided soundscape advice to both the Welsh Government (WG) and also Welsh local authorities by speaking at WG past noise regulators' meetings. NAS' advice and support to the Welsh Government over recent years helped to inform the development of the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill, which subsequently received Royal Assent and became law as the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Act 2024. In accordance with section 25 of the 2024 Act, the Welsh Government must publish a national strategy on soundscapes, for which the Welsh Government consulted on a five year strategy for Wales. NAS' advice and support to the WG continued for this project in support of the resulting Noise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028 which is the Welsh Government's first statutory national strategy focusing on improving public health and well-being by managing both unwanted noise and desirable soundscapes. Wales is the first nation to include soundscapes in national policy, moving beyond just noise reduction to considering positive sounds that improve well-being. This landmark legislation is a shining testament to NAS' reputation, impact and work in this field over many years.

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In 2024/2025, the NAS continued outreach and knowledge exchange activities related to the findings in 2023 from co-delivered innovative soundscape and non-acoustic factors research for a major UK airport in a project led by the University of Salford partnering with City St George's, University of London and the Noise Abatement Society. The research presented the findings and outcomes of an independent study the aim of which was to develop a clear definition of Fair and Equitable Distribution (FED) of traffic at the airport that would enable airspace managers and aircraft operators to design solutions to meet the aspirational objective of FED in the context of the UK's Airspace Modernisation Strategy (AMS). Airspace Modernisation is required as part of the UK Government's transportation strategy. The AMS aims to deliver quicker, quieter and cleaner journeys and more capacity for the benefit of those who use and are affected by UK airspace. This study brought together findings from Aviation Noise Metrics and Technology Options; Health Effects of Aircraft Noise; Non-Acoustic Factors; and Soundscape and presented an innovative transdisciplinary conceptual framework for operationalising the development of an agreed definition of FED, for the first time. The framework incorporates inputs from acoustics, psychoacoustics, technology, health, psychology and applicable contextually relevant disciplines. Over the course of this year NAS has delivered presentations about this research culminating in lead authorship of a scientific peer-reviewed journal presenting the innovative transdisciplinary conceptual framework. This work remains ongoing to educate, inform and support existing and new audiences as to the practical application of soundscape and non-acoustic factors research to reduce noise and improve soundscapes to create health supporting, inclusive and sustainable environments for all.

Future Sound Foundation - NAS established the Future Sound Foundation (FSF) programme in 2018 to offer consultancy within the guidelines of the Charity Commission to industry and the public sector. FSF approaches problem-solving from a position of good acoustic design and soundscape taking account of non-acoustic factors and aural diversity helping NAS to fulfil its charitable remit to reduce the adverse health and wellbeing effects of noise on people. Consultancy through FSF can provide NAS with additional funding in support of its charitable aims.

Through FSF, NAS continues its ongoing work (pro-bono, for a fee, and business and market development) via a range of high-impact projects including on the Advisory Board of the "Sounds in the City" collaborative project with the City of Montreal led by McGill University. This continuing project works to improve city planning for the public benefit through urban noise management and soundscape design and interventions by connecting research and practice. NAS is also participating/has completed participation in two world-leading UK research bids, amongst others, the two highlighted here are: 1) one led by the University of Salford (as a Project Partner; Feb 2022-Oct 2024) which completed this year entitled "DroneNoise: Addressing Public Health and Wellbeing Harms for a Sustainable Drone Sector". The outcomes from this project are focussed toward the small-to-medium size drone market and have contributed to the foundations for the potential future impact of drones for transport of people. In summary, this project addressed noise issues related to the design and operation of drones, to aid drone stakeholders to better understand the noise impacts of drones and the effects on community acceptance and contribute to the sustainable expansion of the sector. And 2) the Noise Network Plus (NN+) an interdisciplinary network of engineers, policymakers, industry stakeholders and social scientists, led by the University of Surrey in a collaboration with City St George's, University of London, the University of Bath, and the University of Salford. The NN+ aims to build unprecedented research capabilities in the UK to tackle the complex challenge of reducing noise and its impacts on people, the environment and the economy. The three-year project brings together diverse teams and stakeholders; the initiative will promote inclusive dialogue and co-design innovative solutions. The NN+ project forms part of a wider community engagement initiative to address, via research, 'Tomorrow's Engineering Research Challenges' (TERC), identified by the UK Government, which focuses on tackling the most pressing issues facing the engineering sector and society. NAS was an early supporter of the initiative, from the funding bid stage, and is now an active contributor via the NN+ Health and Wellbeing Working Group.

NAS has provided in-kind support for two PhD studentships supported through UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). The first PhD, remains ongoing, and is with Goldsmiths University London, following a joint funding application initiated by the NAS in 2018, for a soundscape multi-disciplinary collaborative PhD scholarship. Part of this project was informed by NAS' groundbreaking soundscape projects in Brighton, 'West Street Story' and 'West Street Tunnel' wherein NAS worked in collaboration with Brighton and Sussex Medical School, the University of Sheffield, and Brighton and Hove City Council. The second PhD studentship, started in 2018 and completed this year, was with Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh and investigated the role of stakeholder engagement, non-acoustic factors and perceived control in large-scale infrastructure projects in the built environment, with a focus on mental health, wellbeing and salutogenic (health-promoting) spatial planning. The project was successfully completed and the research thesis published. The NAS has been invited to produce a scientific book on this project; that work is now in progress. Work is also ongoing to apply the research outputs in practice and consultancy in support of the NAS's planned aims and objectives.

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Support for these research projects helps to ensure that NAS continues to be seen as credible and relevant at a time when the soundscape industry is poised for growth in the UK and abroad. Keeping abreast of the latest science and developments is essential in order for NAS to continue to compete for funding and consultancy opportunities. Continuing to play a key role in the development of soundscape and non-acoustic factors research and evidence also gives NAS great credibility within the acoustics industry, and with policy makers, government and the public.

From January 2020 to the present, NAS continues as a member of the Institute of Acoustics Research Co-ordination Committee. The mission of the committee is to 'improve the status and awareness of acoustics research in the UK and to improve communications between researchers. The Committee meets three times a year to discuss various research matters to further the aims of sustainable acoustics, including funding bids.

NAS also continues as a member of the Institute of Acoustics Sound Noise and Health Group. The group's focus is on understanding and assessing the effects of sound, noise, and vibration exposure on human health. Its remit includes sound in external and internal environments, and the influence of non-acoustic factors and aural diversity. The main aim of the group is to provide a forum for members to exchange information and discuss developments within this rapidly developing area of acoustics and to respond to UK Parliamentary calls for evidence and target national media opportunities, where appropriate.

The John Connell Awards - Established by NAS CE Gloria Elliott OBE in 2000, these immensely popular and unique awards are coveted charity-led honours to recognise innovation in noise mitigation, soundscape and aural diversity for the public benefit. The event is sponsored by industry and serves to encourage local authority environmental health teams in their endeavours to enforce noise law, reduce noise pollution and improve soundscapes for community benefit. Industry and research best practice is also recognised, supporting excellence in quiet design technology, programmes and solutions. NAS held the event at the Palace of Westminster on October 16th 2024 graciously hosted by The Lord Balfie. It was highlighted once again that these awards are enthusiastically welcomed by the acoustics and manufacturing industries as well as policy makers and government.

Quiet Mark (TM)

Quiet Mark is the independent, international approval award programme associated with the UK Noise Abatement Society charitable foundation. It encourages companies worldwide to prioritise noise reduction within the design of everyday machines and appliances, and find solutions to noise problems to benefit health and wellbeing. Co-founded in 2012 by NAS CE Gloria Elliott OBE and her daughter Quiet Mark CEO Poppy Szkiler, Quiet Mark was originally launched as a trading arm of the Noise Abatement Society to further the core mission of the charity and provide support, subsequently becoming an independent commercial company. Quiet Mark continues to grow steadily around the world receiving new enquiries from global manufacturers who wish to apply for Quiet Mark certification for their low-noise products. Quiet Mark certification gives purchasing awareness and choice to consumers, designers and architects, whilst supporting the manufacturing industry and improving the aural environment. Aligned with its founding principles, Quiet Mark's support of the Noise Abatement Society in its important charitable work is ongoing - a virtuous circle from which everyone benefits. Using media platforms, Quiet Mark reaches out to support its clients in an interactive way. This has proven to be very successful, evidenced by the number of visitors to the Quiet Mark site growing rapidly year on year.

NAS is extremely grateful for the work of Quiet Mark and the company's ongoing financial support which ensures that NAS' important work can continue in strength.

Conclusion

The Trustees would like to express thanks to the Chief Executive of the NAS Gloria Elliott OBE for her continued expertise and dedication, carrying out her full-time and hands-on work for the 31st consecutive year, in a voluntary capacity without remuneration.

The Directors would also like to congratulate Managing Director Dr Lisa Lavia for her continued incredible hard work and her depth of insight and vision which she has employed to the benefit of the Society especially within her important and pioneering research and advisory roles in the areas of soundscape and non-acoustic factors.

This formidable team are appreciated greatly for having enabled the NAS to achieve extraordinary growth in scope and credibility over several years on a very restricted budget, with minimal resources, and we are extremely indebted to them both.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position and Reserves Policy

The results for the year are shown on pages 9 -17.

It is the Trustees' policy to maintain adequate reserves to enable the Society to meet any unforeseen costs or cover any shortfall in expected subscriptions or other income equivalent to two months of resources expended.

The Directors are also grateful for all donations made to help the work of The Noise Abatement Society, large or small, from members of the public and corporate members.

It should be noted that the NAS' high achievement rate is delivered on a very restricted budget with minimal external support or resources.

FUTURE PLANS

The efforts of the Executive during 2024-2025 have continued to be expended in forging increased links with academia, policy makers, local and national government, standards and trade bodies and industry to enable the charity to increase its impact, influence, reputation, outreach, education, knowledge exchange and supporters through keeping at the forefront of noise, soundscape, non-acoustic factors and aural diversity policy, research, and industry best practice to maintain and increase support for the Society in fulfilment of its charitable aims for the public benefit.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The company was incorporated on 31 January 2012 and gained charitable status on 1 March 2012. The company was established to carry on the existing work of Noise Abatement Society (Charity number 272040, which gained charitable status in 1976, following the establishment of the Society in 1959) with the addition of a wider environmental and societal remit, as described in its governing document: its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 31 January 2012.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The number of Directors shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum.

The first Directors shall be those persons notified to Companies House as the first Directors of the Charity.

The Charity may by ordinary resolution:

- 1) Appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Director; and
- 2) Determine the rotation in which any additional Directors are to retire.

Directors

The Directors of the NAS are extremely active in their contribution to the running of the Society and they continue to generously volunteer their time to the Society. Thanks are especially due to the Chairman David Lane.

The board welcomed a new Director Stephen Bridges in December 2024 and are very appreciative of his experienced input.

NAS Limited Board meetings took place on November 8th 2024 and March 14th 2025.

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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07930551 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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Trustees

M D Lane (Chair)
R Swerling
C G Bennett
S J Bridges (appointed 9.12.24)

Independent Examiner

Christopher Robert Tyler FCA DChA FCIE
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Executive Committee

Gloria Elliott OBE - Chief Executive Officer
Lisa Lavia, PhD EMBA FRSA IOA Member - Managing Director

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Noise Abatement Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ~~28 March 2026~~ and signed on its behalf by:


.....
M D Lane - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07930551)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Noise Abatement Society ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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.



