

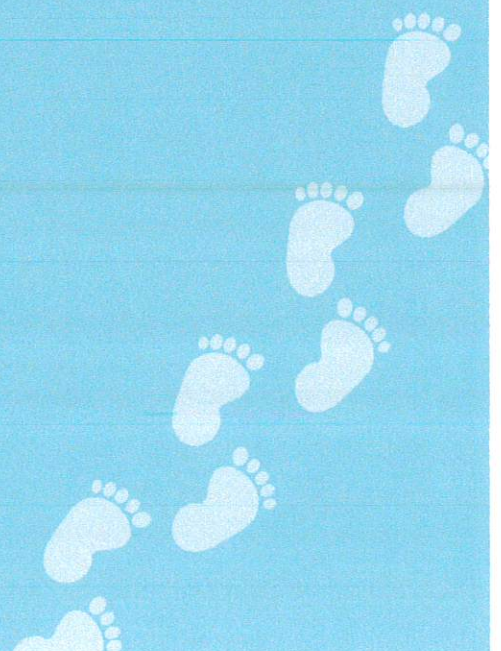


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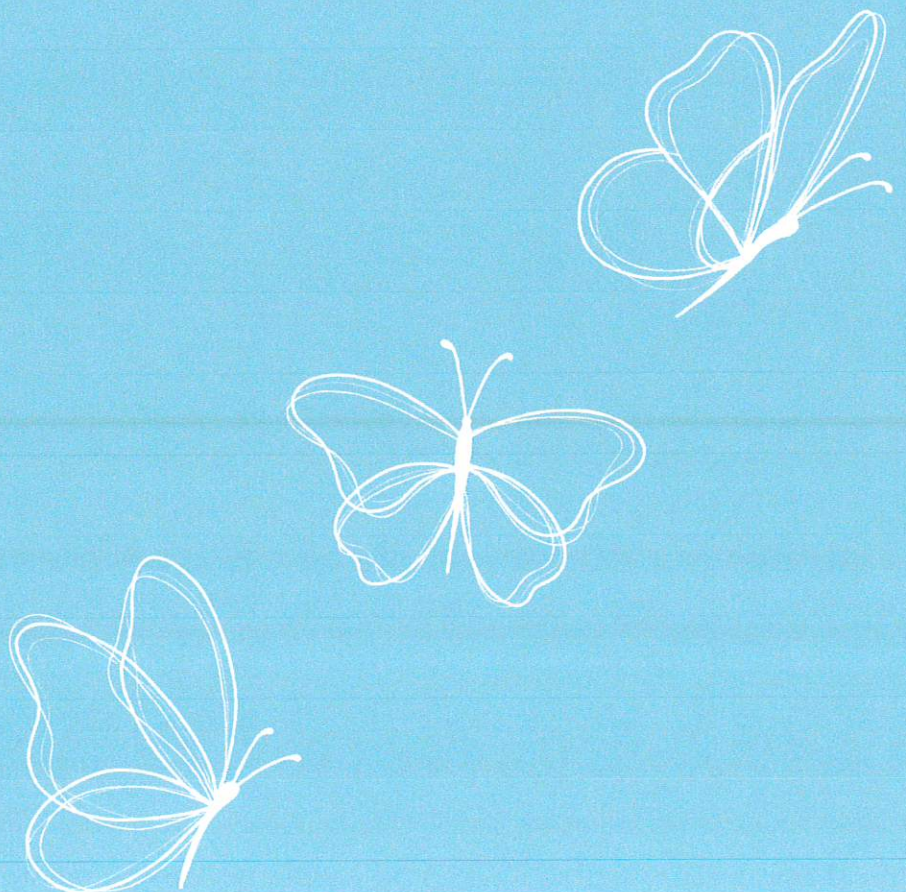
**TOWARDS TOMORROW TOGETHER
TRUSTEES REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**



Towards Tomorrow Together
Trustees Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

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TOWARDS TOMORROW TOGETHER CHARITY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 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).

CHARITABLE OBJECTS

Towards Tomorrow Together provides support and resources for people affected by baby loss and training for those that support them, in Somerset and nearby areas. This includes support before their loss, during their loss, on their grief journey and in subsequent pregnancy. We provide memory boxes, holistic therapies, a doula service, advocacy, 1:1 and group support, family events and an annual memorial service. We also fund bespoke support packages in response to individual needs.

ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

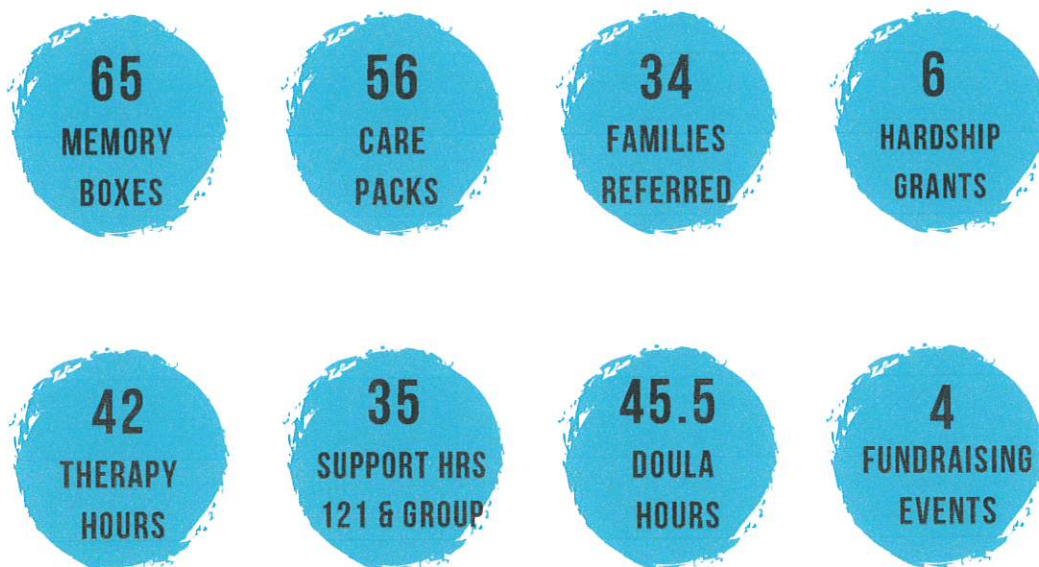
The year 2023 has been an amazing year for the charity, and we are in a very strong position now to grow and develop our services and reach. Thanks to The National Lottery funding, we have employed our first member of staff which gives our service delivery stability and consistency.

Our Board of Trustees is strong and has a wealth of knowledge, we all share the vision of delivering our services in a heart felt way.

The stats overleaf shows what we have delivered during the period in review. We look forward to growing these numbers as we spread the awareness to more professionals and more hospitals.

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



BUILDING OUR TEAM



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FROM OUR COMMUNITY: *SARAH'S STORY

"Losing my third much-wanted pregnancy was beyond devastating. I have never been so low, lost, and alone in my life and felt myself pulling away from the well-meaning support of friends, family, and even my devoted partner. Thankfully the nurse in the EPAC department in Musgrove firmly pushed the contact details for Towards, Tomorrow, Together into my hand and I will be forever grateful that she did. In the midst of my grief, anger, and despair at the unfairness and casual cruelty of it all, Mel and her wonderful team slowly put me back together again. From Cathy's healing hands and gentle holistic therapies to Mel's patient and endlessly sympathetic 3-step process I slowly began to feel more myself in both body and mind and was able to process my trauma and even contemplate trying again.

I cannot thank them enough for the support they gave me when I was at my most vulnerable, and I would recommend their services to anyone struggling with infertility, miscarriage, or baby loss. These messy, difficult, and commonplace tragedies are often ignored or overlooked because as a society we collectively turn our backs on anything that disrupts our comfortable reality and as individuals, we don't want to believe that we could be the statistic and that this could happen to us. But if it does, I hope for every woman there is a Towards, Together, Tomorrow, because the work they do is vital, necessary, and comes from a place of experience and love.

I am currently 34 weeks pregnant and looking forward to the imminent arrival of my son. I do not think this would be the case without the work of this charity. "



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MORE FEEDBACK

"what you do for families at such a dark time is truly incredible"

"I received one of your Memory boxes at Musgrove hospital when I had my son there. It was a very caring and well received box, we loved the ideas they gave us to remember our son"

"This study day is truly amazing. Mel is so fantastic as a presenter, sharing Finley and her story so wonderfully and how she has worked with others as a result of Finley's loss. It truly is inspirational"

"IT'S AN HONOUR TO SUPPORT SUCH AN IMPORTANT CHARITY"



OUR OTHER BIG ACHIEVEMENTS

We were asked to join the Maternity Voices Partnership!

