

TOPIC OF CANCER

England & Wales · Charity number 1151079

Details

Other names	TOC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2013-03-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND THE PRESERVATION OF HEALTH AMONG PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CANCER, IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:1.RESEARCH INTO THE NATURE, CAUSES, DIAGNOSIS, PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND CURE OF ALL FORMS OF CANCER, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF FINDINGS OF RESEARCH INTO PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND CURE OF CANCER AND IN FURTHERANCE OF THAT PRIMARY OBJECT, TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND RAISE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF CANCER.2.SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL CANCER SUPPORT GROUPS.

Activities: We raise funds to directly support the work of the cancer immunotherapy research group based at the University of Surrey. We raise the profile and awareness of cancer and immunotherapy research which investigates the use of more targeted and less aggressive therapies, to the benefit of patients. We support regional support groups that offer emotional and social support to cancer patients.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£56,991	£50,337	-	-
2023-12-31	£76,934	£117,549	-	-
2022-12-31	£89,588	£82,270	-	-
2021-12-31	£68,473	£57,402	-	-
2020-12-31	£48,001	£83,451	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Powell Evans	Chair	2018-09-25
Alan LORYMAN		2017-01-30
Anna Bonham-Carter		2022-06-08
Dr Adam Frampton		2023-07-18
Dr Nicola Annels		2025-12-12
Dr Panagiotis Koliou		2022-01-13
James Thurlow-Craig		2022-06-08
Shaun Bookham		2025-12-12

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Accounts

The Topic of Cancer
Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024
Charity No: 1151079

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Alan Loryman (Treasurer)
Anne Powell-Evans (Chair)
Professor H. Pandha. Resigned 19.01.24.
Panos Koliou.
Anna Hunter.
James Thurlow-Craig.
Adam Frampton.
Dave Chuter. Resigned 09.10.24.
Tony Dhillon. Recruited 16.01.24.

PATRONS

Alison Steadman
Michael Elwyn
Yvonne Hall
Colin Roy
Sir Paul Beresford. Resigned 19.10.24.
Glyn Powell-Evans
Michael Buerk
Eddie Foljambe, Earl of Liverpool.
Recruited 26.09.24.

CHARITY REGISTRATION NO:

1151079

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Governing documents

The organisation is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a Trust Deed dated 12 February 2013 and is a registered charity, number 1151079.

Trustees

The year ending December 2024 saw the recruitment of one Trustee.

The chair of the charity is Anne Powell-Evans who took over the role on 9th April, 2021. This chairmanship was approved by the Trustees on 12th April, 2022.

Recruitment, resignations, and appointment of trustees.

Nigel Lewis-Baker, Honorary President died on 03.03.24.

Tony Dhillon was recruited as a trustee on 16.01.24.

Hardev Pandha resigned as a trustee on 19.01.24.

Dave Chuter resigned as a trustee on 19.10.24.

Maggie Knivett remained as ambassador of Toc Voices. There is no longer a requirement for an ambassador for the Fitness groups or Support group as they are run independently by another organization and collaborate with Topic of Cancer.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the recruitment and appointment of Trustees. The Board seeks to ensure that they have the requisite skills between them to run the charity. All potential trustees are interviewed by 2 existing trustees.

Trustee induction and training

Most new Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the organisation. Trustees are recruited from the cancer patient community, the cancer research team and other interested people who can offer the necessary relevant skills.

New Trustees are given a short, informal training session to familiarize themselves with the Charity, and the context within which it operates. They are issued with a pack which contains all the necessary documentation.

This covers:

- The obligations of Trustees.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Minutes from previous meetings.

Aims and objectives

The principal aims and objectives of the charity are as follows:

- To advance the health of the public on a worldwide basis in the understanding, diagnosis and treatment of cancer through cancer immunotherapy research.
- To raise funds to support immunotherapy research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of cancer in a world class clinical-based research centre in the Section of Oncology at the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey.
- To increase awareness of prostate, bladder, breast, renal, pancreatic, oesophageal, melanoma and other cancers among the general public.
- To support the establishment of local cancer support groups.

Analysis of research funding shows that most funds are spent on basic research and understanding the causes of disease although a more recent projects are looking at the role of the microbiome in pancreatic cancer, and the role of the microbiome and, ethnicity in prostate cancer, as well as the effect of exercise on oesophageal cancer treatment outcomes with regard to the immune response (the OPTIMUS trial). Funds will also be allocated towards a similar study in pancreatic cancer. Bladder cancer – current treatment is BCG which is toxic and causes unpleasant side effects. The aim is to supersede this treatment with a virus created by Dr Guy Simpson. Results are very promising and the plan is to patent the virus.

The aims and objectives are achieved at the lowest administrative cost possible and sets us apart from the other major charities operating in this sector. We are a volunteer run charity with one paid social media contractor.

Summary of public benefits

In planning our activities for the year, we have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The objectives and achievements offer public benefit to all cancer patients. The charity focuses its investment in two main areas: immunotherapy research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of cancer using more targeted and less aggressive therapies and running support groups which offer physical, emotional and social support to cancer patients, partners, care givers and their families.

Immunotherapy Cancer Research

The UK is considered one of the world's leaders in this branch of cancer research and the research team, located at the University of Surrey, is one of the main immunotherapy research teams with expertise in conducting clinical trials. This is greatly facilitated by its proximity to the Royal Surrey County Hospital and the team work in collaboration with their clinical colleagues. One of the Topic of Cancer Charity's main goals is to support this team to provide multiple benefits. Two consultant medical oncologists and a surgical oncologist sit on the charity committee to advise on how best to use available funds. To this end we have provided funding for maintenance and repair of essential pieces of equipment and associated costs and assist funding the employment costs of specified staff as requested.

We have continued to raise the profile and awareness of cancer and immunotherapy research through networking, articles in local magazines, active use of social media and fundraising events. Topic of Cancer maintains a website which offers information about the support services we provide, as well as videos of the scientists explaining their re-

search. We have continued to keep it regularly updated. We have developed social media links on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. We have continued to keep it regularly updated. The charity has continued to keep interested parties informed through regular newsletters. These have been well received as have visits to the research laboratories at the University of Surrey.,

Local Cancer Support Groups

The charity had a support group, ToC Together which offered emotional and social support to cancer patients, partners, care givers and their families, but this fell into abeyance during the pandemic lockdown. Our support group was designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for patients and their families through monthly meetings and occasionally there were guest speakers from science, medicine, entertainment, and complementary therapies. We have now been able to continue our support work by partnering with another group, the Cancer Chat Café which meets 3 times a month, often with speakers but also for general conversational support.

We also fund ToC Fit exercise classes. There are 6 classes a week for cancer patients who are undergoing or recovering from treatment and led by specially trained instructors. The classes are graded according to the participants' level of fitness. During lockdown, the classes took place on Zoom and have continued to do so as the participants chosen method. These are run in partnership with another charity, ThriveFit, and are free of charge. Negotiations are currently in place for these classes to come completely under the umbrella of Topic of Cancer.

We have a choir called ToC Voices for people undergoing treatment for cancer, recovering from cancer and for their families and carers. The choir rehearse together weekly, perform at concerts and at local festivals. We currently make no charge to our members for these services and fund them by seeking community grants and fund raising by the members.

Annual accounts

Topic of Cancer's accounts on an accrual basis which was adopted in 2018. There is no change to this accounting procedure.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

Investment policy

The charity aims to maintain enough funds in the current account to support our fundraising efforts, administrative costs and our three support groups. It was agreed by the Trustees at their meeting on 8th September 2022 that an account would be opened with COIF Charities Deposit Fund through the CCLA (Churches, Charities and Local Authorities Investment Management) for any surplus monies in order to maximise the return on funds for future activities of the charity. Signatories to be the current Chair and Treasurer.

Review of progress, achievements, and future objectives

The purpose of this section of our report is to provide a clear summary of information about the activities of the Topic of Cancer. In particular, we review the progress against our objectives set for 2024, record achievements for the year and set objectives for next year.

Our objectives for 2024 were:

- 1.To continue the “Moving Forward” working party in order to improve the efficacy and direction of the charity.
- 2.To improve its website and associated publicity thereby promoting further awareness of the charity but also of treatment for cancer.
- 3.To look for corporate supporters in order to expand fund-raising.
- 4.To build on the relationship with medical and nursing staff so that they are aware of our supporting services.
- 5.To review its method of raising funds to maximise its income.

1. The “Moving Forward” working party met several times and recommended the following:

Website – present website tired, not user friendly and does not impart information in a clear comprehensible way. (See 2.)

Tik-Tok should be used as a resource for publicity. – this is in progress.

Contact should be made with schools for educational as well as fund raising purposes – the charity was instrumental in holding a workshop for sixth formers at the University of Surrey laboratories in December 2024 in conjunction with the Oncology Research Team. 6 local schools attended.

Corporates/ foundations to be approached for grants. (See 3)

Business cards to be printed with QR code to encourage people to donate funds-this has been done and distributed to trustees and volunteers.

More talks to groups to raise profile and funds – an Immunotherapy Public meeting was held at the University of Surrey in February 2024 in conjunction with the research and medical staff and was attended by approx.150 members of the public. The Topic of Cancer choir has performed at several public events including ChoirBlast in Guildford and at the Oesophageal Support Group.

The Chair has talked to local community groups such as the National Women’s Register. A reception was held in December 2024 for individuals and corporates to meet research team members.

ToC Voices was profiled in a Get Surrey article and the Chair was interviewed by That’s TV in January 2024.

The Chair has visited St.Luke’s Cancer Centre in Guildford to get a better understanding of the services they provide and attends quarterly meetings with other charities.

The charity was honoured to have a visit to the research laboratories from His Highness, the Duke of Gloucester, in September 2024 and this was widely reported locally.

2. Throughout the year, work proceeded on a new website. It is hoped to launch it early in 2025.

The charity has continued to employ a contractor for a few hours per month to handle our social media and thereby promote the charity. This is our first paid employee but we feel it essential to use someone conversant with this method of publicity if we are to grow the charity. We are active users of social media and have a strong following on Facebook and Twitter. We have produced regular Newsletters to keep our supporters updated on current research and events.

3. The charity has used Charity Excellence to source various corporates for grants and many applications have been made. We have attended Business Expo at the University of Surrey where there was the opportunity to make contact with other charities and with local businesses.

The Chair has attended Surrey Charity Network meetings and quarterly meetings of the charities section of the Royal Surrey County Foundation Trust where information about financial resources are shared.

Given the current economy, it is a difficult time to obtain funds from corporates and several of our regular donors have withdrawn. However, 2 local businesses, Savills and Menzies have made us their charity of the year 2025. We have also been fortunate to receive grants from Next, The Lewis Foundation and Hampshire Commodities as well as being the beneficiary from Surbiton Rotary Club. We have received substantial donations from private individuals and are grateful to patients who have run marathons producing considerable sponsorship. We continue to receive some monies from funerals and birthdays as well as from organisations where talks are given by a member of the charity.

4. The Chair has spent time liaising with medical and nursing staff at the Royal Surrey County Hospital in general meetings and face to face but there is still work to be done here, especially in engaging hospital consultants.

5. It has become clear that the charity needs to expand its methods of fund raising. The charity has determined that it should try to engage more individuals to donate on a monthly basis as that would ensure a consistent level of income. Grant applications are another source of income but are time consuming to complete so the charity needs to consider how to activate that task.

Support Groups.

Our Patient Support Groups have been thriving and continue to provide the support so many cancer sufferers require. The choir has several new members and all say how much they benefit from this interaction. They have enjoyed taking part in local events such as ChoirBlast and other local musical concerts.

The fitness groups have been extremely well attended on Zoom and there are now 6 classes a week offering pilates, tai chi and general fitness. Each applicant is individually assessed and allocated a class that meets their needs led by special trained instructors. We continue to work in partnership with ThriveFit in providing this service although work is underway to transfer the fitness classes to Topic of Cancer and disband ThriveFit.

We partner with another group, Cancer Chat Cafe in providing a support group. The continuing attendance of members at all our groups only goes to demonstrate the importance to them.

Fund Raising

The total amount raised from fundraising events in the year is £11,809.

Notable funds raised.

Fleet Half marathon	£ 5,320
Surbiton Rotary Race Night	£ 500
Wonersh Quiz Night	£ 5,829
Personal Challenges	£ 660

There were many smaller donations from companies, members and individuals as well as larger donations from funeral collections.

The majority of the money is used to purchase and service essential equipment for the research team. We have provided some funding for PhD students to carry out work within the team. There is a continuing need to fund consumables and we are funding, maintaining, and updating the equipment needed to continue and extend the ground-breaking work of the research team.

A small proportion of our income is used for the choir and fitness groups.

We have been able to meet our aims both in supporting the immunotherapy research group at the University of Surrey and encouraging and supporting the establishment of patient support groups. We hope to expand our fund raising for more specific items for the research team.

Next year, the charity intends to:

- Launch the new website and associated leaflets.
- Grow the charity and its fund-raising ability by discussing the possibility of a salaried employee to make grant applications and promote the charity.
- There is still work to be done on building relationships with medical and nursing staff so that they are aware of the charity's supporting services.
- Review and, if appropriate, facilitate the transition of the fitness group into Topic of Cancer.

Immunotherapy report

The report is submitted by the team at the University and reflects their work in the year. It is included, as we have been, and continue to be, ongoing funding supporters to the team. We have no direct management of the group, which lies, within the University.

The groups' activities have been reported to the charity at meetings during the year.