Christopher Robert Tyler FCA DChA FCIE

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Date: 14 March 2026

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

		2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	68,238	76,404
Charitable activities	4		
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities		38,175	43,000
Investment income	3	2,123	2,202
Total		<u>108,536</u>	<u>121,606</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	5		
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities		<u>122,934</u>	<u>116,066</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(14,398)	5,540
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		126,026	120,486
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>111,628</u></u>	<u><u>126,026</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET

30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	700	933
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	1,376	2,315
Cash at bank		112,447	125,294
		<u>113,823</u>	<u>127,609</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(2,895)	(2,516)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>110,928</u>	<u>125,093</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>111,628</u>	<u>126,026</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>111,628</u>	<u>126,026</u>
FUNDS	15		
Unrestricted funds		<u>111,628</u>	<u>126,026</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>111,628</u>	<u>126,026</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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 ~~22 March 2025~~ and were signed on its behalf by:



M D Lane - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 '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 accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees/directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows :

Fixtures, fittings & equipment - 20% straight line.

Assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation Tax purposes. Accordingly the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to chargeable purposes.

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.

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.

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	66,920	66,493
Other income	1,318	6,596
Consultancy fees	-	3,315
	<u>68,238</u>	<u>76,404</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>2,123</u>	<u>2,202</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2025	2024
		£	£
ANV Measurement Systems	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	2,500	2,250
Brigade Electronics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	2,500	4,500
Association of Noise Consultants	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	2,500	2,250
Quiet Mark	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,500	6,750
Rockwool UK	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	7,000	7,000
Institute of Acoustics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	6,500	6,500
S&P Ventilation	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	3,500	-
Tate St Ives	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	175	-
Rolltek International	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,500	4,500
Anderson Acoustics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,500	4,500
RHE Global	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	-	4,750
		<u>38,175</u>	<u>43,000</u>

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	120,499	2,435	122,934

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs	76,473	55,269
Other costs	21,352	34,480
Support costs	22,674	24,037
	120,499	113,786

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	2,435

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

	2025 Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities £	2024 Total activities £
Bookkeeping and payroll	1,185	1,030
Independent examination	1,250	1,250
	2,435	2,280

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation - owned assets	233	233

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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2025 nor for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2025 nor for the year ended 30 June 2024.

10. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	50,196	50,196
Social security costs	5,948	5,672
Pension costs	1,319	1,319
Online filing incentive	(5,000)	(5,000)
Agency and self employed staff	19,652	3,082
Agency fee	4,534	-

The average number of employees was 1 (2024: 1).

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2024: none).

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises the trustees. The trustees receive no employment benefits from the charity.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2024)

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	76,404
Charitable activities	
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	43,000
Investment income	2,202
Total	<u>121,606</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	<u>116,066</u>
NET INCOME	5,540
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	120,486

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2024) - continued

Unrestricted
fund
£

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

126,026

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Fixtures
and
fittings
£

COST

At 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025

16,910

DEPRECIATION

At 1 July 2024

15,977

Charge for year

233

At 30 June 2025

16,210

NET BOOK VALUE

At 30 June 2025

700

At 30 June 2024

933

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	345
Other debtors	580	1,212
Prepayments	796	758
	<u>1,376</u>	<u>2,315</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,389	142
Social security and other taxes	-	868
Other creditors	256	256
Accrued expenses	1,250	1,250
	<u>2,895</u>	<u>2,516</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	126,026	(14,398)	111,628
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>126,026</u>	<u>(14,398)</u>	<u>111,628</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	108,536	(122,934)	(14,398)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>108,536</u>	<u>(122,934)</u>	<u>(14,398)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	120,486	5,540	126,026
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>120,486</u>	<u>5,540</u>	<u>126,026</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	121,606	(116,066)	5,540
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>121,606</u>	<u>(116,066)</u>	<u>5,540</u>

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16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charity operates from a property owned by Gloria Elliott (Chief Executive) who has not charged rent during this period.

The charity received unrestricted donations of £66,000 (2024 : £66,000) and sponsorship of £4,500 (2024 : £6,750) from Quiet Mark Approval Limited, a company to which Gloria Elliott (Chief Executive) is a Director.

17. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

Every member of the charity promises, if the charity is dissolved while he or she or it is a member or within twelve months after he or she or it ceases to be a member, to contribute such sum (not exceeding £10) towards the payment of the debts or liabilities of the charity incurred before he or she or it ceases to be a member, and of the costs charges and expenses of winding up, and the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

On the dissolution of the charity any assets remaining shall be applied or transferred to any other charity with similar objects.

The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the 'Legal and Administrative Information' section of the accounts.

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1146192

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07930551 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1146192

CHARITY
COMMISSION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024
FOR
THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

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THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The major objective of The Noise Abatement Society (NAS) for over 60 years, established in 1959, has been and remains to find solutions to reduce unnecessary noise and to raise awareness of the destructive nature of noise pollution which profoundly affects public health, wellbeing, productivity and quality of life for all. A further aim is to share a better understanding of what sound is, how it affects us and how we can solve noise problems and improve sound environments and soundscapes in a pragmatic and sustainable way.

This is achieved through providing both short and long-term practical solutions; research; campaigning; education; liaising and working with local and national policy makers, citizens, other charitable bodies, academia, standards organisations and industry; and providing a free noise help line to inform and raise awareness with the public on noise problems and solutions in the UK.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities.

The trustees believe that their report sets this out.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities 2023/24

NAS free Noise Helpline - The NAS provides a national noise helpline to support and empower members of the public who are affected by distressing noise problems. The Helpline continues to receive thousands of enquires each year from the public, media, and those needing support to find solutions to the blight of noise pollution. Many members of the public are seriously affected by the impact of excessive noise on their lives which is mainly associated with neighbour/neighbourhood activity. As testament to this fact NAS is regularly called upon to provide media commentary regarding the adverse effects of noise pollution on public health, wellbeing, and amenity.

Call data is used to support evidence of noise disturbance for NAS campaign purposes, and sponsorship is continually being sought to support the cost and expansion of this valuable service.

Love Your Ears(TM) - NAS' schools programme continues to be championed amongst stakeholders. Data collected by the NAS shows, in line with findings from the World Health Organization and the NHS, the desperate need for educating young people to help them reduce the time and level of listening to their music devices to prevent premature hearing loss. Also included in the programme is an empowerment piece to encourage students to take a break and turn off their devices occasionally, giving them a sense of control over their vulnerable exposure to the 'noise' of all social media platforms which can lead to mental health problems.

NAS is a founding member of the UK Hearing Conservation Association (HCA) alongside many prominent leading organisations including the British Safety Council, the Institute of Acoustics and the British Tinnitus Association. The aim of the HCA is to prevent damage to hearing health and other noise related health conditions through practical, evidenced and cost-effective communications and solutions. The HCA provides a unique platform to help support and raise awareness of NAS' Love Your Ears training programme.

NAS is a supporter of the "Make Listening Safe Campaign" (MLSC). The aim of the campaign is to ensure that more than 50% of people between 10 and 40 years of age are aware of the causes of avoidable hearing loss; highlight how they can mitigate the risks; help them choose safer options to prevent avoidable hearing loss; and encourage legislation to make sure safer options are freely available to everyone. The MLSC was launched in the UK in 2023 before being rolled out to 193 countries, which are members of the World Health Organization (WHO), planned for 2024 and beyond. The campaign is also supported by the WHO, the Institute of Acoustics, the NHS England and the British Society of Audiology along with many other prominent organisations.

NAS continues to actively seek sponsorship for its important Love Your Ears(TM) Schools Programme.

Silent Approach(TM) - Interest continues to be shown for the NAS Retiming Programme to enable the sustainable expansion of delivery and servicing without noise disturbance. Support for this programme is still given through the Freight in the City annual exhibition of quiet vehicles and equipment under the general banner title of 'Quiet, Safe, Clean Delivery'.

Transport for London's website shows NAS at the heart of their Retiming Deliveries scheme for which NAS provided support from 2013-2018. The transportation policies of both Mayors Johnson and Khan have referred to the importance of quiet deliveries.

Soundscape - NAS has been a member of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Soundscape Standards Working Group 54 (ISO TC43/SC1/WG54) since the year of its inception in 2009. The UK is the convenor of ISO Working Group 54 on Soundscape, as a direct result of NAS' sustained soundscape engagement campaign with the UK and the international acoustics community. The UK participates in ISO Working Groups via the British Standards Institution (BSI). NAS' Managing Director Dr Lisa Lavia is a BSI UK Expert appointed to ISO Working Group 54. Working Group 54 is currently working on Part 4 of the multi-part ISO Soundscape Standards series which sets out a framework for designing soundscape solutions and interventions in the built environment.

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NAS is also a founding member of ISO Working Group 68 (ISO/TC43/SC1/WG68), led by the UK, which is developing the world's first standard for measuring and assessing non-acoustic factors (NAFs). NAFs are acknowledged to account for at least one-third of the human perceptual response to sound in context, and possibly as much as two-thirds. However, until now there has been no agreed standardised method to identify, measure and assess NAFs. NAS initiated this work in 2018 with the BSI, the UK Health Security Agency and the UK Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). The standard provides a necessary bridge between traditional acoustic standards and the ISO Soundscape Standards series by assessing additional human response information to enable a better understanding and interpretation of the human perceptual response to sound in context. It will be the first acoustic standard of its kind to do so. The standard will be of benefit to industry, academia and policy makers to better assess and evidence the human response to sound and support improved design and interventions for better health, mental health and wellbeing outcomes.

NAS was invited to become an observer member of the Welsh Government's Noise Regulators meeting. The meetings are convened by the Welsh Government and take place two to three times annually. The membership comprises all local authorities in Wales. The NAS has been invited by the Welsh Government to present and comment on noise and soundscape matters over the past decade. In December 2018 Wales became the first country to publish national soundscape planning and noise policies. In October 2021 the Welsh Government commissioned NAS be an adviser on the development of their groundbreaking soundscape planning guidance for local authorities and practitioners. As part of this work the NAS co-authored the draft 'Supporting Document 1: Soundscape Design' (currently in consultation) as part of the Welsh Government's revision of 'Technical Advice Note 11: Air Quality, Noise and Soundscape'.

NAS' work supported the development and publishing of new guidance incorporating soundscape, the 'Noise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028' and the subsequent 'Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Act 2024'. These publications form the first legislative instruments of their kind mandating consideration of the ISO Soundscape Standard Series for use in the design, planning and development of the built environment.

Following NAS' presentation on soundscape research to the UK's leading trade body for acoustic consultants, the Association of Noise Consultants (ANC) in June 2020, the NAS has been invited to establish and advise an ANC Soundscape Working Group which is still ongoing. The aim of the working group is to develop guidance for industry to design and implement Soundscape interventions and solutions for the benefit of people, places and the environment. This focus on soundscape is a first for the ANC and is a testament to NAS' reputation and work in this field over many years. This work remains ongoing.

Future Sound Foundation - NAS established the Future Sound Foundation (FSF) programme in 2018 to offer consultancy within the guidelines of the Charity Commission to industry and the public sector. FSF addresses the misconception faced by some supporters that NAS' approach may be too prescriptive and focussed only on traditional noise abatement methods. FSF approaches problem solving from a good acoustic design and soundscape perspective while still helping NAS to fulfil its charitable remit to reduce the adverse health and wellbeing effects of noise pollution on people. Consultancy through FSF can provide NAS with another form of funding.