The Somerset Maternity Voices Partnership helps centre the voices of families. We have linked up with them to ensure that bereaved parents have a voice too, working jointly with them on projects. We have helped to ensure website and leaflets are sensitive to the needs of families who experience pregnancy loss. We've been instrumental in creating the new Bereavement Care Plans, which every parent across Somerset will receive when they get bad news, helping them to consider, and communicate their needs and birth wishes. Our therapist is a service user rep within Maternity Voices Partnership.

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OUTCOME MEASURES

We have implemented a process to catch and measure the outcome of our involvement with families, based on a short questionnaire which can be answered privately to provide us with feedback and constructive suggestions about the service we offer, and a quantitative outcome measure which is compared to the data provided at the start of their journey with us.

FROM OUR COMMUNITY: *JAZZY'S STORY (SHORTENED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS REPORT)

"I first met Mel during my recovery from a stillbirth. After the hospital tried to get a cold cot for me to bring my baby home (which was unsuccessful because of limited machines) Mel drove to another hospital to get one I could borrow for the length of time I wanted. During this time Mel and TTT did an amazing job at helping me plan my daughters funeral, provide me and my family with support emotionally, physically and financially. It was my dream to give my daughter the best send off I could, a horse drawn carriage and the most beautiful flowers at that time I wasn't prepared for a baby funeral so TTT helped fund so many of the things I needed to make her day the best. During my daughters funeral a lovely woman called Cathy had accompanied us and made the experience very calming and gentle, something that was so important to me.

Mel supported us through the lengthy process of her post mortem, she came to the hospital with us and helped me plan the things I needed to ask, the things that went wrong and why. After this time Mel continued to support us in the dormant time of things slowing down and I found out I was pregnant very shortly after the post mortem results.



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**FROM OUR COMMUNITY: *JAZZY'S STORY
CONTINUED.....**

During my pregnancy Mel accompanied me to the maternity triage many times and helped me voice my concerns there when I felt I wasn't being listened too.

The charity funded reiki and gentle release therapy that I found amazing and extremely helpful,

During my birth and labour Mel was with me in hospital nearly every hour she could be. She was extremely helpful and went out of her way to help me reach a relaxation possible for my pending birth after a stillbirth. She provided support to my partner in his time of need as his anxiety became very heightened. Mel and myself spent a lot of time pre birth coming up with my birth plan and other information the hospital would need to help my birth be as smooth as possible.

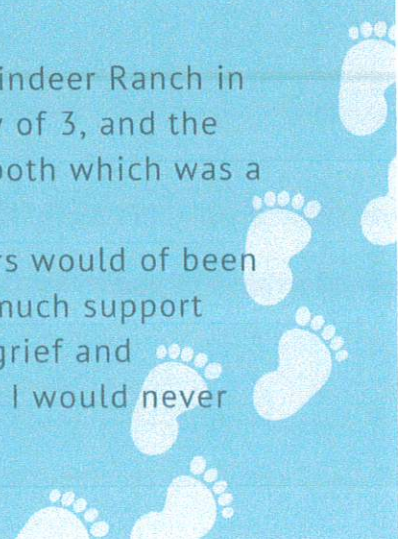
After two failed inductions and my daughters heart starting to give in to the pressure and I was told I needed a c section, I didn't take that news very well and Mel did her absolute best to get me to calm down enough to go into surgery where she helped give me the best birth experience I could of had.

I have very fond memories of my c section and have such beautiful pictures which she took that I cherish.

Through {my rainbow baby's} first year Mel had set up so much support for me via herself, doula without borders and also EFT sessions with a local therapist, funded by the Charity.

Me and my family have been able to experience visits at the reindeer Ranch in Yeovil which was an amazing experience, one being as a family of 3, and the next a family of 4. Having beautiful pictures and memories of both which was a really amazing day just before Christmas.

Without the support of Mel and TTT I think these last two years would of been completely different for me and my family. I have received so much support and I have learned so many different ways of dealing with my grief and healing. I have come far from where I started back in 2021 and I would never of had this level of support from anywhere else."



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LOOKING AHEAD

We are planning to build upon what we have achieved this year, by planning and implementing the following:

**INCREASING
PARTICIPATION
AT SUPPORT
GROUPS**

**TRAINING &
LAUNCHING
PARENT
MENTORS**

**STUDY
DAYS**

**RECRUIT
MORE
TRUSTEES**

**EXPANDING OUR
REACH TO
HOSPITALS
BORDERING
SOMERSET**

**LAUNCHING A
SOUTH WEST
BABY LOSS
NETWORK**



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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity held reserves of £28,622 as at 31 December 2023, of which £4,965 was held for specific restricted purposes, and £23,657 was held in general reserves. The charity's funds are held in bank deposit and are available for immediate use in furtherance of the charity's objects. The charity aims to hold unrestricted general reserves in line with 12 months unrestricted expenditure.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT CONSTITUTION

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee without share capital and is governed by memorandum and articles of association incorporated 12 December 2012.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Under the memorandum and articles of association the trustees are known as members of the management committee and are elected, by ordinary resolution, to serve for a period of up to three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting. All members of the management committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Due to the nature of the charity, recruitment of trustees is often informal with approaches being made within the relevant healthcare fields. The management committee are aware that non healthcare professional expertise is also required to successfully manage the governance of the charity and trustees are sought with relevant financial, administrative and management expertise.