The team has been concentrating on bladder cancer, the current treatment for which is toxic and causes unpleasant side effects. The aim is to supersede this treatment with a virus, the results of which are very promising. Dr Guy Simpson, who has been operational in developing this virus has filed a patent, and the next stage is running a clinical

trial in humans. This is to be formally presented to 2 biotechnology companies with the aim to partner development.

Research has been taking place into a form of advanced prostate cancer called Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer (NEPC), which 1 in 5 men will get. Immunotherapy treatments for prostate cancer don't usually work because the immune cells cannot infiltrate the prostate tumour. However, for 1 in 12 men, immunotherapy does work but the reasons why are not known. For men with NEPC, more information is needed as to whether, and what type, of immunotherapies will work. Trustees of Topic of Cancer agreed to fund £10,000 of this work. The team is collaborating with a centre in Milan which is developing immune based therapies for prostate cancer.

Work is also continuing on microbiome research into ethnic disparities in the outcomes of treatment for prostate cancer, as well as the role of the microbiome in pancreatic and oesophageal cancers.

Review of financial activities

During the year the charity received income totalling £56,991 a 26% reduction over the 2023 figure. This figure is made up of £44,413 from grants and donations (an 80% increase from 2023), £5,980 from charitable activities (+157 %) £5,829 from Trading Activities (-88%) and £768 from bank interest (-115%).

During the year the charity spent a total of £50,337, a 57% decrease over the previous year, meeting all of its 2024 commitments to the University of Surrey (£31,000) (-39%) and to its Support Community (£15,540) (+0.57%). The charity also spent £3,165 (-83%) on the costs of fundraising. The balance on expenditure of £662 was spent on insurance, publicity & administration.

At year end the charity had a surplus of £27,245, an increase of £6,629 (+32%) on the balance at the end of 2023. This balance is unrestricted and will be carried forward to 2025 to continue with the funding of research and running its support groups.

Post balance sheet events

The Charity agreed to takeover the ThriveFit Charity which was on the verge of collapsing owing to the resignation of two of the three trustees. ThriveFit run fitness classes for cancer patients which Topic of Cancer used to run prior to them being separated off to ThriveFit. It was an obvious fit and was quickly approved by our Trustees and The Charity Commission. The funds were transferred to ourselves and it is anticipated that the funds will last around 4 years. These monies are classified as Restricted Funds.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to keep cash reserves of around £5,000.

Organisational structure

The Trustees undertake the day to day running of the charity, all of which occurs on a voluntary basis. The Trustees are also responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity and meet every two months or more often if necessary.

The Trustees believe that they have all the necessary documentation and policies in place, including GDPR, privacy policy and safeguarding.

Risk

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

Trustees Responsibility in respect of Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the charity's affairs; the Balance Sheet, the incoming resources and application of funds and the income and expenditure for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 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 charity will continue in operation.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, enabling them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 17.11.25

and signed on their behalf by:



Chair and Trustee

Topic of Cancer.

Charity number 1151079.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Topic of Cancer**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Topic of Cancer ('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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: 17.11.25.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING
31ST DECEMBER 2024**

INCOMING RESOURCES

	2024	2023
Donations and Legacies	£44,413	£24,686
Charitable Activities	£5,980	£2,330
Other Trading Activities	£5,829	£48,264
Bank Interest	£768	£1,654
	£56,991	£76,934
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RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2024	2023
Raising Funds	£3,165	£19,406
Charitable Activities	£15,140	£15,449
Grants Made	£31,000	
Material Item of Expense		£96,844
Other Spend	£662	£-14,150
	£50,367	£117,549
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NET INCOME / EXPENDITURE)	£6,624	(£40,614)
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FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	£20,616	£61,230
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FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	£27,240	£20,616
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024**CURRENT ASSETS****2024****2023**

Cash at bank & in hand	£25,759	£20,834
Debtors & Prepayments	£2,484	£2,207
	£28,243	£23,041
Creditors & Accruals	£1,003	£2,426
ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	£27,240	£20,616
FUNDS TO THE CHARITY	£27,240	£20,616

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

1.1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2. Going Concern

The Trustees have considered what, if any, material uncertainties could affect the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern in the next twelve months.

Available funds at 31st December 2024 were £22,240, in addition there is a contingency of £5,000. These funds are available for the funding of the ToCVoices support group and a contribution towards the fitness group. The rest is available for research. The Charity does not employ any staff and overheads are kept to the absolute minimum. At no time would the trustees commit to future expenditure that exceeded available funds.

There is no reason to believe that the Charity will not continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1. INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity.

Recognition of Income

These are included 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 and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS102 SORP

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are included in the SOFA when the general income criteria have been met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP)

Tax Reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same funds the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Donated Goods

The Charity does not receive any donated goods

Donated Services and Facilities

Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when the receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

2.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability Recognition

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.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

2.3. ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets used by the charity They are valued at cost

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

3. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	2024	2023
Donations and Legacies:		
Donations and Gifts	£40,802	£17,238
Gift Aid	£3,612	£2,448
Specific Grant	Nil	£5,000
	£44,413	£24,686
Charitable Events:		
Organised Challenges	£5,320	£2,250
Personal Challenges	£660	£ 80
	£5,980	£2,330
Other Trading Activities:		
Quiz Night	£5,829	Nil
Purple Ball	Nil	£21,818
Open Gardens	Nil	£8,620
Car Event	Nil	£17,826
	£5,829	£48,264
Income from Investments:		
Bank Interest	£768	£1,654
TOTAL INCOME	£56,991	£76,934
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4. ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS OF GOVERNMENT GRANTS

The charity received no government grant funding.

5. ANALYSIS OF DONATED GOODS AND SERVICES

The only donated service was the provision of accountancy services for the end of year report.

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	2024	2023
Expenditure on Raising Funds:		
Incurred seeking donations	£1,800	£1,200
Staging Fundraising Events	£811.	£785
Other Trading Activities	£554	£17,421
	£3,165	£19,406
 Expenditure on Charitable Activities:		
Support Groups	£15,540	£15,449
 Material Item of Expenditure:		
Grant to Surrey University	£31,000	£82,144
 Other:		
Insurance and Admin	£662	£ 551
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£50,337	£117,549
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Analysis of Expenditure on other charitable activities:

Support Groups

	2024	2023
ToCVoces – Choir Leader & Hall Hire	£11,040	£10,949
ToCFit – Fitness Trainer/Hall Hire/ Equipment	£4,500	£ 4,500
	£15,540	£15,449
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7. EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

The Charity had no extraordinary items.

8. DETAILS OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

There was no independent examiner fee in 2024

9. PAID EMPLOYEES

The Charity does not have any paid employees.

10. GRANT MAKING

The Charity provided funds to the University of Surrey for Maintenance of the Leica Machine (purchased in 2023) and Consumables to the value of £24,000.

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The charity does not have any tangible fixed assets.

12. INVESTMENT ASSETS

The charity does not have any investment assets.

13. STOCKS

The charity does not hold any stock.

14. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Analysis of Debtors

	2024	2023
Gift Aid	£1,710	£1,901
Miscellaneous Items	£635	£113
Prepayments	£139	£193
	£2,484	£2,207
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15. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Analysis of Creditors

	2024	2023
Purple Ball		£1,015
Support Groups		£ 407
Balance of EUSA Grant	£903	£ 903
Social Media	£100	£ 100
	£1,003	£2,426
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16. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

The charity has not made any provisions for future liabilities.

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

The charity has no contingent liabilities or assets.

18. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2024	2023
Short term deposits	£25,620	£15,691
Cash at bank and on hand	£138	£5,143
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	£25,758	£ 20,834
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19. FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The charity's exposure to debt is very small. The only debts outstanding are generally those occurring around the time of the purple ball. The charity has sufficient funds to cover any losses as a result of the failure of debtors to not pay monies outstanding.

20. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD.

The Charity agreed to takeover the ThriveFit Charity which was on the verge of collapsing owing to the resignation of two of the three trustees. ThriveFit run fitness classes for cancer patients which Topic of Cancer used to run prior to them being separated off to ThriveFit. It was an obvious fit and was quickly approved by our Trustees and The Charity Commission. The funds were transferred to ourselves and it is anticipated that the funds will last around 4 years. These monies are classified as Restricted Funds.

21. CHARITY FUNDS

21.1 MATERIAL FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS DURING CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD

Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains & Losses	Fund Balances carried forward
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Research	£15,615	£56,307	£34,827	(£14,856)	-	£22,240
Support Gps	Nil	£683	£15,540	£14,856	-	Nil
Contingency	£5,000	-	-	-	-	£5,000
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Total Funds	£20,615.	£56,990	£50,367	Nil	Nil	£27,240
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21.2 MATERIAL FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS DURING PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD

	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains & Losses	Fund Balances carried forward
Research	£54,730.	£70,694	£102,100	(£7,708)		£15,615
Support Gps	Nil	£1,240	£10,449	£9,208	-	Nil
Contingency	£6,500			(£1,500)	-	£5,000
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Total Funds	£61,230.	£71,934	£112,559	Nil	Nil	£20,615
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TOPIC OF CANCER

England & Wales - Charity number 1151079

Accounts

The Topic of Cancer
Report and Financial Statements
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Alan Loryman (Treasurer)
Anne Powell-Evans (Chair)
Professor H. Pandha
Panos Koliou.
Anna Hunter.
James Thurlow-Craig.
Adam Frampton. Recruited 18.07.23.
Dave Chuter. Recruited 12.09.23.

PATRONS

Alison Steadman
Michael Elwyn
Yvonne Hall
Colin Roy
Sir Paul Beresford
Glyn Powell-Evans
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Governing documents

The organisation is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a Trust Deed dated 12 February 2013 and is a registered charity, number 1151079,

Trustees

The year ending December 2023 saw the recruitment of two Trustees.
The chair of the charity is Anne Powell-Evans who took over the role on 9th April, 2021. This chairmanship was approved by the Trustees on 12th April, 2022.

Recruitment, resignations, and appointment of trustees.

Nigel Lewis-Baker remained as Honorary President.
Adan Frampton was recruited as a trustee on 18th July 2023
Dave Chuter was recruited as a Trustee on 12th September 2023

Maggie Knivett remained as ambassador of Toc Voices, and Alun Davis as ambassador for Toc Fit. There is no longer a requirement for an ambassador for the Support group as it is run independently by another organization and collaborates with Topic of Cancer.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the recruitment and appointment of Trustees. The Board seeks to ensure that they have the requisite skills between them to run the charity. All potential trustees are interviewed by 2 existing trustees.

Trustee induction and training

Most new Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the organisation. Trustees are recruited from the cancer patient community, the cancer research team and other interested people who can offer the necessary relevant skills. New Trustees are given a short, informal training session to familiarize themselves with the Charity, and the context within which it operates. They are issued with a pack which contains all the necessary documentation.

This covers:

- The obligations of Trustees.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Minutes from previous meetings.

Aims and objectives

The principal aims and objectives of the charity are as follows:

- To advance the health of the public on a worldwide basis in the understanding, diagnosis and treatment of cancer through cancer immunotherapy research.
- To raise funds to support immunotherapy research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of cancer in a world class clinical-based research centre in the Section of Oncology at the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey.
- To increase awareness of prostate, bladder, breast, renal, pancreatic, oesophageal and other cancers among the general public.
- To support the establishment of local cancer support groups.

Analysis of research funding shows that most funds are spent on basic research and understanding the causes of disease although a more recent projects are looking at the role of the microbiome in pancreatic cancer and the role of the microbiome and, ethnicity in prostate cancer as well as the effect of exercise on oesophageal cancer treatment outcomes with regard to the immune response. Bladder cancer – current treatment is BCG which is toxic and causes unpleasant side effects. The aim is to supersede this treatment with a virus created by Dr Guy Simpson. Results are very promising and the plan is to patent the virus.

The aims and objectives are achieved at the lowest administrative cost possible and sets us apart from the other major charities operating in this sector. We are a volunteer run charity with one paid social media contractor.

Summary of public benefits

In planning our activities for the year, we have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The objectives and achievements offer public benefit to all cancer patients. The charity focuses its investment in two main areas: immunotherapy research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of cancer using more targeted and less aggressive therapies and running support groups which offer physical, emotional and social support to cancer patients, partners, care givers and their families.

Immunotherapy Cancer Research

The UK is considered one of the world's leaders in this branch of cancer research and the research team, located at the University of Surrey, is one of the main immunotherapy research teams with expertise in conducting clinical trials. This is greatly facilitated by its proximity to the Royal Surrey County Hospital and the team work in collaboration with their clinical colleagues. One of the Topic of Cancer Charity's main goals is to support this team to provide multiple benefits. Three consultant oncologists sit on the charity committee to advise on how best to use available funds. To this end we have provided funding for maintenance and repair of essential pieces of equipment and associated costs and assist funding the employment costs of specified staff as requested. In 2022, a decision was made at a

Trustees' meeting to raise money for a specific machine, a Leica Bond which would significantly improve the work of the research team. This machine was installed in the laboratories in November 2023 at a cost of £97,000.

We have continued to raise the profile and awareness of cancer and immunotherapy research through networking, articles in local magazines, active use of social media and fundraising events. Topic of Cancer maintains a website which offers information about the support services we provide, as well as videos of the scientists explaining their research. We have continued to keep it regularly updated. We have developed social media links on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. We have continued to keep it regularly updated. The charity has continued to keep interested parties informed through regular newsletters. These have been well received as have visits to the research laboratories at the University of Surrey.,

Local Cancer Support Groups

The charity had a support group, ToC Together which offered emotional and social support to cancer patients, partners, care givers and their families, but this fell into abeyance during the pandemic lockdown. Our support group was designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for patients and their families through monthly meetings and occasionally there were guest speakers from science, medicine, entertainment, and complementary therapies. We have now been able to continue our support work by partnering with another group, the Cancer Chat Café.