Through FSF, NAS is on the Advisory Board of the "Sounds in the City" collaborative project with the City of Montreal led by McGill University. This ongoing project works to improve city planning for the public benefit through urban noise management and soundscape design and interventions by connecting research and practice. NAS has also been invited to participate in world-leading UK research bids: 1) one led by the University of Salford (as a Project Partner; which commenced in Autumn 2021 and completes in 2024) entitled "DroneNoise: Addressing Public Health and Wellbeing Harms for a Sustainable Drone Sector"; and 2) one led by the University of Surrey (as a Strategic Adviser) for a Turing Fellowship entitled "Artificial Intelligence for Sound" (also incorporating Soundscape). NAS has also been the Ethics Advisor on the prestigious "Soundscape Indices" project led by University College London and funded by the European Research Council (project completes in 2024). NAS was an Advisory Board Member on the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Fellowship "Preemptive Listening" awarded to Dr Aura Satz, Royal College of Art, wherein the project explored reimagining sirens and emergency signals and from which a feature film was produced (completing in 2024). NAS was a project partner in the SIENA Consortium (Sustainable Infrastructure and Evidence for Noise and Air), commissioned by the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), and suggested by the Welsh Government, to deliver an "Evidence Review for the Effects of Soundproofing on Residents' Mental Wellbeing and Alternative Designs" (completed in 2024). These appointments are further recognition of the esteem and respect for NAS' pioneering work on soundscape and unique expertise working at the cutting edge of industry, policy and science.

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NAS is providing in-kind support for two PhD studentships supported through the UK Research and Innovation Council. The first PhD is with Goldsmiths University London, following a joint funding application initiated by NAS in 2018, for a soundscape multi-disciplinary collaborative PhD scholarship. Part of this research includes deeper analysis of the NAS led soundscape projects in Brighton, 'West Street Story' and 'West Street Tunnel' wherein NAS worked in collaboration with Brighton and Sussex Medical School, the University of Sheffield, and Brighton and Hove City Council. This project is ongoing and expected to complete in 2026. The second PhD studentship, started in 2018 and is completing in 2024. This project is with Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, and has also received support from AECOM, and is investigating the role of stakeholder engagement, non-acoustic factors and perceived control in the context of UK aviation projects and with implications for other large-scale infrastructure projects in the built environment, with a focus on mental health, wellbeing and salutogenic (health-promoting) spatial planning.

Support for these research projects helps to ensure that NAS continues to be seen as credible and relevant at a time when the soundscape industry is experiencing signs of rapid growth in the UK and abroad. Keeping abreast of the latest research and developments is essential for NAS to continue to compete for funding and consultancy opportunities in the marketplace. Continuing to play a key role in the development of soundscape research and evidence also gives NAS great credibility within the acoustics industry, and with policy makers and the public.

From January 2020 to the present, NAS has been a member of the Institute of Acoustics Research Co-ordination Committee. The mission of the committee is to 'improve the status and awareness of acoustics research in the UK and to improve communications between researchers. The Committee meets three times a year to discuss various research matters to further the aims of sustainable acoustics, including funding bids.

NAS is also a member of the Institute of Acoustics Sound Noise and Health Group. The group's focus is on understanding and assessing the effects of sound, noise, and vibration exposure on human health. Its remit includes sound in external and internal environments, and the influence of non-acoustic factors. The main aim of the group is to provide a forum for members to exchange information and discuss developments within this rapidly developing area of acoustics and to respond to UK Parliamentary calls for evidence and target national media opportunities, where appropriate. Members of the group, including the NAS, are currently developing the UK's first soundscape Certificate course in Soundscape Assessment. The new 5-day Certificate course in Soundscape Assessment is expected to be delivered at the end of 2024. It will enable attendees to understand the concepts of soundscape and undertake the assessment and data analysis required for a soundscape assessment.

The John Connell Awards - Established by NAS CEO Gloria Elliott OBE in 2000, these immensely popular and unique awards are the only charity-led honours to recognise innovation in noise mitigation for the public benefit. The event is sponsored by industry and serves to encourage Local Authority Environmental Health teams in their endeavours to enforce noise law and reduce noise pollution for community benefit. Industry best practice is also recognized, supporting excellence in quiet design technology and solutions.

NAS held the event on October 25th 2023 hosted by Sir Peter Bottomley, MP for Worthing West and "Father of the House". It was highlighted once again that these awards are enthusiastically welcomed by local and national government as well as acoustics and manufacturing industries.

Quiet Mark(TM)

Co-founded in 2012 by NAS CEO Gloria Elliott OBE and her daughter Quiet Mark CEO Poppy Szkiller, and originally launched as a programme from the NAS, Quiet Mark is an independent Limited Company (company number 07905724) and continues to grow steadily around the world receiving new enquiries from global manufacturers who wish to apply for Quiet Mark certification for their low-noise products. Quiet Mark certification gives purchasing awareness and choice to the consumer, designers and architects, whilst supporting the manufacturing industry and improving the aural environment. It also supports the Noise Abatement Society in its important charitable work - a virtuous circle from which everyone benefits.

Using media platforms, Quiet Mark reaches out to support its clients in an interactive way. This has proven to be very successful, evidenced by the number of visitors to the Quiet Mark site growing rapidly year on year.

NAS is extremely grateful for the work of Quiet Mark and the company's ongoing financial support which ensures that NAS' important work can continue in strength.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Conclusion

The Trustees would like to express thanks to the Chief Executive Officer of the NAS Gloria Elliott OBE for her continued expertise and dedication, carrying out her full-time and hands-on work for the 30th consecutive year, in a voluntary capacity without remuneration.

The Directors would also like to congratulate Managing Director Dr Lisa Lavia for her continued incredible hard work and her depth of insight and vision which she has employed to the benefit of the Society especially within her important and pioneering applied research and practice in the area of soundscape.

This formidable team are appreciated greatly for having enabled the NAS to achieve extraordinary growth in scope and credibility over several years on a very restricted budget, with minimal resources, and we are extremely indebted to them both.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position and Reserves Policy

The results for the year are shown on pages 9 -17.

It is the Trustees' policy to maintain adequate reserves to enable the Society to meet any unforeseen costs or cover any shortfall in expected subscriptions or other income equivalent to two months of resources expended.

The Directors are also grateful for all donations made to help the work of The Noise Abatement Society, large or small, from supporters of the public and corporate supporters.

It should be noted that the NAS' high achievement rate is delivered on a very restricted budget with minimal external support or resources.

FUTURE PLANS

The efforts of the Executive during 2023-2024 have continued to be expended in forging increased links with academia, local and national government, standards and trade bodies and industry to enable the charity to increase its impact, influence, reputation and supporters through keeping at the forefront of noise and soundscape policy, research, and industry best practice to maintain and increase support for the Society and its work.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The company was incorporated on 31 January 2012 and gained charitable status on 1 March 2012. The company was established to carry on the existing work of Noise Abatement Society (Charity number 272040, which gained charitable status in 1976, following the establishment of the Society in 1959) with the addition of a wider environmental and societal remit, as described in its governing document: its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 31 January 2012.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The number of Directors shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum.

The first Directors shall be those persons notified to Companies House as the first Directors of the Charity.

The Charity may by ordinary resolution:

- 1) Appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Director; and
- 2) Determine the rotation in which any additional Directors are to retire.

Directors

The Directors of the NAS are extremely active in their contribution to the running of the Society and they continue to generously volunteer their time to the Society. Thanks are especially due to the Chairman David Lane.

NAS Limited Board meeting took place on May 24th 2024.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07930551 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1146192

Registered office

4 The Axiom Centre
Dorchester Road
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Trustees

M D Lane Chair
R Swerling
C G Bennett

Independent Examiner

Christopher Robert Tyler FCA DChA FCIE
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Executive Committee

Gloria Elliott OBE - Chief Executive Officer
Lisa Lavia, PhD EMBA FRSA IOA Member - Managing Director

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Noise Abatement Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

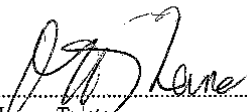
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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

 22/11/24
.....
M D Lane - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07930551)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Noise Abatement Society ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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.



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Date: ~~30 June 2024~~ 30 November 2024

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	76,404	66,001
Charitable activities	4		
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities		43,000	37,750
Investment income	3	2,202	690
Total		<u>121,606</u>	<u>104,441</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	5		
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities		<u>116,066</u>	<u>92,397</u>
NET INCOME		5,540	12,044
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		120,486	108,442
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>126,026</u></u>	<u><u>120,486</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	933	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	2,315	3,303
Cash at bank		125,294	119,674
		<u>127,609</u>	<u>122,977</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(2,516)	(2,491)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>125,093</u>	<u>120,486</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>126,026</u>	<u>120,486</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>126,026</u>	<u>120,486</u>
FUNDS	15		
Unrestricted funds		126,026	120,486
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>126,026</u>	<u>120,486</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2024.

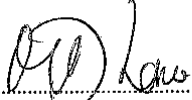
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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 and were signed on its behalf by:


M D Lane - Trustee

24/11/24

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 '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 accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees/directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows :

Fixtures, fittings & equipment - 20% straight line.

Assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation Tax purposes. Accordingly the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to chargeable purposes.

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.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	66,493	62,459
Other income	6,596	3,167
Consultancy fees	3,315	375
	<u>76,404</u>	<u>66,001</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>2,202</u>	<u>690</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2024	2023
		£	£
ANV Measurement Systems	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	2,250	2,250
Brigade Electronics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,500	4,500
Association of Noise Consultants	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	2,250	2,250
Quiet Mark	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	6,750	4,000
Rockwool UK	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	7,000	5,000
Institute of Acoustics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	6,500	6,500
Rolltek International	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,500	4,500
Anderson Acoustics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,500	4,000
RHE Global	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,750	4,750
		<u>43,000</u>	<u>37,750</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	<u>113,786</u>	<u>2,280</u>	<u>116,066</u>

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6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	55,269	48,732
Other costs	34,480	27,052
Support costs	24,037	14,518
	<u>113,786</u>	<u>90,302</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	<u>2,280</u>

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

	2024	2023
	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	Total activities
	£	£
Bookkeeping and payroll	1,030	895
Independent examination	1,250	1,200
	<u>2,280</u>	<u>2,095</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>233</u>	<u>315</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2024 nor for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2024 nor for the year ended 30 June 2023.

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10. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	50,196	47,196
Social security costs	5,672	5,404
Pension costs	1,319	1,229
Online filing incentive	(5,000)	(5,097)
Agency staff	3,082	-

The average number of employees was 1 (2023: 1).

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2023: none).

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises the trustees. The trustees receive no employment benefits from the charity.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2023)

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	66,001
Charitable activities	
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	37,750
Investment income	690
Total	104,441
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	92,397
NET INCOME	12,044
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	108,442
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	120,486

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 July 2023	15,744
Additions	1,166
At 30 June 2024	16,910
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 July 2023	15,744
Charge for year	233
At 30 June 2024	15,977
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 June 2024	933
At 30 June 2023	-

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	345	-
Other debtors	1,212	2,873
Prepayments	758	430
	<u>2,315</u>	<u>3,303</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	142	710
Social security and other taxes	868	-
Other creditors	256	531
Accrued expenses	1,250	1,250
	<u>2,516</u>	<u>2,491</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	120,486	5,540	126,026
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>120,486</u>	<u>5,540</u>	<u>126,026</u>

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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	121,606	(116,066)	5,540
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>121,606</u>	<u>(116,066)</u>	<u>5,540</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	108,442	12,044	120,486
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>108,442</u>	<u>12,044</u>	<u>120,486</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	104,441	(92,397)	12,044
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104,441</u>	<u>(92,397)</u>	<u>12,044</u>

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charity operates from a property owned by Gloria Elliott (Chief Executive) who has not charged rent during this period.