In an effort to maintain this broad skill mix, members are required to provide a list of their skills and update it each year. In the event of particular skills being lost due to retirement, individuals are approached to offer themselves for election to the management committee.

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Trustees holding office

The trustees who held office during the year were as follows:

Cathy Chiplen
Awen Clement
Deborah Gill
Joy Elizabeth Horner
Melanie Scott
Charles Gough

Statement on public benefit

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'. The charity relies on grants and income from donations to cover its operating costs. Affordability and access to our services is of the highest importance to us, particularly as the benefactors are often in a state of financial hardship when the need to access services is the greatest. The charity shapes its service offering to reflect this, most services are freely accessible, where there is a charge or a cost barrier to participating in the services this is often relieved in hardship cases.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the directors are required to:

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

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

Small company rules

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

On behalf of the board

Deborah Gill
Trustee

Deborah Gill 19-8-24

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I report to the charity on my examination of the accounts of Towards Tomorrow Together for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report:

As the charity's trustees of Towards Tomorrow Together (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- ☒ Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- ☒ The accounts do not accord with such records; or
- ☒ The accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- ☒ The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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 Cherry FCCA
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**TOWARDS TOMORROW TOGETHER
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
INCOME					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		14,076	53,161	67,237	90,975
Interest receivable		-	-	-	43
Total		14,076	53,161	67,237	91,018
EXPENDITURE					
Raising funds:					
Advertising		-	-	-	1
Just Giving and online fees		-	324	324	-
Fundraising expenses		-	8,292	8,292	2,876
Allocated support costs		-	-	-	-
		-	8,616	8,616	2,877
Charitable activities:					
Local projects		-	12,347	12,347	357
Crisis funding and therapy		1,279	27,580	28,859	24,446
Outreach work		-	-	-	-
Bank charges		5	73	78	135
Support groups		-	1,600	1,600	1,273
Butterfly boxes and miscarriage packs		-	4,584	4,584	4,452
Cuddle cots		-	-	-	120
Training projects		-	12	12	-
Rent		-	7,015	7,015	-
Sundry expenses		-	1,504	1,504	714
Allocated support costs		5,323	25,932	21,255	29,083
		6,607	80,647	87,254	60,580
Total		6,607	89,263	95,870	63,457
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		7,469	(36,102)	(28,633)	27,561
Transfers		657	(657)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		8,126	(36,759)	(28,633)	27,561
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		15,531	41,724	57,255	29,694
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	6	23,657	4,965	28,622	57,255

**TOWARDS TOMORROW TOGETHER
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	4		-		-
			-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		30,164		58,797	
		30,164		58,797	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,542)		(1,542)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)			28,622		57,255
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			28,622		57,255
NET ASSETS			28,622		57,255
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds			23,657		15,531
Restricted funds			4,965		41,724
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	6		28,622		57,255

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

On behalf of the board



Deborah Gill
Trustee

Date 19-8-24

TOWARDS TOMORROW TOGETHER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Basis of preparation of financial statements

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value and have been prepared in accordance with:

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- and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2. Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources;
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met. In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met.

1.3. Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.4. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Computer equipment	3 years on a straight line basis
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1.5. Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

1.6. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

2. Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from the charity were received by the trustees during the current or preceding year.

Travelling expenses and disbursements of £1,998 (2022: £4,265) were reimbursed to 3 (2022: 3) trustees.