We also fund ToC Fit exercise classes. There are 6 classes a week for cancer patients who are undergoing or recovering from treatment and led by specially trained instructors. The classes are graded according to the participants' level of fitness. During lockdown, the classes took place on Zoom and have continued to do so as the participants chosen method. These are run in partnership with another charity, ThriveFit, and are free of charge.

We have a choir called ToC Voices for people undergoing treatment for cancer, recovering from cancer and for their families and carers. The choir rehearse together weekly, perform at concerts and at local festivals. We currently make no charge to our members for these services and fund them by seeking community grants and fund raising by the members. Some members of the choir have been kind enough to record testimonial videos which have been uploaded on to our website.

Annual accounts

Topic of Cancer's accounts on an accrual basis which was adopted in 2018. There is no change to this accounting procedure.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

Investment policy

The charity aims to maintain enough funds in the current account to support our fundraising efforts, administrative costs and our three support groups. It was agreed by the Trustees at their meeting on 8th September 2022 that an account would be opened with COIF Charities Deposit Fund through the CCLA (Churches, Charities and Local Authorities Investment Management) for any surplus monies in order to maximise the return on funds for future activities of the charity. Signatories to be the current Chair and Treasurer.

Review of progress, achievements, and future objectives

The purpose of this section of our report is to provide a clear summary of information about the activities of the Topic of Cancer. In particular, we review the progress against our objectives set for 2023, record achievements for the year and set objectives for next year.

Our objectives for 2023 were:

- To expand the Trustee base further.
- To build on the support group.
- To look for corporate supporters in order to expand fund-raising.
- To build on the relationship with medical and nursing staff so that they are aware of our supporting services.
- To set up a working party for financial planning.

The charity has expanded its trustee base by appointing two new trustees, one of whom is a consultant oncologist who heads the research team, thereby bringing up to date research information to trustees and providing an invaluable link to the Royal Surrey County Hospital, and the other who has considerable experience of sitting on the boards of charities and skills in liaising and linking charities together and organising events.

The charity has worked on building up its support group. The profile of the charity has been raised by attendance at various networking events such as Business Expo at the University of Surrey in April 2023 which gave the trustees the opportunity to make contact with other local charities and businesses both to fund raise and promote the charity. We have attended Surrey Charity Network meetings and met with Surrey Voluntary Services in order to extend the awareness of the charity. We still employ a contractor for a few hours per month to handle our social media and thereby promote the charity. This is our first paid employee but we feel it essential to use someone conversant with this method of publicity if we are to grow the charity. We are active users of social media and have a strong following on Facebook and Twitter. We have produced regular Newsletters to keep our supporters updated on current research and events.

Time has been spent looking for corporate supporters but the economic climate ensured that this was not a good use of time currently. Many firms were reluctant to commit expenditure in a financially unstable climate. This is not to say that we have

not been supported by various local organisations. The Guildford Quilters generously donated the proceeds from an exhibition of quilting at a local house of historic interest, the Community Foundation for Surrey gave a grant to our choir and Thames West Unicorn/Wokingham Fireworks donated a proportion of the takings from their firework event. We have been fortunate to be the beneficiaries from Surbiton Rotary Club as well as from regular monthly donations from private individuals. . We continue to receive some monies from funerals and birthdays as well as from organisations where talks are given by a member of the charity. The Tiverton Rotary Club also continued to support our fund raising.

Instead of approaching more corporates, the charity decided to use its resources in fund raising events. One of the members of our research team ran the London Marathon raising money for us. In May, we held an Open Garden which raised a good amount and, in September, a Supercar event which raised a significant amount. We are most grateful to Tanya and Robert Lewis for lending us their venue. In September, we organized a Purple Ball which was well attended.

Charity trustees have spent some time reaching out to the local community of GPs and nurses and building on the relationship with medical and nursing staff is on-going.

We have not set up a Working Party for financial planning but, instead, decided to form a “Moving Forward” Working Party to look at the whole direction of the charity including its financial planning. This work is on-going into 2024.

Our Patient Support Groups have been thriving and continue to provide the support so many cancer sufferers require. The choir has several new members and all say how much they benefit from this interaction. They have enjoyed taking part in local events such as ChoirBlast.

The fitness groups have been extremely well attended on Zoom and there are now 6 classes a week offering pilates, tai chi and general fitness. Each applicant is individually assessed and allocated a class that meets their needs led by special trained instructors. We continue to work in partnership with ThriveFit in providing this service.

We see the way forward as collaborating with other organisations so have been fortunate to partner with another group, Cancer Chat Cafe in providing a support group. The continuing attendance of members at all our groups only goes to demonstrate the importance to them.

The total amount raised from fundraising events in the year is £48,519.

Notable funds raised.

Purple Ball	£11,272
Open Garden	£. 7,705
Guildford Quilters	£ 1,300
Supercar event	£12,881
London marathon	£ 1,300
Surbiton Rotary Race Night	£ 750
Addiscombe Masonic Lodge	£ 1,000

There were many smaller donations from companies, members and individuals

The majority of the money is used to purchase and service essential equipment for the research team. We have provided some funding for PhD students to carry out work within the team. There is a continuing need to fund consumables and we are funding, maintaining, and updating the equipment needed to continue and extend the ground-breaking work of the research team. Our main focus has been to raise money for the Leica machine, a task we achieved in September 2023.

A small proportion of our income is used for the support, choir and fitness groups.

We have been able to meet our aims both in supporting the immunotherapy research group at the University of Surrey and encouraging and supporting the establishment of patient support groups. We hope to expand our fund raising for more specific items for the research team.

Next year, the charity intends to:

- Continue its “Moving Forward” Working party in order to improve the efficacy and direction of the charity.
- Improve its website and associated publicity thereby promoting further awareness of the charity but also of treatment for cancer.
- Build on its relationship with medical and nursing staff so that they are aware of its supporting services.
- Review its method of raising funds to maximise its income.

Immunotherapy report

The report is submitted by the team at the University and reflects their work in the year. It is included as we have been, and are, ongoing funding supporters to the team. We have no direct management of the group, which lies, within the University. The groups’ activities have been reported to the charity at meetings during the year.

The team has been concentrating on bladder cancer, the current treatment for which is toxic and causes unpleasant side effects. The aim is to supersede this treatment with a virus, the results of which are very promising. Dr Guy Simpson, who has been operational in developing this virus has filed a patent and the next stage is running a clinical trial in humans. This is to be formally presented to 2 biotechnology companies with the aim to partner development.

Research has been taking place into a form of advanced prostate cancer called Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer (NEPC), which 1 in 5 men will get. Immunotherapy treatments for prostate cancer don’t usually work because the immune cells cannot infiltrate the prostate tumour. However, for 1 in 12 men, immunotherapy does work but the reasons why are not known. For men with NEPC, more information is needed as to whether, and what type, of immunotherapies will work. Trustees of Topic of Cancer agreed to fund £10,000 of this work. The team is collaborating with a centre in Milan which is developing immune based therapies for prostate cancer.

The Professor of Oncology and Senior Research Scientist negotiated a collaboration for the next 1-2 years with a company based in Oxford. This is the next step in their long term cancer survivor project- they will be taking samples from patients who have been cured by immunotherapy to work out why this has worked so well, and whether they can create the same effective immune cells in the factory as a therapy.

Work is also continuing on microbiome research into ethnic disparities in the outcomes of treatment for prostate cancer.

Review of financial activities

During the year the charity received income totalling £76,934 a 14% reduction over the 2022 figure. This figure is made up of £24,686 from grants and donations (a 50% reduction from 2022), £2,330 from charitable activities (-81%), £48,264 from Trading Activities (+73%) and £1,654 from bank interest (+1,436%). The increase in interest was primarily as a result of investing in the CCLA Account that was set up towards the end of 2022.

During the year the charity spent a total of £117,549, a 43% increase over the previous year, meeting all of its 2022 commitments to the University of Surrey (£82,144) (+65%) and to its Support Community £15,449) (+14%). The charity also spent £19,406 (+8%) on the costs of fundraising. The balance on expenditure of £551 was spent on insurance, publicity & administration. Our largest item of expenditure was a new piece of research equipment to the tune of £96,844 (included within the University of Surrey figure - This was part funded by a reallocation of funds set aside in 2021 to fund researcher salaries - that were ultimately not requested by the University.

At year end the charity had a surplus of £20,616, a reduction of £3,754 (-66%) on the balance at the end of 2022. This balance is unrestricted and will be carried forward to 2023 to continue with the funding of research and running its support groups.

Post balance sheet events

The Charity Founder - Nigel Lewis-Baker, passed away in early 2024. He was very much the figurehead for our fund raising activities. It is not yet known how his death may affect our fund raising activities going forward.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to keep cash reserves of around £5,000.

Organisational structure

The Trustees undertake the day to day running of the charity, all of which occurs on a voluntary basis. The Trustees are also responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity and meet every two months or more often if necessary.

The Trustees believe that they have all the necessary documentation and policies in place, including GDPR, privacy policy and safeguarding.

Risk

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

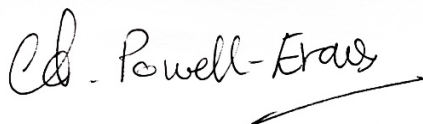
Trustees Responsibility in respect of Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the charity's affairs; the Balance Sheet, the incoming resources and application of funds and the income and expenditure for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 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 charity will continue in operation.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, enabling them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 10th October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Chair and Trustee

Topic of Cancer.

Charity number 1151079.



INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Topic of Cancer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Topic of Cancer ('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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: 18th November 2024

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING
31ST DECEMBER 2023**

INCOMING RESOURCES

	2023	2022
Donations and Legacies	£24,868	£49,499
Charitable Activities	£2,330	£12,160
Other Trading Activities	£48,264	£27,821
Bank Interest	£1,654	£. 108
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RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2023	2022
Raising Funds	£19,406	£18,027
Charitable Activities	£15,449	£13,503
Material Item of Expense	£96,844	£49,700
Other Spend	£-14,150 *	£ 1,040
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	£117,549	£82,270
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NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	(£40,614)	£ 7,318
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	£61,230	£53,912
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FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	£20,616	£61,230
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* Other Spend includes a credit of £14,700 for reallocated funds from 2022

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

CURRENT ASSETS

	2023	2022
Debtors & Prepayments	£2,207	£19,655
Cash at bank & in hand	£20,834	£57,938
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	£23,041	£77,593
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Creditors & Accruals	£2,426	£16,363
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ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	£20,616	£61,230
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FUNDS TO THE CHARITY	£20,616	£61,230

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

1.1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2. Going Concern

The Trustees have considered what, if any, material uncertainties could affect the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern in the next twelve months.

Cancellation of the Purple Ball and other fundraising events caused by the Covid pandemic are problematic because the Charity relies on this income to pay grants and overheads.

Available funds at 31st December 2021 were £53,912, of this £13,00 will cover annual support costs with the remainder used to fund research. The Charity does not employ any staff and overheads are kept to the absolute minimum. At no time would the trustees commit to future expenditure that exceeded available funds.

Now that we are emerging from the pandemic income streams from fund raising events are increasing and it is anticipated that these will continue to increase throughout the coming year.

On these assumptions, there is no reason to believe that the Charity will not continue as a going concern for the next twelve months at least.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1. INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity.

Recognition of Income

These are included 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 and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS102 SORP

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are included in the SOFA when the general income criteria have been met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP)

Tax Reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same funds the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Donated Goods

Donated goods are measured at a fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as income from donations when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when the receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

2.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability Recognition

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.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

2.3. ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets used by the charity

They are valued at cost

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

3. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

Donations and Legacies:	2023	2022
Donations and Gifts	£17,238	£47,611
Gift Aid	£2,448	£ 1,888
Grants from other charities	Nil	Nil
Specific Grant	£5,000	Nil
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	£24,686	£49,499
Charitable Events:		
Organised Challenges	£2,250	£10,085
Personal Challenges	£. 80	£ 2,075
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	£2,330	£12,160
Other Trading Activities:		
Purple Ball	£21,818	£27,820
Open Gardens	£8,620	Nil
Car Event	£17,826	Nil
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	£48,264	£27,820
Income from Investments:		
Bank Interest	£1,654	£ 108
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TOTAL INCOME	£76,934	£89,587
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Restricted Funds included above:

Income includes a grant of £5,000 towards the running costs of the ToCVoices support group.

4. ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS OF GOVERNMENT GRANTS

The charity received no government grant funding.

5. ANALYSIS OF DONATED GOODS AND SERVICES

The only donated service was the provision of accountancy services for the end of year report.

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

Expenditure on Raising Funds:	2023	2022
Incurring seeking donations	£1,200	£ 1,906
Staging Fundraising Events	£. 785	£2,325
Other Trading Activities	£17,421	£13,795
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	£19,406	£18,026
Expenditure on Charitable Activities:		
Support Groups	£15,449	£13,504
Material Item of Expenditure:		
Grant to Surrey University	£82,144	£49,700
Other:		
Rebranding Costs	Nil	£ 478
Insurance and Admin	£. 551	£ 562
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	£ 551	£ 1,040
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£117,549	£82,270
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Restricted Funds included above:

£5,000 spend within support groups relates to contribution towards the cost of running ToCVoices

Analysis of Expenditure on other charitable activities:

Support Groups	2023	2022
ToCVoices – Choir Leader & Hall Hire	£10,949	£ 9,004
ToCFit – Fitness Trainer/Hall Hire/ Equipment	£ 4,500	£ 4,500
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	£15,449	£13,504
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7. EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

The Charity had no extraordinary items.