The charity received unrestricted donations of £66,000 (2023 : £62,000) from Quiet Mark Approval Limited, a company to which Gloria Elliott (Chief Executive) is a Director.

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17. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

Every member of the charity promises, if the charity is dissolved while he or she or it is a member or within twelve months after he or she or it ceases to be a member, to contribute such sum (not exceeding £10) towards the payment of the debts or liabilities of the charity incurred before he or she or it ceases to be a member, and of the costs charges and expenses of winding up, and the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

On the dissolution of the charity any assets remaining shall be applied or transferred to any other charity with similar objects.

The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the 'Legal and Administrative Information' section of the accounts.

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1146192

Accounts

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023
FOR
THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The major objective of The Noise Abatement Society (NAS) for over 60 years, established in 1959, has been and remains to find solutions to reduce unnecessary noise and to raise awareness of the destructive nature of noise pollution which profoundly affects public health, wellbeing, productivity and quality of life. A further aim is to share a better understanding of what sound is, how it affects us and how we can solve noise problems and improve sound environments and soundscapes in a pragmatic and sustainable way.

This is achieved through providing both short and long-term practical solutions; research; campaigning; education; liaising and working with local and national policy makers, citizens, other charitable bodies, academia, standards organisations and industry; and providing the UK's only dedicated free noise helpline to inform and raise awareness with the public of noise problems and solutions.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities.

The trustees believe that their report sets this out.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities 2022/23

NAS free Noise Helpline - The NAS national noise helpline continues to receive thousands of enquires each year from the public, media, and those needing support to find solutions to the blight of noise pollution. Many members of the public are seriously affected by the impact of excessive noise on their lives which is mainly associated with neighbour/neighbourhood activity. As testament to this fact NAS is regularly called upon to provide media commentary regarding the adverse effects of noise pollution on public health, wellbeing, and amenity.

Call data is used to support evidence of noise disturbance for NAS campaign purposes, and sponsorship is continually being sought to support the cost and expansion of this valuable service.

Love Your Ears™ - NAS' schools programme continues to be championed amongst stakeholders. Data collected by the NAS shows, in line with findings from the World Health Organization and the NHS, the desperate need for educating young people to help them reduce the time and level of listening to their music devices to prevent premature hearing loss. Also included in the programme is an empowerment piece to encourage students to take a break and turn off their devices occasionally, giving them a sense of control over their vulnerable exposure to the 'noise' of all social media platforms which can lead to mental health problems.

NAS is a founding member of the UK Hearing Conservation Association (HCA) alongside many prominent leading organisations including the British Safety Council, the Institute of Acoustics and the British Tinnitus Association. The aim of the HCA is to prevent damage to hearing health and other noise related health conditions through practical, evidenced and cost-effective communications and solutions. The HCA provides a unique platform to help support and raise awareness of NAS' Love Your Ears training programme.

NAS is a supporter of the "Make Listening Safe Campaign" (MLSC). The aim of the campaign is to ensure that more than 50% of people between 10 and 40 years of age are aware of the causes of avoidable hearing loss; highlight how they can mitigate the risks; help them choose safer options to prevent avoidable hearing loss; and encourage legislation to make sure safer options are freely available to everyone. The MLSC was launched in the UK in 2023 before being rolled out to 193 countries, which are members of the World Health Organization (WHO), planned for 2024 and beyond. The campaign is also supported by the WHO, the Institute of Acoustics, the NHS England and the British Society of Audiology along with many other prominent organisations.

NAS continues to actively seek sponsorship for its important Love Your Ears™ Schools Programme.

Silent Approach™ - Interest continues to be shown for the NAS Retiming Programme to enable the sustainable expansion of delivery and servicing without noise disturbance. Support for this programme is still given through the Freight in the City annual exhibition of quiet vehicles and equipment under the general banner title of 'Quiet, Safe, Clean Delivery'.

Transport for London's website shows NAS at the heart of their Retiming Deliveries scheme for which NAS provided support from 2013-2018. The transportation policies of both Mayors Johnson and Khan have referred to the importance of quiet deliveries.

Soundscape - NAS has been a member of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Soundscape Standards Working Group 54 (ISO TC43/SC1/WG54) since the year of its inception in 2009. The UK is the convenor of ISO Working Group 54 on Soundscape, as a direct result of NAS' sustained soundscape engagement campaign with the UK and the international acoustics community. The UK participates in ISO Working Groups via the British Standards Institution (BSI). NAS' Managing Director Lisa Lavia is a BSI UK Expert appointed to ISO Working Group 54. Working Group 54 is currently working on Part 4 of the multi-part ISO Soundscape Standards series which sets out a framework for designing soundscape solutions and interventions in the built environment.

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NAS is also a founding member of ISO Working Group 68 (ISO/TC43/SC1/WG68), led by the UK, which is developing the world's first standard for measuring and assessing non-acoustic factors (NAFs). NAFs are acknowledged to account for at least one-third of the human perceptual response to sound in context, and possibly as much as two-thirds. However, until now there has been no agreed standardised method to identify, measure and assess NAFs. NAS initiated this work in 2018 with the BSI, the UK Health Security Agency and the UK Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). The standard provides a necessary bridge between traditional acoustic standards and the ISO Soundscape Standards series by assessing additional human response information to enable a better understanding and interpretation of the human perceptual response to sound in context. It will be the first acoustic standard of its kind to do so. The standard will be of benefit to industry, academia and policy makers to better assess and evidence the human response to sound and support improved design and interventions for better health, mental health and wellbeing outcomes.

NAS is an invited observer member of the Welsh Government's Noise Regulators meeting. The meetings are convened by the Welsh Government and take place two to three times annually. The membership comprises all twenty-three local authorities in Wales. The NAS is regularly invited by the Welsh Government to present and comment on noise and soundscape matters. In December 2018 Wales became the first country to publish national soundscape planning and noise policies. In October 2021 the Welsh Government commissioned NAS be an adviser on the development of their groundbreaking soundscape planning guidance for local authorities and practitioners. Once published this guidance will be the first of its kind mandating the ISO Soundscape Standard Series for use in the design, planning and development of the built environment.

Following NAS' presentation on Soundscape research to the UK's leading trade body for acoustic consultants, the Association of Noise Consultants (ANC) in June 2020, the NAS has been invited to establish and advise an ANC Soundscape Working Group which is still ongoing. The aim of the working group is to develop guidance for industry to design and implement Soundscape interventions and solutions for the benefit of people, places and the environment. This focus on Soundscape is a first for the ANC and is a testament to NAS' reputation and work in this field over many years.

In March 2023 the NAS co-delivered innovative soundscape and non-acoustic factors research for Gatwick Airport in a project led by the University of Salford partnering with St George's, University of London. The research presents the findings and outcomes of an independent study, the aim of which was to develop a clear definition of Fair and Equitable Distribution (FED) of traffic at Gatwick Airport that would enable airspace managers and aircraft operators to design solutions to meet the aspirational objective of FED in the context of the UK's Airspace Modernisation Strategy (AMS). The AMS aims to deliver quicker, quieter and cleaner journeys in UK airspace. This study brings together findings from Aviation Noise Metrics and Technology Options; Health Effects of Aircraft Noise; Non-Acoustic Factors; and Soundscape and presents a transdisciplinary conceptual framework for operationalising the development of an agreed definition of FED, for the first time. The framework incorporates inputs from acoustics, psychoacoustics, technology, health, psychology and applicable contextually relevant disciplines.

Future Sound Foundation - NAS established the Future Sound Foundation (FSF) programme in 2018 to offer consultancy within the guidelines of the Charity Commission to industry and the public sector. FSF addresses the misconception faced by some supporters that NAS' approach may be too prescriptive and focussed only on traditional noise abatement methods. FSF approaches problem solving from a good acoustic design and soundscape perspective while still helping NAS to fulfil its charitable remit to reduce the adverse health and wellbeing effects of noise pollution on people. Consultancy through FSF can provide NAS with another form of funding.

Through FSF, NAS is on the Advisory Board of the "Sounds in the City" collaborative project with the City of Montreal led by McGill University. This ongoing project works to improve city planning for the public benefit through urban noise management and soundscape design and interventions by connecting research and practice. NAS has also been invited to participate in two world-leading UK research bids: 1) one led by the University of Salford (as a Project Partner, which commenced in Autumn 2021) entitled "DroneNoise: Addressing Public Health and Wellbeing Harms for a Sustainable Drone Sector"; and 2) one led by the University of Surrey (as a Strategic Adviser) for a Turing Fellowship entitled "Artificial Intelligence for Sound" (also incorporating Soundscape). NAS is also the Ethics Advisor on the prestigious "Soundscape Indices" project led by University College London and funded by the European Research Council. These appointments are further recognition of the esteem and respect for NAS' pioneering work on soundscape and unique expertise working at the cutting edge of industry, policy and science.

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NAS is providing in-kind support for two PhD studentships supported through the UK Research and Innovation Council. The first PhD is with Goldsmiths University London, following a joint funding application initiated by NAS in 2018, for a soundscape multi-disciplinary collaborative PhD scholarship. Part of this research includes deeper analysis of the NAS led soundscape projects in Brighton, 'West Street Story' and 'West Street Tunnel', wherein NAS worked in collaboration with Brighton and Sussex Medical School, the University of Sheffield, and Brighton and Hove City Council. The second PhD studentship, started in 2018 and expected to complete in mid-2024, is with Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh and is investigating the role of stakeholder engagement, non-acoustic factors and perceived control in large-scale infrastructure projects in the built environment, with a focus on mental health, wellbeing and salutogenic (health-promoting) spatial planning.

Support for these research projects helps to ensure that NAS continues to be seen as credible and relevant at a time when the Soundscape industry is poised for growth in the UK and abroad. Keeping abreast of the latest research and developments is essential in order for NAS to continue to compete for funding opportunities. Continuing to play a key role in the development of soundscape research and evidence also gives NAS great credibility within the acoustics industry, and with policy makers and the public.

From January 2020 to the present, NAS has been a member of the Institute of Acoustics Research Co-ordination Committee. The mission of the committee is to 'improve the status and awareness of acoustics research in the UK and to improve communications between researchers. The Committee meets three times a year to discuss various research matters to further the aims of sustainable acoustics, including funding bids.

NAS is also a member of the Institute of Acoustics Sound Noise and Health Group. The group's focus is on understanding and assessing the effects of sound, noise, and vibration exposure on human health. Its remit includes sound in external and internal environments, and the influence of non-acoustic factors. The main aim of the group is to provide a forum for members to exchange information and discuss developments within this rapidly developing area of acoustics and to respond to UK Parliamentary calls for evidence and target national media opportunities, where appropriate.

The John Connell Awards - Established by NAS CE Gloria Elliott OBE in 2000, these immensely popular and unique awards are the only charity-led honours to recognise innovation in noise mitigation for the public benefit. The event is sponsored by industry and serves to encourage Local Authority Environmental Health teams in their endeavours to enforce noise law and reduce noise pollution for community benefit. Industry best practice is also recognised, supporting excellence in quiet design technology and solutions.