3. Employee Numbers and Remuneration

The average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows: nil (2022: nil)

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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4. Tangible Assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
As at 1 January 2023	<u>200</u>
As at 31 December 2023	<u>200</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 January 2023	<u>200</u>
As at 31 December 2023	<u>200</u>
Net Book Value	
As at 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>
As at 1 January 2023	<u>-</u>

5. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,542</u>	<u>1,542</u>
	<u>1,542</u>	<u>1,542</u>

TOWARDS TOMORROW TOGETHER
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6. Analysis of Charitable Funds

6.1 Movement in funds

	At 1 Jan 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	12,619	14,076	(5,523)	1,232	22,404
Bereavement Counselling Pilot Budget	575	-	-	(575)	-
Ava Bay Gill	1,253	-	-	-	1,253
Albie's Angels	427	-	(427)	-	-
Unrestricted funds	14,874	14,076	(5,950)	657	23,657
Ava Holly Williams	11,258	-	(9,000)	-	2,258
Finley S. Reuben	3,712	-	(3,712)	-	-
Finley Scott in Memorial Fund	2,174	-	(2,025)	-	149
Olle Ifeal	1,856	-	(1,856)	-	-
Bella's Wish	581	-	-	-	581
Baby Cory Philip Allison	657	-	-	(657)	-
Matilda	620	-	(620)	-	-
Mia & Clara Gough	87	-	(87)	-	-
Postcode Lottery	16,607	600	(17,207)	-	-
National Lottery 5 Year Funding	4,829	41,561	(46,256)	-	134
Tyler's Friends	-	500	-	-	500
Open MH Grant	-	8,500	(8,500)	-	-
Yorkshire Building Society	-	2,000	(657)	-	1,343
Restricted funds	42,381	53,161	(89,920)	(657)	4,965
Total Charity funds	57,255	67,237	(95,870)	-	28,622

6.2 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£
Year ended 31 December 2023			
Current assets	25,199	4,965	30,164
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,542)	-	(1,542)
Net assets	23,657	4,965	28,622
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£
Year ended 31 December 2022			
Current assets	16,416	42,381	58,797
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,542)	-	(1,542)
Net assets	14,874	42,381	57,255

TOWARDS TOMORROW TOGETHER
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6. Analysis of Charitable Funds (continued)

6.3 Details of funds

Bereavement Counselling Pilot Budget (designated):- This fund will meet the needs of our families where the NHS treatments stop or fall short for on-going counselling. The Trustees will seek to find Counsellors with specialist knowledge of babyloss to support our families.

Ava Bay Gill (designated):- The fund was raised by Debbie Gill and Anthony Gill in memory of their daughter Ava who died unexpectedly at 7 days old. The fund is unrestricted but Ava's parents wish for the fund to focus on holistic therapies and Counselling, particularly for couples.

Albie's Angels (designated):- The fund was set up in memory of Albie Allen, the funds are not restricted to any specific charitable activity, the fund is designed to support the charity's work generally.

Ava Holly Williams (restricted):- The fund was set up in memory of Ava who was born asleep on Thursday 21st July 2016. Ava's family hope to raise as much money as possible to help create awareness and provide specialist bereavement care and stillbirth prevention training.

Finley & Reuben (restricted):- This fund is raised by Ben Dyer and Mecha Noble in memory of their sons Finley & Reuben. The funds have been used for Memory Boxes, and Ben and Mecha are keen to help fund support for fathers, and counselling.

Finley Scott in Memorial Fund (restricted):- This fund is raised by Melanie and Baz Scott, in memory of their son Finley. It is typically used to test out new ideas of resource provision for families who have lost a baby. It has been used to fund library books, and Hearts in Their Hands.

Ollie Heal (restricted):- The fund was created to provide counselling services to bereaved parents.

Bella's Wish (restricted):- The fund was created to specifically provide keyrings to hospitals for distribution to families suffering stillbirth.

Mia and Clara Gough - This fund was created in memory of the twin girls, to be spent on general activities in line with the Charities objectives.

Postcode Lottery (restricted) - One year funding for Therapy, Management, Project Support, Resources, IT & Marketing.

National Lottery Community Fund (restricted) - Funding awarded to support the creation of the Together Hub and to ensure the growth and development of the charity.

Baby Cory Phillip Allison (restricted) - This fund was donated in celebration of Cory, to be spent on general activities in line with the Charities objectives.

Tyler's Friends (restricted) - Grant towards Crematorium costs.

Open MH Grant (restricted) - Funding for facilitator, therapist, training and project administration.

Yorkshire Building Society (restricted) - Funding for rent and venue costs.

TOWARDS TOMORROW TOGETHER
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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7. Related Party Transactions

The charity engaged the services of trustees as follows; Deborah Gill, to provide business support, the cost of these services totalled £nil (2022: £16,067). Melanie Scott, to provide Doula support and training, the cost of these services totalled £20,968 (2022: £21,808). Cathy Chiplen, to provide therapy, the cost of these services totalled £3,386 (2022: £1,090).