8. DETAILS OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

There was no independent examiner fee in 2022

9. PAID EMPLOYEES

The Charity does not have any paid employees.

10. GRANT MAKING

The Charity gave an immunotherapy Research Grant to the University of Surrey. This was made up as follows:

Purchase of Leica Sampling Analysis Machine	£96,844
Reallocation of resources of Grant unclaimed in 2022	(£14,700)
TOTAL	£82,144
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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The charity does not have any tangible fixed assets.

12. INVESTMENT ASSETS

The charity does not have any investment assets.

13. STOCKS

The charity does not hold any stock.

14. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Analysis of Debtors	2023	2022
Gift Aid	£ 1,901	£1,804
Milford Golf Club		£12,500
Wokingham Fireworks		£ 3,000
Auction		£ 1,470
Masonic Charities Fund		£ 500
Miscellaneous Items	£ 113	£. 309
Prepayments	£193	£ 72
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	£2,207	£19,655
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15. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Analysis of Creditors	2023	2022
Purple Ball	£1,015	£ 660
Support Groups	£ 407	Nil
Surrey University Salaries	Nil	£14,700
Balance of EUSA Grant	£ 903	£ 903
Social Media	£ 100	£ 100

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£2,426	£16,363

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16. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

The charity has not made any provisions for future liabilities.

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

The charity has no contingent liabilities or assets.

18. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2023	2022
Short term deposits	£15,691	£57,101
Cash at bank and on hand	£ 5,143	£ 837
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	£ 20,834	£57,938
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19. FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The charity's exposure to debt is very small. The only debts outstanding are generally those occurring around the time of the purple ball. The charity has sufficient funds to cover any losses as a result of the failure of debtors to not pay monies outstanding.

20. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD.

In early 2024 the charity founder died. He was very influential in helping the charity to raise funds. Many donors donated because of him. As a result it is likely that some of the charity's funding streams will lessen.

21. CHARITY FUNDS

21.1 MATERIAL FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS DURING CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD

	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains & Losses	Fund Balances carried forward
Research	£54,730	£70,694	£102,100	(£7,708)	-	£15,615
Support Groups	£ Nil	£. 1,240	£ 10,449	£9,208	-	Nil
Contingency	£. 6,500			(£1,500)	-	£ 5,000
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Total Funds	£61,230	£71,934	£112,549	-	-	£20,615
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21.2 MATERIAL FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS DURING PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD

Fund balances	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains &	Fund Balances
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brought forward				Losses carried forward		
Research	£49,359	£88,572	£68,214	(£14,987)	-	£54,730
Support Groups	£ 4,553	£ 1,016	£14,056	£ 8,487	-	Nil
Contingency				£ 6,500	-	£ 6,500
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Total Funds	£53,912	£89,588	£82,770	-	-	£61,230

TOPIC OF CANCER

England & Wales - Charity number 1151079

Accounts

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TRUSTEES

A. Loryman (Treasurer)
Anne Powell-Evans (Chair)
Professor H. Pandha
Panos Koliou. Recruited 13.01.22.
Anna Hunter. Recruited 08.06.22.
James Thurlow-Craig. Recruited 08.06.22.

PATRONS

Alison Steadman
Michael Elwyn
Yvonne Hall
Colin Roy
Martin O'Donnell. Resigned 17.11.22.
Sir Paul Beresford
Glyn Powell-Evans
Michael Buerk

CHARITY REGISTRATION NO:

1151079

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THB LLP

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Governing documents

The organisation is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a Trust Deed dated 12 February 2013 and is a registered charity, number 1151079,

Trustees

The year ending December 2022 saw the recruitment of three Trustees and the resignation of one Patron.

The chair of the charity is Anne Powell-Evans who took over the role on 9th April, 2021. This chairmanship was approved by the Trustees on 12th April, 2022.

Recruitment, resignations, and appointment of trustees.

Nigel Lewis-Baker remained as Honorary President.

Panos Koliou was recruited as a trustee on 13th January 2022.

Anna Hunter was recruited as a Trustee on 8th June 2022.

James Thurlow-Craig was recruited as a Trustee on 8th June 2022.

Martin O'Donnell resigned as patron on 17th November 2022.

Maggie Knivett remained as ambassador of Toc Voices, Ben Evans as ambassador of Toc Together and Alun Davis as ambassador for Toc Fit.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the recruitment and appointment of Trustees. The Board seeks to ensure that they have the requisite skills between them to run the charity. All potential trustees are interviewed by 2 existing trustees.

Trustee induction and training

Most new Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the organisation. Trustees are recruited from the cancer patient community, the cancer research team and other interested people who can offer the necessary relevant skills. New Trustees are given a short, informal training session to familiarize themselves with the Charity, and the context within which it operates. They are issued with a pack which contains all the necessary documentation.

This has been updated and covers:

- The obligations of Trustees.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Minutes from previous meetings.

Aims and objectives

The principal aims and objectives of the charity are as follows:

- To advance the health of the public on a worldwide basis in the understanding, diagnosis and treatment of cancer through cancer immunotherapy research.
- To raise funds to support immunotherapy research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of cancer in a world class clinical-based research centre at the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey.
- To increase awareness of prostate, bladder, breast, renal, and other cancers among the general public.
- To support the establishment of local cancer support groups.

Analysis of research funding shows that most funds are spent on basic research and understanding the causes of disease although a more recent project has looked at the reasons for the longevity of some patients who have experienced multiple aggressive cancer.

The aims and objectives are achieved at the lowest administrative cost possible and sets us apart from the other major charities operating in this sector. We are a volunteer run charity with one paid social media contractor.

In October 2021, the charity rebranded with the aim of:

- Providing a clear message about the charity's aims and activities
- Designing a new, more stimulating logo
- Raising the profile of the charity.
- Looking for corporate supporters in order to expand fund-raising and expand our list of very supportive partners.
- Making it easier to give donations, more information to donors as to where their money is going and demonstrate the impact of previous donations.
- Asking clinicians and nurses to engage with their patients so as to enlist their support.
- Recruiting volunteers to help at fundraising events.
- Appointing trustees with necessary skills such as marketing and fund raising.
- A new web-site has been installed and new logo designed.

Summary of public benefits

In planning our activities for the year, we have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The objectives and achievements offer public benefit to all cancer patients. The charity focuses its investment in two main areas: immunotherapy research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of cancer using more targeted and less aggressive therapies and running support groups which offer physical, emotional and social support to cancer patients, partners, care givers and their families.

Immunotherapy Cancer Research

The UK is considered one of the world's leaders in this branch of cancer research and the research team, located at the University of Surrey, is one of the main immunotherapy research teams with expertise in conducting clinical trials. One of the Topic of Cancer Charity's main goals is to support this team to provide multiple benefits. Two consultant oncologists sit on the charity committee to advise on how best to use available funds. To this end we have provided funding for maintenance and repair of essential pieces of equipment and associated costs and assist funding the employment costs of specified staff as requested, as well as contributing to the annual costs of the Surrey Cancer Research Institute. In 2022, a decision was made at a Trustees' meeting to raise money for a specific machine, a Leica Bond which would significantly improve the work of the research team.

We have continued to raise the profile and awareness of cancer and immunotherapy research through networking, articles in local magazines, active use of social media and fundraising events. Topic of Cancer maintains a website with detailed information and has developed its social media links on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. We have continued to keep interested parties informed through regular newsletters. These have been well received. Visits to the research laboratories at the University of Surrey resumed in July 2022 and, in September 2022, a workshop was held at the laboratories for 6th formers from local schools.

Local Cancer Support Groups

The charity had a support group, ToC Together which offered emotional and social support to cancer patients, partners, care givers and their families, but this fell into abeyance during the pandemic lockdown. Our support group was designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for patients and their families through monthly meetings and occasionally there were guest speakers from science, medicine, entertainment, and complementary therapies. We have now been able to continue our support work by partnering with another group, the Cancer Chat Café.

We also fund ToC Fit exercise classes which are held five times a week for cancer patients who are undergoing or recovering from treatment and led by specially trained instructors. The classes are graded according to the participants' level of fitness. During lockdown, the classes took place on Zoom and have continued to do so as the participants chosen method. These are run in partnership with another charity, ThriveFit.

We have a choir called ToC Voices for people undergoing treatment for cancer, recovering from cancer and for their families and carers. The choir rehearse together weekly, perform at concerts and at local festivals. We currently make no charge to our members for these services and fund them by seeking community grants and fund raising by the members.

Annual accounts

Topic of Cancer's accounts on an accrual basis which was adopted in 2018. There is no change to this accounting procedure.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

Investment policy

The charity aims to maintain enough funds in the current account to support our fundraising efforts, administrative costs and our three support groups. It was agreed by the Trustees at their meeting on 8th September 2022 that an account would be opened with COIF Charities Deposit Fund through the CCLA (Churches, Charities and Local Authorities Investment Management) for any surplus monies in order to maximise the return on funds for future activities of the charity. Signatories to be the current Chair and Treasurer.

Review of progress, achievements, and future objectives

The purpose of this section of our report is to provide a clear summary of information about the activities of the Topic of Cancer. In particular, we review the progress against our objectives set for 2022, record achievements for the year and set objectives for next year.

In February 2022, the charity launched its new branding with an event at the University with the aim of the new website providing a clear message about the charity's aims and activities. It provides information about the support services we provide, as well as videos of the scientists explaining their research. It is regularly updated and we appreciate the work of Ed Schofield who manages and designs the website. It is easier to make donations and to view upcoming events.

The profile of the charity has been raised by attendance at various networking events such as Business Expo at the University of Surrey in April 2022. We have continued to make contact with other local charities and businesses both to fund raise and promote the charity. We see collaboration with other charities as the way forward. We have employed a contractor for a few hours per month to handle our social media and thereby promote the charity. This is our first paid employee but we felt it essential to use someone conversant with this method of publicity if we are to grow the charity. We are active users of social media and have a strong following on Facebook and Twitter. We have produced regular Newsletters to keep our supporters updated on current research and events.

Topic of Cancer has also striven to achieve its goals in terms of fundraising. We have recruited two trustees with the necessary skills and are building up a database of volunteers. We have held several large fund raising events. We were able to hold our annual Purple Ball again in March and an Open Garden event in May, both of

which were quite significant fund raisers. In December 2022, we held an on-line art auction with good results. We have been fortunate to be the beneficiaries from Surbiton Rotary Club, Milford Golf Club, Wokingham fireworks and a local school as well as from regular monthly donations from private individuals. We continue to receive some monies from funerals and birthdays as well as from organisations where talks are given by a member of the charity. The Tiverton Rotary Club also continued to support our fund raising..

The total amount raised from fundraising events in the year is £48,519.

Notable funds raised.

Purple Ball	£14,025
Milford Golf Club	£12,592
Open Garden	£. 6,470
On-line art auction	£. 3,600
Wokingham Fireworks	£. 3 000
Masonic charities foundation	£. 2,270
City of Freeman's School	£. 1,717
Pen Y Fan Challenge	£. 1,685
Surbiton Rotary Race Night	£. 1,500
In Memorium	£. 1,144
Osteopathy Challenge	£ 390
Surrey Expo	£ 125

There were many smaller donations from companies, members and individuals

The majority of the money is used to purchase and service essential equipment for the research team. We have provided some funding for PhD students to carry out work within the team. There is a continuing need to fund consumables and we are funding, maintaining, and updating the equipment needed to continue and extend the ground-breaking work of the research team. Our main focus for the next year is to raise sufficient funds to purchase the Leica machine.

A small proportion of our income is used for the support, choir and fitness groups.

Our Patient Support Groups have been thriving and continue to provide the support so many cancer sufferers require. The choir has been meeting face to face and have formed a mutually supportive group as well as branching out into performances at festivals, in pubs and concerts. They have several new members and all say how much they benefit from this interaction. The fitness groups have been extremely well attended on Zoom and there has been an increase in both the number and scope of the classes. We continue to work in partnership with ThriveFit in providing this service. We have not been successful in restarting our own Support Group but have been fortunate to partner with another group, Cancer Chat Cafe in providing this facility, collaboration seeming to be the way forward. The continuing attendance of members at all our groups only goes to demonstrate the importance to them.

We have been able to meet our aims both in supporting the immunotherapy research group at the University of Surrey and encouraging and supporting the establishment

of patient support groups. We hope to expand our fund raising for specific items for the research team.

Next year, the charity intends to:

- Expand their Trustee base further.
- Build on the support group.
- Look for corporate supporters in order to expand fund-raising.
- Build on their relationship with medical and nursing staff so that they are aware of our supporting services.
- Set up a working party for financial planning.

Immunotherapy report

The report is submitted by the team at the University and reflects their work in the year. It is included as we have been, and are, ongoing funding supporters to the team. We have no direct management of the group, which lies, within the University. The groups' activities have been reported to the charity at meetings during the year.

Over the last year we have seen two of our PhD students successfully complete their PhDs. Dr Charles Rayner defended his work understanding the immune response within oesophageal cancer and the modulation of this by cancer killing viruses as a form of cancer therapy. Dr Tyler Wooldridge's thesis encompassed 3 years of work studying the immune response at different stages of bladder cancer and the potential influence of the 'microbiome' – the communities of bacteria that live within bladder tumours – on this immune response. The work from both students has been presented at international conferences including at the International Society for Diseases of the Oesophagus, Toronto and at the International Bladder Cancer Network (IBCN) Meeting, Montreal.