NAS held the event on October 19th 2022 hosted by Sir Peter Bottomley, MP for Worthing West and "Father of the House". It was highlighted once again that these awards are enthusiastically welcomed by the acoustics and manufacturing industries as well as government bodies.

Quiet Mark™

Co-founded in 2012 by NAS CEO Gloria Elliott OBE and her daughter Quiet Mark CEO Poppy Szklir, Quiet Mark continues to grow steadily around the world receiving new enquiries from global manufacturers who wish to apply for Quiet Mark certification for their low-noise products. Quiet Mark certification gives purchasing awareness and choice to the consumer, designers and architects, whilst supporting the manufacturing industry and improving the aural environment. It also supports the Noise Abatement Society in its important charitable work - a virtuous circle where everyone benefits.

Using media platforms, Quiet Mark reaches out to support its clients in an interactive way. This has proven to be very successful, evidenced by the number of visitors to the Quiet Mark site growing rapidly year on year.

NAS is extremely grateful for the work of Quiet Mark and the company's ongoing financial support which ensures that NAS' important work can continue in strength.

Conclusion

The Trustees would like to express thanks to the Chief Executive of the NAS Gloria Elliott OBE for her continued expertise and dedication, carrying out her full-time and hands-on work for the 29th consecutive year, in a voluntary capacity without remuneration.

The Directors would also like to congratulate Managing Director Lisa Lavia for her continued incredible hard work and her depth of insight and vision which she has employed to the benefit of the Society especially within her important and pioneering research in the area of Soundscape.

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This formidable team are appreciated greatly for having enabled the NAS to achieve extraordinary growth in scope and credibility over several years on a very restricted budget, with minimal resources, and we are extremely indebted to them both.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position and Reserves Policy

The results for the year are shown on pages 8 -16.

It is the Trustees' policy to maintain adequate reserves to enable the Society to meet any unforeseen costs or cover any shortfall in expected subscriptions or other income equivalent to two months of resources expended.

The Directors are also grateful for all donations made to help the work of The Noise Abatement Society, large or small, from members of the public and corporate members.

It should be noted that the NAS' high achievement rate is delivered on a very restricted budget with minimal external support or resources.

FUTURE PLANS

The efforts of the Executive during 2022-2023 have continued to be expended in forging increased links with academia, local and national government, standards and trade bodies and industry to enable the charity to increase its impact, influence, reputation and supporters through keeping at the forefront of noise and soundscape policy, research, and industry best practice to maintain and increase support for the Society and its work.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The company was incorporated on 31 January 2012 and gained charitable status on 1 March 2012. The company was established to carry on the existing work of Noise Abatement Society (Charity number 272040, which gained charitable status in 1976, following the establishment of the Society in 1959) with the addition of a wider environmental and societal remit, as described in its governing document: its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 31 January 2012.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The number of Directors shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum.

The first Directors shall be those persons notified to Companies House as the first Directors of the Charity.
The Charity may by ordinary resolution:

- 1) Appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Director; and
- 2) Determine the rotation in which any additional Directors are to retire.

Directors

The Directors of the NAS are extremely active in their contribution to the running of the Society and they continue to generously volunteer their time to the Society. Thanks are especially due to the Chairman David Lane.

NAS Limited Board meetings took place on November 29th 2022 and June 20th 2023.

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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07930551 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1146192

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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R Swerling
C G Bennett

Independent Examiner
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Executive Committee
Gloria Elliott OBE - Chief Executive
Lisa Lavia EMBA, PhD Candidate - Managing Director

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Noise Abatement Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 01/03/2024 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
M D Lane - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07930551)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Noise Abatement Society ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

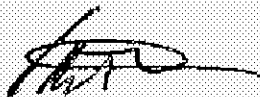
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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.



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Date: 11th March 2024

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	66,001	119,705
Charitable activities	4		
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities		37,750	32,866
Investment income	3	690	14
Total		<u>104,441</u>	<u>152,585</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	5		
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities		<u>92,397</u>	<u>79,497</u>
 NET INCOME		12,044	73,088
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		108,442	35,354
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>120,486</u></u>	<u><u>108,442</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	-	315
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	3,303	2,852
Cash at bank		119,674	110,764
		<u>122,977</u>	<u>113,616</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(2,491)	(5,489)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>120,486</u>	<u>108,127</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>120,486</u>	<u>108,442</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>120,486</u></u>	<u><u>108,442</u></u>
FUNDS	15		
Unrestricted funds		<u>120,486</u>	<u>108,442</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>120,486</u></u>	<u><u>108,442</u></u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 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 01/03/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


M D Lane - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 '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 accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees/directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows :

Fixtures, fittings & equipment - 20% straight line.

Assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation Tax purposes. Accordingly the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to chargeable purposes.

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.

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.

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023****2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	62,459	67,037
Legacies	-	36,736
Grants	-	5,809
Other income	3,167	624
Consultancy fees	375	9,499
	<u>66,001</u>	<u>119,705</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
HMRC - Job Retention Scheme Grant	-	5,809

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>690</u>	<u>14</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2023	2022
		£	£
ANV Measurement Systems	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	2,250	2,208
Brigade Electronics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,500	4,500
Association of Noise Consultants	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	2,250	2,208
Quiet Mark	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,000	4,000
Rockwool UK	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	5,000	5,000
Institute of Acoustics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	6,500	6,500
Rolltek International	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,500	950
Anderson Acoustics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,000	3,000
RHE Global	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,750	4,500
		<u>37,750</u>	<u>32,866</u>

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	90,302	2,095	92,397

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	48,732	46,005
Other costs	27,052	21,170
Support costs	14,518	10,072
	90,302	77,247

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	2,095

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

	2023 Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities £	2022 Total activities £
Bookkeeping and payroll	895	1,100
Independent examination	1,200	1,150
	2,095	2,250

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation - owned assets	315	64

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2023 nor for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2023 nor for the year ended 30 June 2022.

10. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	47,196	44,196
Social security costs	5,404	4,978
Pension costs	1,229	1,139
Online filing incentive	(5,097)	(4,308)

The average number of employees was 1 (2022: 1).

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2022: none).

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises the trustees. The trustees receive no employment benefits from the charity.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2022)

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	119,705
Charitable activities	
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	32,866
Investment income	14
Total	<u>152,585</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	<u>79,497</u>
NET INCOME	73,088
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	35,354

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2022) - continued

Unrestricted
fund
£

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

108,442

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Fixtures
and
fittings
£

COST

At 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023

15,744

DEPRECIATION

At 1 July 2022

15,429

Charge for year

315

At 30 June 2023

15,744

NET BOOK VALUE

At 30 June 2023

-

At 30 June 2022

315

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2023
£

2022
£

Other debtors

2,873

2,422

Prepayments

430

430

3,303

2,852

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2023
£

2022
£

Trade creditors

710

951

Social security and other taxes

-

1,802

VAT

-

1,211

Other creditors

531

275

Accrued expenses

1,250

1,250

2,491

5,489

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	108,442	12,044	120,486
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>108,442</u>	<u>12,044</u>	<u>120,486</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	104,441	(92,397)	12,044
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104,441</u>	<u>(92,397)</u>	<u>12,044</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	35,354	73,088	108,442
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>35,354</u>	<u>73,088</u>	<u>108,442</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	152,585	(79,497)	73,088
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>152,585</u>	<u>(79,497)</u>	<u>73,088</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charity operates from a property owned by Gloria Elliott (Chief Executive) who has not charged rent during this period.

17. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

Every member of the charity promises, if the charity is dissolved while he or she or it is a member or within twelve months after he or she or it ceases to be a member, to contribute such sum (not exceeding £10) towards the payment of the debts or liabilities of the charity incurred before he or she or it ceases to be a member, and of the costs charges and expenses of winding up, and the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

On the dissolution of the charity any assets remaining shall be applied or transferred to any other charity with similar objects.

The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the 'Legal and Administrative Information' section of the accounts.

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1146192

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07930551 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1146192

CHARITY
COMMISSION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022
FOR
THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 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 30 June 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 major objective of The Noise Abatement Society (NAS) for over 60 years, established in 1959, has been and remains to find solutions to reduce unnecessary noise and to raise awareness of the destructive nature of noise pollution which profoundly affects public health, wellbeing, productivity and quality of life. A further aim is to share a better understanding of what sound is, how it affects all life and how NAS can work to solve noise problems and improve sound environments and soundscapes in a pragmatic and sustainable way.

This is achieved through providing both short and long-term practical solutions; research; campaigning; education; liaising and working with local and national policy makers, citizens, other charitable bodies, academia, standards organisations and industry; and providing the UK's only dedicated free noise help line to inform and raise awareness of the public on noise problems and solutions.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities.

The trustees believe that their report sets this out.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities 2021/22

NAS free Noise Helpline - The NAS national noise helpline continues to receive thousands of enquires each year from the public, media, and those needing support to find solutions to the blight of noise pollution. Many members of the public are seriously affected by the impact of excessive noise on their lives which is mainly associated with neighbour/neighbourhood activity. As testament to this fact NAS is regularly called upon to provide media commentary regarding the adverse effects of noise pollution on public health, wellbeing, and amenity.

Call data is used to support evidence of noise disturbance for NAS campaign purposes, and sponsorship is continually being sought to support the cost and possible expansion of this valuable service.

Love Your EarsTM - NAS' schools programme continues to be championed amongst stakeholders. Data collected by the NAS shows, in line with findings from the World Health Organization and the NHS, the desperate need for educating young people to help them reduce the time and level of listening to their music devices to prevent premature hearing loss. Also included in the programme is an empowerment piece to encourage students to take a break and turn off their devices occasionally, giving them a sense of control over their vulnerable exposure to the 'noise' of all social media platforms which can lead to mental health problems.

NAS is a founding member of the UK Hearing Conservation Association (HCA) alongside many prominent leading organisations including Casella, Ecophon, the British Safety Council, the Institute of Acoustics and the British Tinnitus Association. The aim of the HCA is to prevent damage to hearing health and other noise related health conditions through practical, evidenced and cost-effective communications and solutions. The HCA provides a unique platform to help support and raise awareness of NAS' Love Your Ears training programme.

NAS continues to actively seek sponsorship for its important Love Your EarsTM Schools Programme.

Silent ApproachTM - Interest continues to be shown for the NAS Retiming Programme to enable the sustainable expansion of delivery hours without noise disturbance. Support for this programme is still given through the Freight in the City annual exhibition of quiet vehicles and equipment under the general banner title of 'Quiet, Safe, Clean Delivery'.

Transport for London's website shows NAS at the heart of their Retiming Deliveries scheme for which NAS provided support since 2013. The transportation policies of both Mayors Johnson and Khan have referred to the importance of quiet deliveries.

London Councils, which represent London's 32 borough councils and the City of London, continue to review the London Lorry Control Scheme to consider potentially preferential treatment for quiet(er) logistics operators. Discussions remain ongoing regarding the creation of a future noise standard. If developed this could have a significant impact on the way the scheme is enforced. In October 2018 they announced their intention to engage further with the Noise Abatement Society as part of their ongoing review of the Scheme to identify the parameters of a potential standard. This programme is still ongoing, although it was subject to delays due to COVID-19, and NAS is awaiting an update as to the next stage.