Through another clinical fellow undertaking a PhD we are continuing our work on bladder cancer, understanding the normal immune response and environment in bladder tissue as well as the disparity in clinical outcomes between male and female bladder cancer patients. Keeping with urological cancers, this year we welcomed a further PhD student to work on a project to understand the racial disparity in clinical outcomes in men with prostate cancer. This project will also look at the influence of the tumour microbiome on the immune response to prostate cancer and how that might differ between men of different ethnicities.

Another cancer type that is being studied within our lab is pancreatic cancer. Work is being undertaken to understand the differences in immune response in patients that have a longer-term survival versus those that succumb quickly to their disease.

This year has also seen the start of a research collaboration with Accession Therapeutics where we are performing the preclinical evaluation of a novel cancer targeting virus. This work complements the on-going program of research we have ourselves developing a novel cancer targeting virus for the treatment of bladder cancer. We have published 26 scientific papers.

Review of financial activities

The continuing prevalence of Covid pandemic continued to affect our fund raising activities throughout the year. Despite this during the year the charity received income totalling £68,473 a 43% increase over the 2020 figure. This figure is made up of £53,639 (+57% from 2020) from grants and donations, £8,059 (-15%) from charitable activities, £6,741 (+61%) from Trading Activities and £34 (-80%) from bank interest.

During the year the charity spent a total of £57,402, a 31% reduction over the previous year, meeting all of its 2020 commitments to the University of Surrey (£31,145) (-55% from 2021) and to its Support Community (£12,008) a 4% increase over the previous year. The charity also spent £4,562 (+259%) on the costs of fundraising (including £3,751 on three golf days). The balance on expenditure of £9,686 was spent on insurance, publicity, administration and a publication for which the charity received a grant of £10,000 from the United States of America. The income is included in the grants and donations figure above. There is a balance of £903 that has been carried forward to 2022 and will go towards the cost of publication.

The primary trading activity for the year were the three golf days, one of which was shared with another charity. These brought in a net surplus of £2,783.

At year end the charity had a surplus of £53,912, an increase of £11,071 (26%) on the balance at the end of 2020. This balance is unrestricted and will be carried forward to 2021 to continue with the funding of research and running its support groups.

Post balance sheet events

The continuing prevalence of Covid and the reluctance of people to meet inside in large groups still greatly reduces the opportunities for fund raising. However, it is anticipated that next year, as people are more willing to participate again, the fund raising will increase. The Purple Ball that was postponed from 2019 will not now happen until the spring of 2022. This will have a major effect on finances as it is the major fund raising activity of the year.

Unfortunately, our Chair died suddenly in April 2021. No handover protocol was in place and so this initially had an effect on the finances in 2021 as a new Chair had to be appointed, initially on a temporary basis.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to keep cash reserves covering six months expenditure on the support groups of approximately £6,500. Any balances over and above that are available to give as grants.

Organisational structure

The Trustees undertake the day to day running of the charity, all of which occurs on a voluntary basis. The Trustees are also responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity and meet every two months or more often if necessary.

The Trustees believe that they have all the necessary documentation and policies in place, including GDPR, privacy policy and safeguarding.

Risk

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

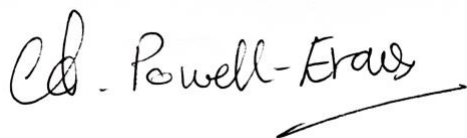
Trustees Responsibility in respect of Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the charity's affairs; the Balance Sheet, the incoming resources and application of funds and the income and expenditure for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 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 charity will continue in operation.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, enabling them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 16th October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Chair and Trustee
Topic of Cancer.
Charity number 1151079.



INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Topic of Cancer ('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Wayne Harris

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Date: 30th October 2023

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

INCOMING RESOURCES

	2022	2021
Donations and Legacies	£49,499	£53,639
Charitable Activities	£12,160	£ 8,059
Other Trading Activities	£27,821	£ 5,812
Bank Interest	£. 108	£ 34
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	£89,588	67,543
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RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2022	2021
Raising Funds	£18,027	£ 3,632
Charitable Activities	£13,503	£12,008
Material Item of Expense	£49,700	£31,145
Other Spend	£ 1,040	£ 9,687
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	£82,270	£56,472
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NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	£ 7,318	£11,071
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FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	£53,912	£42,841
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FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	----- £61,230 =====	----- £53,912 =====
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

CURRENT ASSETS

	2022	2021
Debtors & Prepayments	£19,655	£13,168
Cash at bank & in hand	£57,938	£44,301
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	£77,593	£57,469
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Creditors & Accruals	£16,363	£ 3,557
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ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	£61,230	£53,912
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FUNDS TO THE CHARITY	£61,230	£53,912

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

1.1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2. Going Concern

The Trustees have considered what, if any, material uncertainties could affect the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern in the next twelve months.

Cancellation of the Purple Ball and other fundraising events caused by the Covid pandemic are problematic because the Charity relies on this income to pay grants and overheads.

Available funds at 31st December 2021 were £53,912, of this £13,00 will cover annual support costs with the remainder used to fund research. The Charity does not employ any staff and overheads are kept to the absolute minimum. At no time would the trustees commit to future expenditure that exceeded available funds.

Now that we are emerging from the pandemic income streams from fund raising events are increasing and it is anticipated that these will continue to increase throughout the coming year.

On these assumptions, there is no reason to believe that the Charity will not continue as a going concern for the next twelve months at least.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1. INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity.

Recognition of Income

These are included 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 and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless requires or permitted by the FRS102 SORP

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are included in the SOFA when the general income criteria have been met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP)

Tax Reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same funds the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Donated Goods

Donated goods are measured at a fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as income from donations when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when the receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

2.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability Recognition

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.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

2.3. ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets used by the charity

They are valued at cost

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

3. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

Donations and Legacies:	2022	2021
Donations and Gifts	£47,611	£38,186
Gift Aid	£ 1,888	£ 2,656
Grants from other charities	Nil	£ 3,700
Specific Grant	Nil	£ 9,097
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	£49,499	£53,639
	=====	=====

Charitable Events:		
Organised Challenges	£10,085	£ 7,859
Personal Challenges	£ 2,075	£ 200
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	£12,160	£ 8,059
	=====	=====
Other Trading Activities:		
Purple Ball	£27,820	
Golf days	Nil	£ 5,812
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	£27,820	£ 5,812
Income from Investments:		
Interest	£ 108	£ 34
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TOTAL INCOME	£89,587	£67,543
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4. ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS OF GOVERNMENT GRANTS

The charity received no government grant funding.

5. ANALYSIS OF DONATED GOODS AND SERVICES

There were no donated goods or services.

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	2022	2021
Expenditure on Raising Funds:		
Incurring seeking donations	£ 1,906	£ 19
Staging Fundraising Events	£ 2,325	£ 818
Other Trading Activities	£13,795	£2,820
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	£18,026	£3,657
	-----	-----
Expenditure on Charitable Activities:		
Support Groups	£13,504	£11,983
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	£13,504	£11,983

Material Item of Expenditure:		
Grant to Surrey University	£49,700	£31,145
Other:		
Publication	Nil	£9,097
Rebranding Costs	£ 478	£. 123
Insurance and Admin	£ 562	£ 466
	£ 1,040	£9,686
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£82,270 =====	£56,472 =====

Analysis of Expenditure on other charitable activities:

	2022	2021
Support Groups		
ToCVoices – Choir Leader & Hall Hire	£ 9,004	£ 7,483
ToCFit – Fitness Trainer/Hall Hire/ Equipment	£ 4,500	£ 4,500
	£13,504	£11,983

7. EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

The Charity had no extraordinary items.

8. DETAILS OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

There was no independent examiner fee in 2020.

9. PAID EMPLOYEES

The Charity does not have any paid employees.

10. GRANT MAKING

The Charity gave an immunotherapy Research Grant to the University of Surrey. This was made up as follows:

Consumables	£35,000
Equipment Maintenance	£14,700

TOTAL	£49,700

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The charity does not have any tangible fixed assets.

12. INVESTMENT ASSETS

The charity does not have any investment assets.

13. STOCKS

The charity does not hold any stock.

14. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Analysis of Debtors	2022	2021
Milford Golf Club	£12,592	
Wokingham Fireworks	£ 3,000	£ 6,000
Gift Aid	£ 1,804	£ 2,115
Auction	£ 1,470	
Masonic Charities Fund	£ 500	
Other Miscellaneous	£ 289	£ 493
Purple Ball	Nil	£ 2,400
London Cycle Partnership credit note	Nil	£ 2,160
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	£13,655	£13,168
	=====	=====

15. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Analysis of Creditors	2022	2021
Surrey University Salaries	£14,700	
Balance of EUSA Grant	£ 903	£ 903
Purple Ball	£ 660	£2,570
Social Media	£ 100	
Other	Nil	£ 84
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	£16,363	£3,557
	=====	=====

16. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

The charity has not made any provisions for future liabilities.

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

The charity has no contingent liabilities or assets.

18. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2022	2021
Short term deposits	£ 57,101	£40,840
Cash at bank and on hand	£ 837	£ 3,461
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	£ 57,938	£44,301

19. FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The charity's exposure to debt is very small. The only debts outstanding are generally those occurring around the time of the purple ball. The charity has sufficient funds to cover any losses as a result of the failure of debtors to not pay monies outstanding.

20. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There are no events to report after the reporting period that affects the accounts.

21. CHARITY FUNDS

21.1 MATERIAL FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS DURING CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD

	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains & Losses	Fund Balances carried forward
Research	£49,359	£88,572	£68,214.	£(14,987)		£54,730
Support Groups	£ 4,553	£ 1,016	£14,056	£ 8,487		Nil
Contingency				£ 6,500		£ 6,500
Total Funds	£53,912	£89,588	£82,270	£ Nil		£61,230

21.2 MATERIAL FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS DURING PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD

	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains & Losses	Fund Balances carried forward
Research	£39,867	£63,155	£44,464	£(9,200)	-	£49,359
Support Groups	£ 2,974	£ 4,388	£12,008	£ 9,200	-	£ 4,553
Total Funds	£42,841	£67,543	£56,472	-	-	£53,912

TOPIC OF CANCER

England & Wales - Charity number 1151079

Accounts

The Topic of Cancer
Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021
Charity No: 1151079

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TRUSTEES

A. Loryman (Treasurer)
Anne Powell-Evans (Vice-Chair)
Professor H. Pandha
K. Ronaldson (Chair) Died 09.04.21
A. Sell Resigned 14.01.21
T. Chant Resigned 28.10.21
S. Bishop. Resigned 28.10.21
E.Schofield. Recruited 11.03.21
P. Koliou Recruited 13.01.22
A. Hunter Recruited 08.06.22
J.ThurLOW-Craig Recruited 08.06.22

PATRONS

Alison Steadman
Michael Elwyn
Yvonne Hall
Colin Roy
Martin O'Donnell
Sir Paul Beresford
Glyn Powell-Evans
Michael Buerk

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Governing documents

The organisation is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a Trust Deed dated 12 February 2013 and is a registered charity, number 1151079,

Trustees

The year ending December 2021 saw the recruitment of one Trustee and resignation of 4 trustees.

The chair of the charity died on 9th April 2021 and Vice- Chair Anne Powell-Evans took over the role.

This is documented below. The Charities Commission was duly notified.

Recruitment, resignations, and appointment of trustees.

Nigel Lewis-Baker remained as Honorary President.

Kim Ronaldson remained Chair of the charity until his death on 9th April 2021 and Anne Powell-Evans, Vice Chair, took over the role of Chair for the duration of the year 2021.

Abbie Sell, trustee, resigned on 14th January 2021

Tony Chant, trustee, resigned on 28th October 2021

Sarah Bishop, trustee, resigned on 28th October 2021.

Ed Schofield was appointed as trustee on 11th March 2021 after being interviewed by 2 existing trustees. He resigned on 28th October 2021.

Panagotis Koliou was recruited as a trustee on 13th January 2022.

Anna Hunter was recruited as a trustee on 8th June 2022

James Thurlow- Craig was appointed a trustee on 8th June 2022

Maggie Knivett remained as ambassador of Toc Voices, Ben Evans as ambassador of Toc Together and Alun Davis as ambassador for Toc Fit.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the recruitment and appointment of Trustees. The Board seeks to ensure that they have the requisite skills between them to run the charity. All potential trustees are interviewed by 2 existing trustees.

Trustee induction and training

Most new Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the organisation. Trustees are recruited from the cancer patient community, the cancer research team and other interested people who can offer the necessary relevant skills.

New Trustees are given a short, informal training session to familiarise themselves with the Charity, and the context within which it operates. They are issued with a pack which contains all the necessary documentation.

This covers:

- The obligations of Trustees.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Future plans and objectives.

Aims and objectives

The principal aims and objectives of the charity are as follows:

- To advance the health of the public on a worldwide basis in the understanding, diagnosis and treatment of cancer through cancer immunotherapy research.
- To raise funds to support immunotherapy research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of cancer in a world class clinical-based research centre at the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey.
- To increase awareness of prostate, bladder, breast, renal, and other cancers among the general public.
- To support the establishment of local cancer support groups.

Analysis of research funding shows that most funds are spent on basic research and understanding the causes of disease although a more recent project has looked at the reasons for the longevity of some patients who have experienced multiple aggressive cancer.