Soundscape - NAS has been a member of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Soundscape Standards Working Group 54 (ISO TC43/SC1/WG54) since the year of its inception in 2009. The UK is the convenor of ISO Working Group 54 on Soundscape, as a direct result of NAS' sustained soundscape engagement campaign with the UK and the international acoustics community. The UK participates in ISO Working Groups via the British Standards Institution (BSI). NAS' Managing Director Lisa Lavia is a BSI UK Expert appointed to ISO Working Group 54. Working Group 54 is currently working on Part 4 of the multi-part ISO Soundscape Standards series which sets out a framework for designing soundscape solutions and interventions in the built environment.

NAS is also a member of ISO Working Group 62, led by the UK, which is developing the world's first standard for measuring and assessing non-acoustic factors (NAFs). NAFs are acknowledged to account for at least one-third of the human perceptual response to sound in context, and possibly as much as two-thirds. However, until now there has been no agreed standardised method to identify, measure and assess NAFs. NAS initiated this work in 2018 with the BSI, the UK Health Security Agency and the UK Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). The standard provides a necessary bridge between traditional acoustic standards and the ISO Soundscape Standards series by assessing additional human response information to enable a better understanding and interpretation of the human perceptual response to sound in context. It will be the first acoustic standard of its kind to do so. The standard will be of benefit to industry, academia and policy makers to better assess and evidence the human response to sound and support improved design and interventions for better wellbeing outcomes.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

NAS was invited to become an observer member of the Welsh Government's Noise Regulators meeting. The meetings are convened by the Welsh Government and take place two to three times annually. The membership comprises all twenty-three local authorities in Wales. The NAS is regularly invited by the Welsh Government to present and comment on noise and soundscape matters. In December 2018 Wales became the first country to publish national soundscape planning and noise policies. In October 2021 the Welsh Government commissioned NAS be an adviser on the development of their groundbreaking soundscape planning guidance for local authorities and practitioners. Once published this guidance will be the first of its kind mandating the ISO Soundscape Standard Series for use in the design, planning and development of the built environment.

Following NAS' presentation on Soundscape research to the UK's leading trade body for acoustic consultants, the Association of Noise Consultants (ANC) in June 2020, the NAS has been invited to establish and advise an ANC Soundscape Working Group which is still ongoing. The aim of the working group is to develop guidance for industry to design and implement Soundscape interventions and solutions for the benefit of people, places and the environment. This focus on Soundscape is a first for the ANC and is a testament to NAS' reputation and work in this field over many years. This work remains ongoing.

Beginning in Autumn 2021 NAS conducted soundscape and nonacoustic factors research for Gatwick Airport in a project led by the University of Salford partnering with St George's University of London. The research presents the findings and outcomes of an independent study the aim of which was to develop a clear definition of Fair and Equitable Distribution (FED) of traffic at Gatwick Airport that would enable airspace managers and aircraft operators to design solutions to meet the aspirational objective of FED in the context of the UK's Airspace Modernisation Strategy. The AMS aims to deliver quicker, quieter and cleaner journeys and more capacity for the benefit of those who use and are affected by UK airspace. This study brings together findings from Aviation Noise Metrics and Technology Options; Health Effects of Aircraft Noise; Non-Acoustic Factors; and Soundscape and presents a transdisciplinary conceptual framework for operationalising the development of an agreed definition of FED, for the first time. The framework incorporates inputs from acoustics, psychoacoustics, technology, health, psychology and applicable contextually relevant disciplines.

Future Sound Foundation - NAS established the Future Sound Foundation (FSF) programme in 2018 to offer consultancy within the guidelines of the Charity Commission to industry and the public sector. FSF addresses the misconception faced by some supporters that NAS' approach may be too prescriptive and focussed only on traditional noise abatement methods. FSF approaches problem solving from a good acoustic design and soundscape perspective while still helping NAS to fulfil its charitable remit to reduce the adverse health and wellbeing effects of noise pollution on people. Allowable consultancy through FSF can provide NAS with another form of funding.

Through FSF, NAS is on the Advisory Board of the "Sounds in the City" collaborative project with the City of Montreal led by McGill University. This ongoing project works to improve city planning for the public benefit through urban noise management and soundscape design and interventions by connecting research and practice. NAS has also been invited to participate in two world-leading UK research bids: 1) one led by the University of Salford (as a Project Partner; which commenced in Autumn 2021) entitled "DroneNoise: Addressing Public Health and Wellbeing Harms for a Sustainable Drone Sector"; and 2) one led by the University of Surrey (as a Strategic Adviser; which commenced in mid 2022) for a Turing Fellowship entitled "Artificial Intelligence for Sound" (also incorporating Soundscape). NAS is also the Ethics Advisor on the ongoing prestigious "Soundscape Indices" project led by University College London and funded by the European Research Council. These appointments are further recognition of the esteem and respect for NAS' pioneering work on soundscape and unique expertise working at the cutting edge of industry, policy and science.

NAS is providing in-kind support for two PhD studentships funded through the UK Research and Innovation Council. The first PhD is with Goldsmiths University London, following a joint funding application initiated by NAS in 2018, for a soundscape multi-disciplinary collaborative PhD scholarship. Part of this research includes deeper analysis of the NAS led soundscape projects in Brighton, 'West Street Story' and 'West Street Tunnel' wherein NAS worked in collaboration with Brighton and Sussex Medical School, the University of Sheffield, and Brighton and Hove City Council. The second PhD studentship, started in 2018 and expected to complete mid 2023, is with Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh and is investigating the role of stakeholder engagement, non-acoustic factors and perceived control in large-scale infrastructure projects in the built environment, with a focus on aviation noise.

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Support for these PhDs helps to ensure that NAS continues to be seen as credible and relevant at a time when the Soundscape industry is poised for growth in the UK and abroad. Keeping abreast of the latest research and developments is essential for NAS to continue to compete for funding and allowable consultancy opportunities in the marketplace. Continuing to play a key role in the development of soundscape research and evidence also gives NAS great credibility within the acoustics industry, and with policy makers and the public.

From January 2020 to the present, NAS has been a member of the Institute of Acoustics Research Co-ordination Committee. The mission of the committee is to 'improve the status and awareness of acoustics research in the UK and to improve communications between researchers. The Committee meets three times a year to discuss various research matters to further the aims of sustainable acoustics, including funding bids.

In Summer 2022 NAS was confirmed to become a member of the Institute of Acoustics inaugural Sound Noise and Health Group. The group's focus is on understanding and assessing the effects of sound, noise, and vibration exposure on human health and wellbeing. Its remit includes sound in external and internal environments, and the influence of non-acoustic factors. The main aim of the group is to provide a forum for members to exchange information and discuss developments within this rapidly developing area of acoustics and to respond to UK Parliamentary calls for evidence and target national media opportunities, where appropriate.

The John Connell Awards - Established by NAS CE Gloria Elliott OBE in 2000, these immensely popular unique awards are the only charity-led honours to recognise innovation in noise mitigation for the public benefit. The event is sponsored by industry and serves to encourage Local Authority Environmental Health teams in their endeavours to enforce noise law and reduce noise pollution for community benefit. Industry best practice is also recognized, supporting excellence in quiet design technology and solutions. During the Covid pandemic, all events were cancelled at the Palace of Westminster in London, the usual venue for the awards. However, NAS was pleased to successfully re-introduce the popular John Connell Awards on October 20th 2021 with the support of our host the Rt Hon Bob Stewart MP for Beckenham and industry sponsors.

Quiet MarkTM

To expand Quiet Mark's income scope with the aim of sustainably supporting the NAS, the new Acoustics Academy area of the website was established in 2020, covering all aspects of acoustic building and construction materials. It serves to inform the architects, designers, builders as well as the DIY market to provide excellent and appropriate acoustic solutions quickly and easily and ensure that acoustic quality is never overlooked in the built environment. It is a guide to find expertly verified leading acoustic solutions to every building application area. The brainchild of Quiet Mark CEO Poppy Szkiler, daughter of NAS CEO Gloria Elliott OBE, this new arena for Quiet Mark continues to grow steadily. Its popular Podcasts produced and hosted by CMO Simon Gosling have been acknowledged as amongst the top 10 podcasts and feature a variety of well-known figures in the world of sound, academia and industry.

Quiet Mark regularly receives new enquiries from manufacturers around the world who wish to apply for the Quiet Mark certification for their low-noise products. Using social media platforms, Quiet Mark reaches out to support its clients in an interactive way. This has proven to be very successful, evidenced by the number of visitors to the Quiet Mark site growing rapidly year on year.

NAS is extremely grateful for the work of Quiet Mark and the company's ongoing financial support which ensures that NAS' important work can continue in strength.

Conclusion

The Trustees would like to express thanks to the Chief Executive of the NAS Gloria Elliott OBE for her continued expertise and dedication, carrying out her full-time and hands-on work for the 28th consecutive year, in a voluntary capacity without remuneration.

The Directors would also like to congratulate Managing Director Lisa Lavia for her continued incredible hard work and her depth of insight and vision which she has employed to the benefit of the Society in so many directions. This formidable team are appreciated greatly for having enabled the NAS to achieve extraordinary growth in scope and credibility over several years on a very restricted budget, with minimal resources and we are extremely indebted to them both.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position and Reserves Policy

The results for the year are shown on pages 8 -16.

It is the Trustees' policy to maintain adequate reserves to enable the Society to meet any unforeseen costs or cover any shortfall in expected subscriptions or other income equivalent to two months of resources expended.

The Directors are also grateful for all donations made to help the work of The Noise Abatement Society, large or small, from members of the public and corporate members.

It should be noted that the NAS' high achievement rate and wide ranging impact is delivered on a very restricted budget with minimal external support or resources.

FUTURE PLANS

The efforts of the Executive during 2021-2022, despite the unprecedented circumstances of the pandemic, have continued to be expended in forging increased links with academia, local and national government, standards and trade bodies and industry to enable the charity to increase its impact, influence, reputation and supporters through keeping at the forefront of noise and soundscape policy, research, and industry best practice to maintain and increase support for the Society and its work.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The company was incorporated on 31 January 2012 and gained charitable status on 1 March 2012. The company was established to carry on the existing work of Noise Abatement Society (Charity number 272040, which gained charitable status in 1976, following the establishment of the Society in 1959) with the addition of a wider environmental and societal remit, as described in its governing document: its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 31 January 2012.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The number of Directors shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum.

The first Directors shall be those persons notified to Companies House as the first Directors of the Charity.

The Charity may by ordinary resolution:

- 1) Appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Director; and
- 2) Determine the rotation in which any additional Directors are to retire.

Directors

The Directors of the NAS are extremely active in their contribution to the running of the Society and they continue to generously volunteer their time to the Society. Thanks are especially due to the Chairman David Lane.

NAS Limited Board meetings did not take place due to continued Government Covid advice and caution. However, while in-person meetings did not place during 2021/2022, it was agreed that regular email updates would be, and subsequently were, circulated to the Trustees for review and comment to generally correspond with the timing of what would otherwise have been in-person meetings.

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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07930551 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1146192

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C G Bennett

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Gloria Elliott OBE - Chief Executive
Lisa Lavia EMBA, PhD Candidate - Managing Director

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

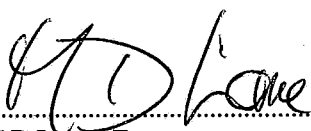
The trustees (who are also the directors of The Noise Abatement Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 February 2022 and signed on its behalf by:


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M D Lane - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07930551)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Noise Abatement Society ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 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

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.



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Date: 24 February 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted fund £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	119,705	59,385
Charitable activities			
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities		32,866	-
Investment income	3	14	2
Total		<u>152,585</u>	<u>59,387</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	5		
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities		79,497	61,238
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>73,088</u>	<u>(1,851)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		35,354	37,205
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>108,442</u></u>	<u><u>35,354</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted fund £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	315	379
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	2,852	3,447
Cash at bank		110,764	43,768
		<u>113,616</u>	<u>47,215</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(5,489)	(12,240)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>108,127</u>	<u>34,975</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>108,442</u>	<u>35,354</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>108,442</u>	<u>35,354</u>
FUNDS	15		
Unrestricted funds		<u>108,442</u>	<u>35,354</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>108,442</u>	<u>35,354</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2022.

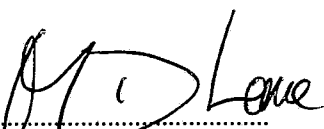
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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 16 February 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:


M D Lane - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 '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 accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees/directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees have taken advantage of the various sources of Government support during the COVID-19 pandemic and consider that it will not have a significant impact on the company's ability to continue trading. Income from trading activities is expected to reduce due to the lockdown conditions and steps are being taken to make cost savings. The trustees regard any impact to be short term rather than affecting the company's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows :

Fixtures, fittings & equipment - 20% straight line.

Assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation Tax purposes. Accordingly the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to chargeable purposes.

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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	67,037	25,072
Legacies	36,736	-
Grants	5,809	29,181
Other income	624	133
Consultancy fees	9,499	4,999
	<u>119,705</u>	<u>59,385</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
HMRC - Job Retention Scheme Grant	<u>5,809</u>	<u>29,181</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>14</u>	<u>2</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2022	2021
		£	£
ANV Measurement Systems	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	2,208	-
Brigade Electronics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,500	-
Association of Noise Consultants	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	2,208	-
Quiet Mark	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,000	-
Rockwool UK	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	5,000	-
Institute of Acoustics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	6,500	-
Rolltek International	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	950	-
Anderson Acoustics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	3,000	-
RHE Global	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	4,500	-
		<u>32,866</u>	<u>-</u>

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	<u>77,247</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>79,497</u>

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs	46,005	38,167
Other costs	21,170	2,161
Support costs	10,072	9,010
Stock write off	-	9,000
Bad debt	-	600
	<u>77,247</u>	<u>58,938</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	<u>2,250</u>

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

	2022 Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities £	2021 Total activities £
Bookkeeping and payroll	1,100	950
Independent examination	1,150	1,350
	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,300</u>

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>64</u>	<u>632</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2022 nor for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2022 nor for the year ended 30 June 2021.

10. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	44,196	38,196
Social security costs	4,978	4,055
Pension costs	1,139	957
Online filing incentive	(4,308)	(3,998)

The average number of employees was 1 (2021: 1).

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2021: none).

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises the trustees. The trustees receive no employment benefits from the charity.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	59,385
Investment income	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>59,387</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	61,238
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(1,851)</u>

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	951	193
Social security and other taxes	1,802	522
VAT	1,211	-
Other creditors	275	10,275
Accrued expenses	1,250	1,250
	<u>5,489</u>	<u>12,240</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.21	Net movement in funds	At 30.6.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	35,354	73,088	108,442
	<u>35,354</u>	<u>73,088</u>	<u>108,442</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>35,354</u>	<u>73,088</u>	<u>108,442</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	152,585	(79,497)	73,088
	<u>152,585</u>	<u>(79,497)</u>	<u>73,088</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>152,585</u>	<u>(79,497)</u>	<u>73,088</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.20	Net movement in funds	At 30.6.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	37,205	(1,851)	35,354
	<u>37,205</u>	<u>(1,851)</u>	<u>35,354</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>37,205</u>	<u>(1,851)</u>	<u>35,354</u>

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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	59,387	(61,238)	(1,851)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>59,387</u>	<u>(61,238)</u>	<u>(1,851)</u>

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charity operates from a property owned by Gloria Elliott (Chief Executive) who has not charged rent during this period.

17. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

Every member of the charity promises, if the charity is dissolved while he or she or it is a member or within twelve months after he or she or it ceases to be a member, to contribute such sum (not exceeding £10) towards the payment of the debts or liabilities of the charity incurred before he or she or it ceases to be a member, and of the costs charges and expenses of winding up, and the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

On the dissolution of the charity any assets remaining shall be applied or transferred to any other charity with similar objects.

The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the 'Legal and Administrative Information' section of the accounts.

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1146192

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07930551 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1146192

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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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 30 June 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The major objective of The Noise Abatement Society (NAS) for over 60 years, established in 1959, has been and remains to find solutions to reduce unnecessary noise and to raise awareness of the destructive nature of noise pollution which profoundly affects public health, wellbeing, productivity and quality of life. A further aim is to share a better understanding of what sound is, what it does to us and how we can solve noise problems and improve sound environments and soundscapes in a pragmatic and sustainable way.

This is achieved through providing both short and long-term practical solutions; research; campaigning; education; liaising and working with local and national policy makers, citizens, other charitable bodies, academia, standards institutions and industry; and providing the UK's only dedicated free noise help line to inform and raise awareness of the public on noise problems and solutions.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities.

The trustees believe that their report sets this out.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Charitable Activities 2020/21

NAS free Noise Helpline - The NAS national noise helpline continues to receive thousands of enquires each year from the public, media, and those needing support to find solutions to the blight of noise pollution. Many members of the public are seriously affected by the impact of excessive noise on their lives which is mainly associated with neighbour/neighbourhood activity. As testament to this fact NAS is regularly called upon to provide media commentary regarding the adverse effects of noise pollution on public health, wellbeing, and amenity. Call data is used to support evidence of noise disturbance for NAS campaign purposes, and sponsorship is continually being sought to support the cost and possible expansion of this valuable service.

Love Your Ears (TM) - NAS' schools programme continues to be championed in Sussex. Data collected by the NAS shows, in line with findings from the World Health Organization and the NHS, the desperate need for educating young people to help them reduce the time and level of listening to their music devices to prevent premature hearing loss. Also included in the programme is an empowerment piece to encourage students to take a break and turn off their devices occasionally, giving them a sense of control over their vulnerable exposure to the 'noise' of all social media platforms which can lead to mental health problems.

NAS is a founding member of the UK Hearing Conservation Association (HCA) alongside many prominent leading organisations including Casella, Ecophon, the British Safety Council, the Institute of Acoustics and the British Tinnitus Association. The aim of the HCA is to prevent damage to hearing health and other noise related health conditions through practical, evidenced and cost-effective communications and solutions. The HCA provides a unique platform to help support and raise awareness of NAS' Love Your Ears training programme.

NAS is continuing to look for sponsorship for its important Love Your EarsTM programme.

Silent Approach (TM) - Interest continues to be shown for the NAS Retiming programme to enable the sustainable expansion of delivery hours without noise disturbance. Support for this programme is still given through the Freight in the City annual exhibition of quiet vehicles and equipment under the general banner title of 'Quiet, Safe, Clean Delivery'.

Transport for London's website shows NAS at the heart of their Retiming Deliveries scheme for which NAS provided support since 2013. The transportation policies of both Mayors Johnson and Khan have referred to the importance of quiet deliveries.

London Councils, which represent London's 32 borough councils and the City of London, continue to review the London Lorry Control Scheme to consider potentially preferential treatment for quiet(er) logistics operators. They have started discussions regarding the creation of a future noise standard. If developed this could have a significant impact on the way the scheme is enforced. In October 2018 they announced their intention to engage further with the Noise Abatement Society as part of their ongoing review of the Scheme to identify the parameters of a potential standard. This programme is still ongoing, although it has been subject to delays due to COVID-19, and NAS is awaiting an update as to the next stage.

Soundscape - NAS has been a member of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Soundscape Standards Working Group 54 (ISO TC43/SC1/WG54) since the year of its inception in 2009. The UK is the convenor of ISO Working Group 54 on Soundscape, as a direct result of NAS' sustained soundscape engagement campaign with the UK and the international acoustics community. The UK participates in ISO Working Groups via the British Standards Institution (BSI). NAS' Managing Director Lisa Lavia is a BSI UK Expert appointed to ISO Working Group 54. Working Group 54 is currently working on Part 4 of the four-part ISO Soundscape Standards series which sets out a framework for designing soundscape solutions and interventions in the built environment.

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NAS is also a member of ISO Working Group 62, led by the UK, which is developing the world's first standard for measuring and assessing non-acoustic factors (NAFs). NAFs are known to account for at least one-third of the human perceptual response to sound in context, but until now there has been no agreed standardised method to identify, measure and assess them. NAS initiated this work in 2018 with the BSI, the UK Health Security Agency and the UK Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). The standard provides a necessary bridge between traditional acoustic survey methods and the ISO Soundscape Standards series by assessing additional human response information to enable a better understanding and interpretation of noise annoyance reactions in context. It will be the first acoustic standard of its kind to do so. The standard will be of benefit to industry, academia and policy makers to better evidence the human response to noise.

NAS was invited to become an observer member of the Welsh Government's Noise Regulators meeting. The meetings are convened by the Welsh Government and take place two to three times annually. The membership comprises all twenty-three local authorities in Wales. The NAS is regularly invited by the Welsh Government to present and comment on noise and soundscape matters. In December 2018 Wales became the first country to publish national soundscape planning and noise policies. At the beginning of 2020 the Welsh Government invited NAS to put forward a proposal to be an adviser on the development of their soundscape planning guidance for local authorities and practitioners. [Post-hoc note: This project was postponed due to COVID-19 and will commence in October 2021].

Following NAS' presentation on Soundscape research to the UK's leading trade body for acoustic consultants, the Association of Noise Consultants (ANC) in June 2020, the NAS has been invited to establish and advise an ANC Soundscape Working Group starting in October 2021. The aim of the working group is to develop guidance for industry to design and implement Soundscape interventions and solutions for the benefit of people, places and the environment. This focus on Soundscape is a first for the ANC and is a testament to NAS' reputation and work in this field over many years.

Future Sound Foundation - NAS established the Future Sound Foundation (FSF) programme in 2018 to offer consultancy within the guidelines of the Charity Commission to industry and the public sector. FSF addresses the misconception faced by some supporters that NAS' approach may be too prescriptive and focussed only on traditional noise abatement methods. FSF approaches problem solving from a good acoustic design and soundscape perspective while still helping NAS to fulfil its charitable remit to reduce the adverse health and wellbeing effects of noise pollution on people. Consultancy through FSF can provide NAS with another form of funding.

Through FSF, NAS is on the Advisory Board of the "Sounds in the City" collaborative project with the City of Montreal led by McGill University. The project works to improve city planning for the public benefit through urban noise management and soundscape design and interventions by connecting research and practice. NAS has also been invited to participate in two world-leading UK research bids: 1) one led by the University of Salford (as a Project Partner; decision on the bid expected in Autumn 2021) entitled "DroneNoise: Addressing Public Health and Wellbeing Harms for a Sustainable Drone Sector"; and 2) one led by the University of Surrey (as a Strategic Adviser; NAS involvement expected to commence in early-mid 2022) for a Turing Fellowship entitled "Artificial Intelligence for Sound" (also incorporating Soundscape). NAS is also the Ethics Advisor on the prestigious "Soundscape Indices" project led by University College London and funded by the European Research Council. These appointments are further recognition of the esteem and respect for NAS' pioneering work on soundscape and unique expertise working at the cutting edge of industry, policy and science.