The aims and objectives are achieved at the lowest administrative cost possible and sets us apart from the other major charities operating in this sector. As a result, we are an entirely volunteer run charity with no paid members of staff.

In October 2021, the charity rebranded with the aim of:

- Providing a clear message about the charity's aims and activities
- Designing a new, more stimulating logo
- Raising the profile of the charity.
- Looking for corporate supporters in order to expand fund-raising and expand our list of very supportive partners.
- Making it easier to give donations, more information to donors as to where their money is going and demonstrate the impact of previous donations.
- Asking clinicians and nurses to engage with their patients so as to enlist their support
- Recruiting volunteers to help at fundraising events.
- Appointing trustees with necessary skills such as marketing and fund raising.
- A new web-site has been installed and new logo designed. A launch party is to be held early in 2022 to publicise the rebrand.

Summary of public benefits

In planning our activities for the year, we have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The objectives and achievements offer public benefit to all cancer patients. The charity focuses its investment in two main areas: immunotherapy research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of cancer using more targeted and less aggressive therapies and running support groups which offer physical, emotional and social support to cancer patients, partners, care givers and their families.

Immunotherapy Cancer Research

The UK is considered one of the world's leaders in this branch of cancer research and the research team, located at the University of Surrey, is one of the main immunotherapy research teams with expertise in conducting clinical trials. One of the Topic of Cancer Charity's main goals is to support this team to provide multiple benefits. A consultant oncologist sits on the charity committee to advise on how best to use available funds. To this end we have provided funding for maintenance and repair of essential pieces of equipment and associated costs and assist funding the employment costs of specified staff as requested as well as contributing to the annual costs of the Surrey Cancer Research Institute.

Although we have not been able to carry out our usual face to face marketing because of the pandemic and lockdown, we have continued to raise the profile and awareness of cancer and immunotherapy research through networking, articles in local magazines, active use of social media and fundraising events. As soon as our members feel comfortable we intend to resume interactive, face to face promotion. Topic of Cancer maintains a website with detailed information and has developed its social media links on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. We have continued to keep interested parties informed through regular newsletters. These have been well received. Visits to the research laboratories at the University of Surrey unfortunately cease due to the pandemic and, although there was a phased withdrawal from lockdown in March 2021, we were still reluctant to encourage people to meet in large groups.

Local Cancer Support Groups

The charity had a support group, ToC Together which offered emotional and social support to cancer patients, partners, care givers and their families, but, due to lockdown and the inappropriateness of holding these sessions online, this has fallen into abeyance temporarily. Our support group was designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for patients and their families through monthly meetings and occasionally there are guest speakers from science, medicine, entertainment, and complementary therapies and we hope to reinstate these. Discussions have been taking place with other cancer charities in the area with a view to starting a combined support group.

We also fund ToC Fit exercise classes which are held five times a week for cancer patients who are undergoing or recovering from treatment and led by specially trained instructors. The classes are graded according to the participants' level of fitness. During lockdown, the classes took place on Zoom and have continued to do so as the participants chosen method. These are run in partnership with another charity, ThriveFit.

We have a choir called ToC Voices, who rehearsed together weekly and these rehearsals continued on Zoom from March 2020. Since September 2021, they have been meeting face-to-face again and resumed weekly rehearsals at a venue. We currently make no charge to our members for these services and fund them by seeking community grants and fund raising by the members.

Annual accounts

Topic of Cancer's accounts on an accrual basis which was adopted in 2018. There is no change to this accounting procedure.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

Investment policy

The charity aims to maintain enough funds in the current account to support our fundraising efforts, administrative costs and our three support groups. Any surplus funds are to be deposited in a fixed term deposit, typically of 3- or 6-month duration, to maximise the return on funds for future activities of the charity.

Review of progress, achievements, and future objectives

The purpose of this section of our report is to provide a clear summary of information about the activities of the Topic of Cancer. In particular, we review the progress against our objectives set for 2021, record achievements for the year and set objectives for next year.

Topic of Cancer has striven to achieve its goals in terms of fundraising and raising awareness of immunotherapy research but this became increasingly difficult from March 2020 due to the pandemic and lockdown and expectations of amounts raised had to be adjusted accordingly. We have been effective in converting funds we have managed to raise into benefits and have continued to make contact with other local charities and businesses both to fund raise and promote the charity.

We have tried to be innovative in organising fundraising events, most of which have had to take place on-line. Large events have not been possible even following the phasing out of lockdown from March 2021 as many people were still reluctant to meet in large groups. This meant that our big fundraisers such as the Purple Ball were postponed for another year. We were able to hold 3 golf days, in May, July and September. An evening with Michael Buerk was held on Zoom in March and another virtual quiz was held in June. In July, an evening with Alison Steadman was held on Zoom and an Open Garden event was held in August so every effort was made to raise funds in alternative ways by using Zoom or holding events outside. A concert was well attended in September and we were well supported by runners in various marathons.

The Tiverton Rotary Club continued to support our fund raising but an event organised by the Surbiton Rotary Club had to be cancelled yet again. Wokingham Fireworks did go ahead and Topic of Cancer were one of their beneficiaries but these monies were paid in the following year. There was some income from funeral funds and birthday donations.

The total amount raised from fundraising events in the year is £10,845.

Notable funds raised.

Chiddingfold Golf Day	£697
Drift Golf day	£1,226
Kim Ronaldson Memorial Golf day	£863
Michael Buerk evening	£900
2 Quiz nights	£1,200
Alison Steadman evening	£445
Open garden	£1,895
Concert	£450
Virtual London Marathon	£2,487
Richmond marathon	£482
End to End Challenge	£200

There were many smaller donations from companies, members and individuals

The majority of the money is used to purchase and service essential equipment for the research team. There is an increasing need to fund consumables and we are funding, maintaining, and updating the equipment needed to continue and extend the ground-breaking work of the research team. A small proportion of our income is used for the support, choir and fitness groups. A grant was obtained for the choir from Surrey Community Fund.

We had hoped to have stands at several public, corporate and private events such as the Surrey Business Expo, where we were the charity of choice, and Hampshire Business Expo, and several fetes, fairs and village days but all these activities were curtailed by the pandemic regulations.

Our Patient Support Groups have continued virtually to the great benefit of all the members. Support has been so important to everyone during a very difficult time for those who are undergoing treatment for or recovering from cancer and who may be very isolated and frightened. The fitness groups have been essential to those who are vulnerable and may not have been able to leave their homes and the benefits psychologically and physically of singing have been well documented. We are so grateful to those leaders who have worked hard to make sure that these groups continue. Some of the funding of the choir has been provided by Surrey Community Foundation and donations.

We have launched a new website for interested parties to be informed of our activities and to receive information about our work. It also provides information about the support services we provide, as well as videos of the scientists explaining their research. It is regularly updated and we appreciate the work of Ed Schofield who manages and designs the website with great skill and dedication. We are active users of social media and have a strong following on Facebook and Twitter. We have produced regular Newsletters to keep our supporters updated on current research and events.

We intend to extend our fund-raising next year by recruiting a trustee who has particular experience in this field. We also intend to reinstate the Purple Ball,

regulations allowing, and this is always a big fund raiser. We are building on increasing the number of fitness classes and will restart the Support Group on a face to face basis hopefully in collaboration with some other cancer charities in the local area. The choir is thriving and we have several new members. The continuing attendance of members at all our groups, despite the challenges of the pandemic, only goes to demonstrate the importance to them.

We have been able to meet our aims both in support for the immunotherapy research group at the University of Surrey and encouraging and supporting the establishment of patient support groups although we hope to expand the latter even further as the charity becomes more established and expands.

Next year, the charity intends to build on its rebrand, expand its trustee base and review its partnerships with local companies.

Immunotherapy report

The report is submitted by the team at the University and reflects their work in the year. It is included as we have been, and are, ongoing funding supporters to the team. We have no direct management of the group, which lies, within the University. The groups' activities have been reported to the charity at meetings during the year.

This last year has seen the research program very much recovered post COVID and exploring novel areas which we think will make an impact on patient care. The core focus has been around completion of the Continuum Long Term Survivor Study, which has now recruited 50 patients and all scientific and clinical data has been generated. We will be presenting early findings at the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer conference in Boston, USA, in November, and expect a high level scientific paper next year. We have 2 programs in bladder cancer, trying to understand the immune make-up of tumours, and how bacteria which infect and reside in cancer cells may promote cancer growth or reduce the impact of anticancer treatment, through reprogramming of the infiltrating immune cells in the tumour. In addition we continue our work using live cancer killing viruses as immune therapies- they infect and kill cancers and send powerful signals to the immune system to sustain and amplify this anti-tumour response. Our work is intended to underpin future trials in prostate cancer and bladder cancer. Our expertise with high resolution imaging with the Vectra Polaris machine has expanded and we hosted 2 students from the University of Bath for 1 year, who helped with this program. Our clinical trial activity has formally recommenced, currently looking at combination of immunotherapy and chemotherapy in prostate cancer. We have published 12 scientific papers and presented at several online scientific meetings this year.

Review of financial activities

The continuing prevalence of Covid pandemic continued to affect our fund raising activities throughout the year. Despite this during the year the charity received income totaling £68,473 a 43% increase over the 2020 figure. This figure is made up of £53,639 (+57% from 2020) from grants and donations, £8,059 (-15%) from charitable activities, £6,741 (+61%) from Trading Activities and £34 (-80%) from bank interest.

During the year the charity spent a total of £57,402, a 31% reduction over the previous year, meeting all of its 2020 commitments to the University of Surrey (£31,145) (-55% from 2021) and to its Support Community (£12,008) a 4% increase over the previous year. The charity also spent £4,562 (+259%) on the costs of fundraising (including £3,751 on three golf days). The balance on expenditure of £9,686 was spent on insurance, publicity, administration and a publication for which the charity received a grant of £10,000 from the United States of America. The income is included in the grants and donations figure above. There is a balance of £903 that has been carried forward to 2022 and will go towards the cost of publication.

The primary trading activity for the year were the three golf days, one of which was shared with another charity. These brought in a net surplus of £2,783.

At year end the charity had a surplus of £53,912, an increase of £11,071 (26%) on the balance at the end of 2020. This balance is unrestricted and will be carried forward to 2021 to continue with the funding of research and running its support groups.

Post balance sheet events

The continuing prevalence of Covid and the reluctance of people to meet inside in large groups still greatly reduces the opportunities for fund raising. However, it is anticipated that next year, as people are more willing to participate again, the fund raising will increase. The Purple Ball that was postponed from 2019 will not now happen until the spring of 2022. This will have a major effect on finances as it is the major fund raising activity of the year.

Unfortunately, our Chair died suddenly in April 2021. No handover protocol was in place and so this initially had an effect on the finances in 2021 as a new Chair had to be appointed, initially on a temporary basis.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to keep cash reserves covering six months expenditure on the support groups of approximately £6,500. Any balances over and above that are available to give as grants.

Organisational structure

The Trustees undertake the day to day running of the charity, all of which occurs on a voluntary basis. The Trustees are also responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity and meet every two months or more often if necessary.

The Trustees believe that they have all the necessary documentation and policies in place, including GDPR, privacy policy and safeguarding.

Risk

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

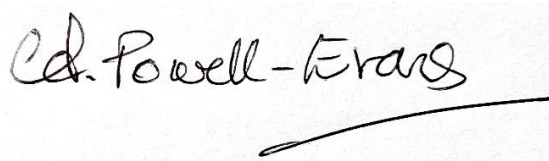
Trustees Responsibility in respect of Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the charity's affairs; the Balance Sheet, the incoming resources and application of funds and the income and expenditure for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 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 charity will continue in operation.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, enabling them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 12th October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. Powell-Evans", with a long horizontal line underneath it.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Topic of Cancer**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Topic of Cancer ('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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:

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING
31ST DECEMBER 2021**

INCOMING RESOURCES

	2021	2020
Donations and Legacies	£53,639	£34,192
Charitable Activities	£ 8,059	£ 9,447
Other Trading Activities	£. 5,812	£ 4,197
Bank Interest	£. 34	£ 165
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	£67,543	£48,001
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RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2021	2020
Raising Funds	£ 3,632	£ 1,272
Charitable Activities	£12,008	£11,552
Material Item of Expense	£31,145	£69,337
Other Spend	£ 9,687	£ 1,290
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	£56,472	£83,451
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NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	£11,071	£35,450
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FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	£42,841	£78,291
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FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	----- £53,912 =====	----- £42,841 =====
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

CURRENT ASSETS

	2021	2020
Debtors & Prepayments	£13,168	£ 7,638
Cash at bank & in hand	£44,301	£35,213
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	£57,469	£42,851
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Creditors & Accruals	£. 3,557	£ 10
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ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	£53,912	£42,841
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FUNDS TO THE CHARITY	£53,812	£42,841
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

1.1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2. Going Concern

The Trustees have considered what, if any, material uncertainties could affect the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern in the next twelve months.

Cancellation of the Purple Ball and other fundraising events caused by the Covid pandemic are problematic because the Charity relies on this income to pay grants and overheads.

Available funds at 31st December 2021 were £53,912, of this £13,00 will cover annual support costs with the remainder used to fund research. The Charity does not employ any staff and overheads are kept to the absolute minimum. At no time would the trustees commit to future expenditure that exceeded available funds.

Now that we are emerging from the pandemic income streams from fund raising events are increasing and it is anticipated that these will continue to increase throughout the coming year.

On these assumptions, there is no reason to believe that the Charity will not continue as a going concern for the next twelve months at least.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1. INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity.

Recognition of Income

These are included 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 and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless requires or permitted by the FRS102 SORP

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are included in the SOFA when the general income criteria have been met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP)

Tax Reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same funds the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Donated Goods

Donated goods are measured at a fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as income from donations when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when the receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

2.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**Liability Recognition**

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.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

2.3. ASSETS**Tangible fixed assets used by the charity**

They are valued at cost

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

3. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

Donations and Legacies:	2021	2020
Donations and Gifts	£38,186	£26,962
Gift Aid	£. 2,656	£ 1,780
Grants from other charities	£ 3,700	£ 5,500
Specific Grant	£. 9,097	£ Nil
	-----	-----
	£53,639	£34,192
	=====	=====
Charitable Events:		
Organised Challenges	£ 7,859	£ 7,615
Personal Challenges	£. 200	£ 1,832
	-----	-----
	£ 8,059	£ 9,447
	=====	=====
Other Trading Activities:		
Golf days	£. 5,812	£ 4,184
Sale of Merchandise		£ 14
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	£ 5,812	£ 4,197
Income from Investments:		
Interest	£ 34	£ 165
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TOTAL INCOME	£67,543	£48,001
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4. ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS OF GOVERNMENT GRANTS

The charity received no government grant funding.

5. ANALYSIS OF DONATED GOODS AND SERVICES

There were no donated goods or services.

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	2021	2020
Expenditure on Raising Funds:		
Incurred seeking donations	£. 19	£ 256
Staging Fundraising Events	£ 818	£(1,805) *
Other Trading Activities	£ 2,795	£2,800
	-----	-----
	£ 3,632	£ 1,252
	-----	-----
 Expenditure on Charitable Activities:		
Support Groups	£12,008	£11,552
Merchandise		£ 20
	-----	-----
	£12,008	£11,572
	-----	-----
 Material Item of Expenditure:		
Grant to Surrey University	£31,145	£69,337
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 Other:		
Publication	£ 9,097	Nil
Rebranding Costs	£. 123	Nil
Insurance and Admin	£. 466	£ 1,290
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	£ 9,686	£ 1,290
	-----	-----
 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£56,472	£83,451
	=====	=====
 Analysis of Expenditure on other charitable activities:		
	2021	2020
Support Groups		
ToCVoices – Choir Leader & Hall Hire	£ 7,508	£ 9,072
ToCTogether – Hall Hire	Nil	£ 105
ToCFit – Fitness Trainer/Hall Hire/ Equipment	£ 4,500	£ 2,375
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£12,008

£11,552

7. EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

The Charity had no extraordinary items.

8. DETAILS OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

There was no independent examiner fee in 2021.

9. PAID EMPLOYEES

The Charity does not have any paid employees.

10. GRANT MAKING

The Charity gave an immunotherapy Research Grant to the University of Surrey. This was made up as follows:

Consumables	£25,000
Equipment Maintenance	£ 6,145

TOTAL	£31,145
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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The charity does not have any tangible fixed assets.

12. INVESTMENT ASSETS

The charity does not have any investment assets.

13. STOCKS

The charity does not hold any stock.

14. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Analysis of Debtors	2021	2020
Purple Ball	£ 2,400	£ 2,400
London Cycle Partnership credit note	£ 2,160	£ 2,160
Gift Aid	£ 2,115	£. 843
Fireworks Display	£ 6,000	Nil
Other Miscellaneous	£. 493	£ 725
Thames West Unicorn		£ 1,000
Virtual Carol Concert		£. 258
Golf Day 2021 Deposit		£. 100
Puremess		£. 153
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	£13,168	£ 7,639
	=====	=====

15. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Analysis of Creditors	2021	2020
Purple Ball	£ 2,570	Nil
Balance of EUSA Grant	£. 903	Nil
Other	£. 84	£ 10
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	£ 3,557	£ 10
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16. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

The charity has not made any provisions for future liabilities.

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

The charity has no contingent liabilities or assets.

18. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2021	2020
Short term deposits	£40,840	£34,006
Cash at bank and on hand	£. 3,461	£ 1,207
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	£44,301	£35,213
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19. FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The charity's exposure to debt is very small. The only debts outstanding are generally those occurring around the time of the purple ball. The charity has sufficient funds to cover any losses as a result of the failure of debtors to not pay monies outstanding.

20. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There are no events to report after the reporting period that affects the accounts.

21. CHARITY FUNDS

21.1 MATERIAL FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS DURING CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD

	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains & Losses	Fund Balances carried forward
Research	£39,867	£63,155	£44,464.	£(9,200)		£49,359
Support Groups	£ 2,974	£.4,388	£12,008.	£ 9,200		£ 4,553
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Total Funds	£42,841	£67,543	£56,472.	Nil		£53,912

21.2 MATERIAL FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS DURING PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD

	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains & Losses	Fund Balances carried forward
Research	£73,664	£ 37,968	£71,765	-	-	£39,867
Support Groups	£ 4,627	£10,033	£11,686	-	-	£ 2,974
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Total Funds	£78,291	£48,001	£83,451	-	-	£42,841
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TOPIC OF CANCER

England & Wales - Charity number 1151079

Accounts

The Topic of Cancer
Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2020
Charity No: 1151079

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TRUSTEES

T. Chant
S. Bishop. Recruited 20.01.20
A. Loryman (Treasurer)
Anne Powell-Evans (Vice-Chair)
Professor H. Pandha
K. Ronaldson (Chair) Deceased 09.04.21
A. Sell. Resigned 14.01.21
E. Schofield. Recruited 11.03.21

PATRONS

Alison Steadman
Michael Elwyn
Yvonne Hall
Colin Roy
Martin O'Donnell
Sir Paul Beresford
Glyn Powell-Evans
Michael Buerk

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1151079

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Patrick Latham FCA

BANKERS (from 27 Jan 2016)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Governing documents

The organisation is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a Trust Deed dated 12 February 2013 and is a registered charity, number 1151079,

Trustees

The year ending December 2020 saw the recruitment of one Trustee
This is documented below. The Charities Commission was duly notified.

Recruitment, resignations, and appointment of trustees.

Nigel Lewis Baker, having resigned as Chair in September, 2019, was appointed Founder and Honorary President in January 2020.

Kim Ronaldson remained as Chair and Anne Powell-Evans as Vice Chair for the duration of the year 2020.

Sarah Bishop was appointed as a Trustee on 20th January 2020 after being interviewed by 2 existing trustees.

Abbie Sell resigned as a Trustee on 14.01.21

Ed Schofield was appointed as a Trustee on 11.03.21.

Kim Ronaldson (Chair) died on 09.04.21 and Anne Powell-Evans, Vice-Chair, was appointed Acting Chair at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Trustees on 10.04.21.

Maggie Knivett remained as ambassador of Toc Voices, Ben Evans as ambassador of Toc Together and Alun Davis as ambassador for Toc Fit.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the recruitment and appointment of Trustees. The Board seeks to ensure that they have the requisite skills between them to run the charity. All potential trustees are interviewed by 2 existing trustees.

Trustee induction and training

Most new Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the organisation. Trustees are recruited from the cancer patient community, the cancer research team and other interested people who can offer the necessary relevant skills.

New Trustees are given a short, informal training session to familiarise themselves with the Charity, and the context within which it operates.

This covers:

- The obligations of Trustees.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Future plans and objectives.

Aims and objectives

The principal aims and objectives of the charity are as follows:

- To advance the health of the public on a worldwide basis in the understanding, diagnosis and treatment of cancer through cancer immunotherapy research.
- To raise funds to support immunotherapy research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of cancer in a world class clinical-based research centre at the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey.
- To increase awareness of prostate, bladder, breast and other cancers among the general public.
- To support the establishment of local cancer support groups.

Analysis of research funding shows that most funds are spent on basic research and understanding the causes of disease. Less is spent investigating prevention, diagnosis and treatment, which all define areas in which Immunology plays a huge role.

The aims and objectives are achieved at the lowest administrative cost possible and sets us apart from the other major charities operating in this sector. As a result, we are an entirely volunteer run charity with no paid members of staff.

Summary of public benefits

In planning our activities for the year, we have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The objectives and achievements offer public benefit to all cancer patients. The charity focuses its investment in two main areas: immunotherapy research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of cancer using more targeted and less aggressive therapies, which has the widest impact, and setting up regional support groups which offer emotional and social support to cancer patients, partners, care givers and their families.

Immunotherapy Cancer Research

The UK is considered one of the world's leaders in this branch of cancer research and the research team, located at the University of Surrey, is one of the main immunotherapy research teams with expertise in conducting clinical trials. One of the Topic of Cancer Charity's main goals is to support this team to provide multiple benefits. A consultant oncologist sits on the charity committee to advise on how best to use available funds. To this end we have provided funding for maintenance and repair of essential pieces of equipment and associated costs and assist funding the employment costs of specified staff as requested as well as contributing to the annual costs of the Surrey Cancer Research Institute.

Although we have not been able to carry out our usual face to face marketing because of the pandemic and lockdown, we have continued to raise the profile and awareness of cancer and immunotherapy research through networking, articles in local magazines, active use of social media and fundraising events. Topic of Cancer maintains a website with detailed information and has developed its social media links on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. We have continued to keep interested parties informed through regular newsletters. These have been well received. Visits to the research laboratories at the University of Surrey unfortunately have had to cease.

Local Cancer Support Groups

The charity had two support groups, ToC Together, which are accessible to anybody with a cancer experience or interest to offer emotional and social support to cancer patients, partners, care givers and their families. The Guildford Group took place at Turn Fit in Guildford Town Centre until March 2020 when lockdown made it impossible to continue face to face. Thereafter a What's App group was formed as a means of support. Membership at the Bookham Support Group had been declining for some time and, at the Trustees meeting on 13th February 2020, a decision was made to close this group down with a view to reassessing at a later date. Our support groups are designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for patients and their families through monthly meetings and occasionally there are guest speakers from science, medicine, entertainment, and complementary therapies and we hope to reinstate these as soon as regulations allow.

We also run ToC Fit exercise classes in Guildford three mornings a week for patients in treatment and recovery with specially trained instructors. These classes also had to cease in March 2020 but we have continued to run them on Zoom and have had a good response from members, many of whom were feeling isolated and frightened due to the pandemic.

We have a choir called ToC Voices, who rehearsed together weekly and these have continued on Zoom from March 2020. These virtual sessions have been very successful in continuing to give choir members the support they need. The choir were so enthusiastic that they took part in a Christmas Concert which raised considerable funds for the charity. We currently make no charge to our members for these services and fund them by seeking community grants and fund raising.

Annual accounts

Topic of Cancer's accounts on an accrual basis which was adopted in 2018. There is no change to this accounting procedure.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

Investment policy

The charity aims to maintain enough funds in the current account to support our fundraising efforts, administrative costs and our three support groups. Any surplus funds are to be deposited in a fixed term deposit, typically of 3- or 6-month duration, to maximise the return on funds for future activities of the charity.

Review of progress, achievements, and future objectives

The purpose of this section of our report is to provide a clear summary of information about the activities of the Topic of Cancer. In particular, we review the progress against our objectives set for 2020, record achievements for the year and set objectives for next year.

Topic of Cancer has striven to achieve its goals in terms of fundraising and raising awareness of immunotherapy research but this became increasingly difficult from

March 2020 due to the pandemic and lockdown. We have been effective in converting funds we have managed to raise into benefits and have continued to make contact with other local charities and businesses both to fund raise and promote the charity.

We have tried to be innovative in organising fundraising events, most of which have had to take place on-line and we have become increasingly dependent on individual members to raise funds as all large organised events have not been possible. Fund raising has included a virtual quiz, the 2.6 Challenge, Kelly's Challenge, My Prudential Ride London and The Drift Golf Day in September 2020 when regulations allowed. The total amount raised from fundraising events in the year is £9,447 and £1384 net from Trading Activities. The Tiverton Rotary Club continued to support our fund raising but events organised by the Surbiton Rotary Club and Wokingham Fireworks had to be cancelled. There was some income from funeral funds and birthday donations.

Notable funds raised.

Haslemere Hounds	£300
Virtual Quizzes	£1,375
2.6 Challenge	£1,800
Kelly's Challenge	£1,765
Tiverton Rotary Club	£200
My Prudential Ride London	£455
The Drift Golf day	£1,397
Choir Christmas Concert	£3,296

There were many smaller donations from companies, members and individuals

The majority of the money is used to purchase and service essential equipment for the research team and we have just completed the funding of a PhD student. There is an increasing need to fund consumables and we are assisting a further PhD programme as well as funding, maintaining, and updating the equipment needed to continue and extend the ground-breaking work of the research team. A small proportion of our income is used for the support, choir and fitness groups. A grant was obtained for the choir from Surrey Community Fund.

We had hoped to have stands at several public, corporate and private events such as the Surrey Business Expo, where we were the charity of choice, and Hampshire Business Expo, and several fetes, fairs and village days but all these activities were curtailed by the pandemic regulations.

Our Patient Support Groups have continued virtually to the great benefit of all the members. Support has been so important to everyone during a very difficult time for those who are undergoing treatment for or recovering from cancer and who may be very isolated and frightened. The fitness groups have been essential to those who are vulnerable and may not have been able to leave their homes and the benefits psychologically and physically of singing have been well documented. We are so grateful to those leaders who have worked hard to make sure that these groups

continue. Some of the funding of the choir has been provided by Surrey Community Foundation and their own Christmas Concert.