NAS is providing in-kind support for two PhD studentships with the UK Research and Innovation Council. The first PhD is with Goldsmiths University of London, following a joint funding application initiated by NAS in 2018, for a soundscape multi-disciplinary collaborative PhD scholarship. Part of this research includes deeper analysis of the NAS led soundscape projects in Brighton, 'West Street Story' and 'West Street Tunnel' wherein NAS worked in collaboration with Brighton and Sussex Medical School, the University of Sheffield, and Brighton and Hove City Council. The second PhD studentship, started in 2018 and expected to complete at the end of 2022, is with Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh and is investigating the role of stakeholder engagement, non-acoustic factors and perceived control in large-scale infrastructure projects in the built environment, with a focus on aviation noise. Support for these PhDs helps to ensure that NAS will continue to be seen as credible and relevant at a time when the Soundscape industry is poised for growth in the UK and abroad. Keeping abreast of the latest research and developments is essential in order for NAS to continue to compete for funding and consultancy opportunities in the marketplace. Continuing to play a key role in the development of soundscape research and evidence also gives NAS great credibility within the acoustics industry, policy makers and the public.

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From January 2020 to present, NAS has been a member of the Institute of Acoustics Research Co-ordination Committee. The mission of the committee is to 'improve the status and awareness of acoustics research in the UK and to improve communications between researchers. The Committee meets twice a year to discuss various research matters to further the aims of sustainable acoustics, including funding bids.

The John Connell Awards - Established by NAS CE Gloria Elliott OBE in 2000, these immensely popular unique awards are the only charity-led honours to recognise innovation in the area of noise mitigation for the public benefit. The event is sponsored by industry and serves to encourage Local Authority Environmental Health teams in their endeavours to enforce noise law and reduce noise pollution for community benefit. Industry is also saluted to support excellence in quiet design technology and solutions. During the Covid pandemic, all events were cancelled at the House of Commons. However, NAS was pleased to be notified that the popular John Connell Awards could be re-booked for October 2021 with the support of our host the Rt Hon Bob Stewart MP for Beckenham and industry sponsors.

Quiet Mark (TM)

In order to expand Quiet Mark's income scope with the ultimate aim of sustainably supporting the NAS, the new Acoustics Academy area of the website was established. This covers all aspects of acoustic building and construction materials. It serves to inform the architects, designers, builders as well as the DIY market to provide excellent and appropriate acoustic solutions quickly and easily and ensure that acoustic quality is never overlooked in the built environment. It is a guide to find expertly verified leading acoustic solutions to every building application area. The brainchild of Quiet Mark CEO Poppy Szkiler, daughter of NAS CEO Gloria Elliott OBE, this new arena for Quiet Mark continues to grow steadily. Its popular Podcasts produced and hosted by CMO Simon Gosling have been acknowledged as amongst the top 10 podcasts and features a variety of well-known figures in the world of sound, academia and manufacturing.

Quiet Mark regularly receives new enquiries from manufacturers around the world who wish to apply for the Quiet Mark certification for their low-noise products. Using social media platforms, Quiet Mark reaches out to support its clients in an inter-active way. This has proven to be successful, evidenced by the number of visitors to the Quiet Mark site growing rapidly year on year.

NAS is extremely grateful for the work of Quiet Mark and the company's ongoing financial support which helps ensure that NAS' important work can continue in strength.

COVID-19 Update

NAS is extremely grateful for the UK Government's furlough scheme which supported employment within the charity throughout the pandemic. It was also fortuitous that part of the conditions of furlough were that research and training could still be undertaken, on a voluntary basis, and this has been carried out to the benefit of the charity to further its aims. Ultimately, the furlough scheme has enabled the charity to retain its staff, who are expected to re-commence work with the charity in October 2021.

Conclusion

The Trustees would like to express thanks to the Chief Executive of the NAS Gloria Elliott OBE for her continued expertise and dedication, carrying out her full-time and hands-on work for the 27th consecutive year, in a voluntary capacity without remuneration.

The Directors would also like to congratulate Managing Director Lisa Lavia for her continued incredible hard work and her depth of insight and vision which she has employed to the benefit of the Society in so many directions. This formidable team are appreciated greatly for having enabled the NAS to achieve extraordinary growth in scope and credibility over several years on a very restricted budget, with minimal resources and we are extremely indebted to them both.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position and Reserves Policy

The results for the year are shown on pages 8 -16.

It is the Trustees' policy to maintain adequate reserves to enable the Society to meet any unforeseen costs or cover any shortfall in expected subscriptions or other income equivalent to two months of resources expended.

The Directors are also grateful for all donations made to help the work of The Noise Abatement Society, large or small, from members of the public and corporate members.

It should be noted that the NAS' high achievement rate is delivered on a very restricted budget with minimal external support or resources.

FUTURE PLANS

The efforts of the Executive during 2020-2021, despite the unprecedented circumstances of the pandemic, have continued to be expended in forging increased links with academia, local and national government, standards and trade bodies and industry to enable the charity to increase its impact, influence, reputation and supporters through keeping at the forefront of noise and soundscape policy, research, and industry best practice to maintain and increase support for the Society and its work.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The company was incorporated on 31 January 2012 and gained charitable status on 1 March 2012. The company was established to carry on the existing work of Noise Abatement Society (charity number 272040, which gained charitable status in 1976, following the establishment of the Society in 1959) with the addition of a wider environmental and societal remit, as described in its governing document: its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 31 January 2012.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The number of Directors shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum.

The first Directors shall be those persons notified to Companies House as the first Directors of the Charity.

The Charity may by ordinary resolution:

- 1) Appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Director; and
- 2) Determine the rotation in which any additional Directors are to retire.

Directors

The Directors of the NAS are extremely active in their contribution to the running of the Society and they continue to generously volunteer their time to the Society. Thanks are especially due to the Chairman David Lane.

NAS Limited Board meetings did not take place due to Government Covid restrictions. However, while in-person meetings did not take place during 2020/2021, email updates have been circulated to the Trustees for review and comment to generally correspond with the timing of what would otherwise have been in-person meetings.

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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07930551 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1146192

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Executive Committee

Gloria Elliott OBE - Chief Executive
Lisa Lavia MBA, PhD Candidate - Managing Director

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Noise Abatement Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

M D Lane - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07930551)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Noise Abatement Society ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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.

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25 March 2022

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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		2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	59,385	37,345
Charitable activities	4		
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities		-	30,900
Investment income	3	2	34
Total		59,387	68,279
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	5		
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities		61,238	83,734
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(1,851)	(15,455)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		37,205	52,660
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		35,354	37,205

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07930551)

BALANCE SHEET
30 JUNE 2021

		2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS	Notes		
Tangible assets	12	379	1,011
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	13	-	9,000
Debtors	14	3,447	15,329
Cash at bank		43,768	23,432
		47,215	47,761
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(12,240)	(11,567)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		34,975	36,194
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		35,354	37,205
NET ASSETS		35,354	37,205
FUNDS	16		
Unrestricted funds		35,354	37,205
TOTAL FUNDS		35,354	37,205

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 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 25 March 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

M D Lane - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 '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 accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees/directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees have taken advantage of the various sources of Government support during the COVID-19 pandemic and consider that it will not have a significant impact on the company's ability to continue trading. Income from trading activities is expected to reduce due to the lockdown conditions and steps are being taken to make cost savings. The trustees regard any impact to be short term rather than affecting the company's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows :

Fixtures, fittings & equipment - 20% straight line.

Assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation Tax purposes. Accordingly the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to chargeable purposes.

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.

THE NOISE ABATEMENT SOCIETY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021****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.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	25,072	20,175
Legacies	-	8,730
Grants	29,181	7,678
Other income	133	211
Consultancy fees	4,999	551
	<u>59,385</u>	<u>37,345</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
HMRC - Job Retention Scheme Grant	<u>29,181</u>	<u>7,678</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>2</u>	<u>34</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2021	2020
		£	£
Brigade Electronics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	-	4,000
Rockwool UK	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	-	6,500
Institute of Acoustics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	-	4,000
Rolltek International	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	-	950
Anderson Acoustics	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	-	2,500
Salamander Pumps	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	-	4,000
VSP Evander	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	-	950
Association of Noise Consultants	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	-	2,000
RHE Global	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	-	4,000
Arup	Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	-	2,000
		<u>-</u>	<u>30,900</u>

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	58,938	2,300	61,238

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs	38,167	41,265
Other costs	2,161	27,440
Support costs	9,010	12,994
Stock write off	9,000	-
Bad debt	600	-
	58,938	81,699

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	2,300

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

	2021 Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities £	2020 Total activities £
Bookkeeping and payroll	950	685
Independent examination	1,350	1,350
	2,300	2,035

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	632	632
	<u>632</u>	<u>632</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2021 nor for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2021 nor for the year ended 30 June 2020.

10. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	38,196	38,196
Social security costs	4,055	4,095
Pension costs	957	976
Online filing incentive	(3,998)	(3,000)

The average number of employees was 1 (2020: 1).

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2020: none).

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises the trustees. The trustees receive no employment benefits from the charity.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	37,345
Charitable activities	
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	30,900
Investment income	34
Total	<u>68,279</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Noise abatement assessment, campaigning and research activities	83,734

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

Unrestricted
fund
£

NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

(15,455)

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward

52,660

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

37,205

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Fixtures
and
fittings
£

COST

At 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021

15,744

DEPRECIATION

At 1 July 2020

14,733

Charge for year

632

At 30 June 2021

15,365

NET BOOK VALUE

At 30 June 2021

379

At 30 June 2020

1,011

13. STOCKS

2021
£

2020
£

Stocks

-

9,000

14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2021
£

2020
£

Trade debtors

-

10,400

Other debtors

2,422

3,091

VAT

694

1,186

Prepayments

331

652

3,447

15,329

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15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	193	-
Social security and other taxes	522	-
Other creditors	10,275	10,275
Accrued expenses	1,250	1,292
	<u>12,240</u>	<u>11,567</u>

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.20	Net movement in funds	At 30.6.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	37,205	(1,851)	35,354
	<u>37,205</u>	<u>(1,851)</u>	<u>35,354</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>37,205</u>	<u>(1,851)</u>	<u>35,354</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	59,387	(61,238)	(1,851)
	<u>59,387</u>	<u>(61,238)</u>	<u>(1,851)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>59,387</u>	<u>(61,238)</u>	<u>(1,851)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.19	Net movement in funds	At 30.6.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	52,660	(15,455)	37,205
	<u>52,660</u>	<u>(15,455)</u>	<u>37,205</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>52,660</u>	<u>(15,455)</u>	<u>37,205</u>

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16. 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	68,279	(83,734)	(15,455)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>68,279</u>	<u>(83,734)</u>	<u>(15,455)</u>

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charity operates from a property owned by Gloria Elliott (Chief Executive) who has not charged rent during this period.

18. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

Every member of the charity promises, if the charity is dissolved while he or she or it is a member or within twelve months after he or she or it ceases to be a member, to contribute such sum (not exceeding £10) towards the payment of the debts or liabilities of the charity incurred before he or she or it ceases to be a member, and of the costs charges and expenses of winding up, and the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

On the dissolution of the charity any assets remaining shall be applied or transferred to any other charity with similar objects.

The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the 'Legal and Administrative Information' section of the accounts.