We maintain a website for interested parties to be informed of our activities and to receive information about our work. It also provides on-line and downloadable versions of the literature that we produce and information about the support services we provide, as well as videos of the scientists explaining their research. It is regularly updated and we appreciate the work of Ambassador Steve Lawrance who manages and designs the website with great skill and dedication. Steve is also responsible for the information leaflet and banner design. We are active users of social media and have a strong following on Facebook and Twitter. We have produced regular Newsletters to keep our supporters updated on current research and events.

In June 2020, Topic of Cancer was delighted to be awarded "Cancer Immunotherapy Support Charity of the Year 2020" by the UK Enterprise Board.

We intend to extend our fund-raising next year by recruiting a trustee who has particular experience in this field. We also intend to reinstate the Purple Ball, regulations allowing, and this is always a big fund raiser. We are building on increasing the number of fitness classes and will restart the Support Group on a face to face basis hopefully in collaboration with some other cancer charities in the local area. The choir is thriving and we have several new members. The continuing attendance of members at all our groups, despite the challenges of the pandemic, only goes to demonstrate the importance to them.

We have been able to meet our aims both in support for the immunotherapy research group at the University of Surrey and encouraging and supporting the establishment of patient support groups although we hope to expand the latter even further as the charity becomes more established and expands.

Immunotherapy report

The report is submitted by the team at the University and reflects their work in the year. It is included as we have been, and are, ongoing funding supporters to the team. We have no direct management of the group, which lies, within the University. The groups' activities have been reported to the charity at meetings during the year.

At their February 2020 meeting, the trustees received a report from Charles Rayner, a Consultant in Upper Gastro-intestinal Surgery based with Professor Pandha's research team, carrying out a PhD. He reported outcomes from oesophageal cancer are extremely poor, with five-year survival rates of around 15% due to the high proportion of patients presenting with metastatic disease. He is looking to improve our understanding of why the immune reaction has been disappointing in oesophageal cancer and how we can improve these results. Mr Rayner has a Fellowship which covers his salary and consumables, but there is a shortfall of £4.5k and requested whether ToC would cover this. The Trustees agreed to this proposal.

In March 2020, due to the pandemic and lockdown, the Labs were closed and support staff were furloughed by the University. Senior scientists were covered by recent grants which were honoured by the grant awarding bodies. Weekly lab meetings were held via Microsoft Teams. Professor Pandha offered the labs to the

NHS for anything that would help with COVID19 testing and he joined the clinical teams in the Hospital Trust, working on the COVID19 wards. Research trials team were redeployed to work on COVID19 trials

By June 2020, the Labs were starting to open and clinical trials were slowly restarting. The program continued under the senior scientists (Nicola Annels and Mick Denyer) who were working on two projects. The first is examining T cell infiltrating various stages of kidney cancer and determined how these T cells in this environment are metabolically dysfunctional, and how to reverse this. The second project is around a new type of immunotherapy called a huma-body working with a company (Crescendo in Cambridge), which is forming the basis of an immunotherapy trial will be conducted at Surrey next year.

The Team have also made good progress with an important project looking at the immune function in long-term cancer survivors in Continuum Project. This has now resulted in recruitment of 12 patients and commencement of the scientific program including evaluation of blood from of these individuals. They will continue looking at the original cancer tissue and evidence of immune dysfunction in that using our in-house Vectra Polaris technology.

Review of financial activities

During the year the charity received income totalling £48,001. This figure is made up of £34,192 from grants and donations, £9,447 from charitable activities, £4,197 from Trading Activities and £165 from bank interest. Income for the year shows a considerable reduction of £35,596 (43%) from the income during the previous year. The accounts show that receipts from grants and donations fell by £38,818, receipts from fundraising events only fell by £397 whilst receipts from trading activities rose by £4,172 (brought about by having a Golf day in September).

During the year the charity spent a total of £83,451 meeting all of its 2020 commitments to the University of Surrey (£69,337) and to its Support Community (£11,552). The charity also spent £1,272 on the costs of fundraising (including £2,800 on the September Golf Day). The cost of fundraising has been partly offset by a credit note of £2,160 which has not yet been utilised and has, therefore, been carried forward to 2021. The balance on expenditure of £1,290 was spent on insurance, publicity and administration and the write off of stock. The total spent shows a decrease of £16,284 (16%) on that spent in 2019. This decrease was primarily as a result of a reduction in grants to Surrey University (£12,155), a reduction in fund raising costs (£2,783) and a reduction in charitable activities (£2,000)

The primary trading activity for the year was the Golf Day (mentioned in the above paragraphs), which brought in a net surplus of £1,384. Income from ticket sales, sponsorship and challenges on the day equated to £4,184, whilst expenditure on the hire of the golf course and finance processing fees equated to £2,800.

At year end the charity had a surplus of £42,841, a decrease of £35,450 (45%) on the balance at the end of 2019. This balance is unrestricted and will be carried forward to 2021 to continue with the funding of research and running its support groups.

Post balance sheet events

The continuing prevalence of Covid will greatly reduce the opportunities for fund raising. However, it is anticipated that as the year progresses the fund raising will increase. The Purple Ball that was postponed from 2019 will not now happen until the spring of 2022. This will have a major effect on finances as it is the major fund raising activity of the year.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to keep cash reserves covering six months support expenditure of approximately £7,000. Any reserves over and above that are available to give as grants.

Organisational structure

The Trustees undertake the day to day running of the charity, all of which occurs on a voluntary basis. The Trustees are also responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity and meet as regularly as necessary.

The Trustees have been very active in meeting the new GDPR regulations and the charity's Privacy Policy was updated and is available on the website Details on how to access the Policy can be found on charity literature. On 13th February 2020 the Trustees approved a new Safe-guarding policy.

Risk

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

Trustees Responsibility in respect of Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the charity's affairs; the Balance Sheet, the incoming resources and application of funds and the income and expenditure for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 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 charity will continue in operation.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, enabling them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Going Concern

The Trustees have considered what, if any, material uncertainties could affect the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern in the next twelve months.

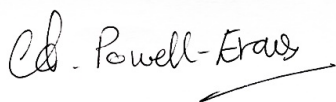
Cancellation of the Purple Ball and other fundraising events caused by the Covid pandemic are problematic because the Charity relies on this income to pay grants and overheads.

Reserves at 31st December 2020 were £42,841 and, while this is lower than in previous years, commitments to pay future grants and overheads were lower than this. The Charity does not employ any staff and overheads are kept to the absolute minimum. At no time would the trustees commit to future expenditure that exceeded reserves.

As we emerge from the pandemic, the trustees hope to see income returning to previous levels, resulting in spending on charitable objects increasing as well. However, spending levels will be dictated by income received and reserves at all times.

On these assumptions, there is no reason to believe that the Charity will not continue as a going concern for the next twelve months at least.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25th October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Powell-Evans', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Acting Chair and Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Topic of Cancer

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Topic of Cancer (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Signed:



Date: 25th October 2021

Name:

Patrick Latham
Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales
Guildford, Surrey

THE TOPIC OF CANCER
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING
31ST DECEMBER 2020

INCOMING RESOURCES (Note 3)

	2020	2019
Donations and Legacies	£34,192	£73,010
Charitable Activities	£ 9,447	£ 9,843
Other Trading Activities	£ 4,197	£ 25
Bank Interest	£ 165	£ 719
Material Item of Income	£ -	
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	£48,001	£83,597
	=====	=====

RESOURCES EXPENDED (Note 6)

	2020	2019
Raising Funds	£ 1,272	£4,014
Charitable Activities	£11,552	£13,593
Material Item of Expense	£69,337	£81,492
Other Spend	£ 1,290	£ 637
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	£83,451	£99,736
	=====	=====

NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	£35,450	£(16,139)
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	£78,291	£94,430
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FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	£42,841	£78,291
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THE TOPIC OF CANCER
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

CURRENT ASSETS

	2020	2019
Stock	£ Nil	£ 602
Debtors & Prepayments (Note 14)	£ 7,638	£24,979
Cash at bank & in hand (Note 18)	£35,213	£56,217
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	£42,851	£81,798
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 Creditors & Accruals (Note 15)	 £ 10	 £3,507
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 ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	 £42,841	 £78,291
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 FUNDS TO THE CHARITY	 £42,841	 £78,291
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These financial statements include all gains and losses in the period.
The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements.
These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and signed
on their behalf by Anne Powell-Evans – Acting Chair – on 25th October 2021.

THE TOPIC OF CANCER

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1. INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity.

Recognition of Income

These are included 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 and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless requires or permitted by the FRS102 SORP

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are included in the SOFA when the general income criteria have been met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP)

Tax Reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same funds the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Donated Goods

Donated goods are measured at a fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as income from donations when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when the receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

2.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability Recognition

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.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

2.3. ASSETS

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

3. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

Donations and Legacies:	2020	2019
Donations and Gifts	£26,962	£47,054
Gift Aid	£ 1,730	£ 5,471
Grants from other charities	£ 5,500	£10,445
Sponsorship	£ Nil	£ 9,600
Donated Goods, facilities and services	£ Nil	£ 440
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	£34,192	£73,010
	=====	=====

Charitable Events:

Organised Challenges	£ 7,615	£ 4,998
Personal Challenges	£ 1,832	£ 4,845
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	£ 9,447	£ 9,843
	=====	=====

Other Trading Activities:

Golf days	£ 4,184	
Sale of Merchandise	£ 14	£ 25
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	£ 4,197	£ 25

Income from Investments:

Interest	£ 165	£ 719
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TOTAL INCOME	£48,001	£83,597
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4. ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS OF GOVERNMENT GRANTS

The charity received no government grant funding.

5. ANALYSIS OF DONATED GOODS AND SERVICES

There were no donated goods or services.

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

Expenditure on Raising Funds:	2020	2019
Incurred seeking donations	£ 256	£ 1,241
Staging Fundraising Events	£(1,805) *	£ 2,773
Other Trading Activities	£ 2,800	
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	£ 1,252	£ 4,014

* Staging Fund Raising events shows a negative owing to a credit note of £2,160 brought forward from 2019.

Expenditure on Charitable Activities:		
Support Groups	£11,552	£13,552
Merchandise	£ 20	£ 41
	-----	-----
	£11,572	£13,593

Material Item of Expenditure:		
Grant to Surrey University	£69,337	£81,492
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Other:		
Insurance and Admin	£ 1,290	£ 637
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£83,451	£99,736
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Analysis of Expenditure on other charitable activities:

Support Groups	2020	2019
ToCVoices – Choir Leader & Hall Hire	£ 9,072	£ 8,788
ToCTogether – Hall Hire	£ 105	£ 739
ToCFit – Fitness Trainer/Hall Hire/ Equipment	£ 2,375	£ 4,025
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	£11,552	£13,552

7. EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

The Charity had no extraordinary items.

8. DETAILS OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

There was no independent examiner fee in 2020.

9. PAID EMPLOYEES

The Charity does not have any paid employees.

10. GRANT MAKING

The Charity gave an immunotherapy Research Grant to the University of Surrey. This was made up as follows:

Contribution to salaries	£18,750
Consumables	£35,000
Equipment Maintenance	£ 6,010
Oesophageal Project	£ 4,577
General Grant	£ 5,000

TOTAL	£69,337
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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The charity does not have any tangible fixed assets.

12. INVESTMENT ASSETS

The charity does not have any investment assets.

13. STOCKS

The charity did not purchase any additional stock for sale during the year. The value of the stock in the accounts brought forward from 2019 was written back into the spend for 2020.

14. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Analysis of Debtors	2020	2019
Purple Ball	£ 2,400	
London Cycle Partnership credit note	£ 2,160	
Thames West Unicorn	£ 1,000	
Grant Prepayment		£18,750
Gift Aid	£. 843	£ 4,103
Virtual Carol Concert	£. 258	
Golf Day 2021 Deposit	£. 100	
Puremess	£. 153	
Other Miscellaneous	£ 725	£ 279
Aldershot Proms		£ 846
Haselmere Festival		£ 300
Surbiton Rotary		£ 250
Fixed Term Bond Interest		£ 240
Virginity 10K prepayment		£ 210
	£ 7,639	£24,979

15. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Analysis of Creditors	2020	2019
Support Groups	£	£ 3,375
Grants Payable	£	£. -
Other	£ 10	£ 132
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	£ 10	£ 3,507
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16. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

The charity has not made any provisions for future liabilities.

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

The charity has no contingent liabilities or assets.

18. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2020	2019
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	£ Nil	£50,000
Short term deposits	£34,006	£ 6,001
Cash at bank and on hand	£ 1,207	£ 216
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	£35,213	£56,217
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19. FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The charity's exposure to debt is very small. The only debts outstanding are generally those occurring around the time of the purple ball. The charity has sufficient funds to cover any losses as a result of the failure of debtors to not pay monies outstanding.

20. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There are no events to report after the reporting period that affects the accounts.

21. CHARITY FUNDS

21.1 MATERIAL FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS DURING CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD

	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains & Losses	Fund Balances carried forward
Research	£73,664	£ 37,968	£71,765	-	-	£39,867
Support Groups	£ 4,627	£10,033	£11,686	-	-	£ 2,974
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Total Funds	£78,291	£48,001	£83,451	-	-	£42,841
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21.2 MATERIAL FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS DURING PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD

	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains & Losses	Fund Balances carried forward
Research	£90,150	£69,328	£85,814	-	-	£73,664
Support Groups	£ 4,280	£14,269	£13,922	-	-	£ 4,627
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Total Funds	£94,430	£ 83,597	£99,736	-	-	£78,291
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