

Charity Number: 1152851

ASB Help

**Trustees' Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 July 2021**

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Annual Report for the year ended 31 July 2021

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 July 2021

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year to 31 July 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aim and objective of the Charity is to facilitate the good administration of the law by providing advice and support to victims and practitioners of anti-social behaviour and encouraging the greater efficiency of local authorities and the police in responding to reports of anti-social behaviour.

The trustees are aware of guidance published by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit and the guidance is taken into account when they review the objectives and activities of the charity.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Review of Activities

The Charity is solely dependent on a grant from The Fairness Foundation (previously called The Persula Foundation) to fund its operational costs. There are plans to start charging local authorities and police forces for some of the charity's activities in the future to help supplement this income and ensure relevant travel expenses are covered.

Core Activities for Public Benefit

ASB Help is focused on speaking up for victims of persistent anti-social behaviour who are suffering in silence. ASB Help supports victims primarily through its informative website which 4,000 people a week visit. The website signposts victims of anti-social behaviour as to whom they report the anti-social behaviour to, and what to do if they are not getting a satisfactory response, in particular championing the Community Trigger which was introduced in the 2014 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act.

As part of its support ASB Help works with national and local agencies to improve understanding of the Community Trigger and hold agencies to account in their effective use of this power. In this financial year the development of the ASB Help PLEDGE has been a key area of focus, which sees local agencies commit to best practice with regard to the Community Trigger. 13 local partners signed up to it in this financial year with many more working towards it. This will have significant impact for victims of anti-social behaviour in the areas that have signed the PLEDGE as the commitment to victims is embedded in their approach to ASB. We take on a limited number of individual cases, intervening in complex cases to deliver and working alongside local partners to deliver an outcome for the victims.

ASB Help undertakes research in the field of anti-social behaviour to better inform victims of the services available and alert them to gaps in service provision. It also seeks to raise the profile of the Community Trigger and sits on the Home Office Anti-Social Behaviour Strategic Board.

In this financial year the CEO, Rebecca Brown, developed the reach of the charity as well as expanding the team to take on additional practitioners to support the work the charity is involved in on equipping practitioners to understand more about the Community Trigger and how they can help victims suffering persistent anti-social behaviour.

Future Plans

The charity has gained national recognition as an authority on the Community Trigger with the Home Office, the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, the Local Government Association, the Victims' Commissioner's Office and other government bodies. The charity will continue to speak out with authority on this subject and work with practitioners more widely to encourage effective use of the tools and powers in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act to ensure victims are receiving the support and intervention they are entitled to.

The focus of the charity remains one of high impact with the relatively small resources of a charity. It plans to move to a charging structure for some of the advice it provides to local agencies.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 July 2021 (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

The Charity's administrative costs are currently being funded by one private donor and funds are topped up as needed. As such the charity does not have a formal reserves policy at the current time.

Financial Position

In this eighth year of its operations costs were focused on staff costs, promotion of the website through social media channels and connecting with relevant leaders in the sector. Through the Covid-19 pandemic the charity has continued to work tirelessly for victims of anti-social behaviour.

The charity is in a strong financial position because of the founder's annual commitment to the budget, something that is protected. The charity may seek funding for additional projects from other sources and will begin to charge for some advice to local agencies. However, the victims of anti-social behaviour are the priority and the charity would not allow cost to be a barrier to delivering advice to an agency as this results in resolution for the victim.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

ASB Help was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by a constitution adopted on 12 July 2013.

Organisational Structure

During the period the Charity has expanded to a team of five; a full-time Chief Executive Officer, two full-time and one part-time practitioner to support the expanding work with victims and agencies, and the continued support of a part-time Communications Officer.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees have identified and assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operation and finances of the charity. They are satisfied that the charity's exposure to these risks is minimal.

Registered Charity number

1152851

Registered Address

Hankey Place
London
SE1 4BB

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 July 2021 (continued)

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were: -

Jennifer Herrera (Chair)
Julian Richer
Julie Abraham
Damien Morrison
Janine Green (resigned February 2021)
Vicky Heap

Bankers

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1 Churchill Place
London
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This report was approved by the Trustees on 14 April 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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Jennifer Herrera
Chair

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Julian Richer
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of ASB Help

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of ASB Help ('the Charity')

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 July 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Mr Adrian Rodaway BA, FCA, BFP, DChA
HPH, Chartered Accountants
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DATE: 14 April 2022

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 July 2021

		2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £
Income and Endowments from			
Donations and legacies	2	115,100	50,000
Total		115,100	50,000
Expenditure on			
Raising funds		0	0
Charitable activities		109,358	49,581
Total		109,358	49,581
Net income/(expenditure)		5,742	419
Total funds brought forward		4,237	3,818
Total funds at 31 July 2021		9,979	4,237

Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2021

		2021	2020
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	<u>1,533</u>	<u>0</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	6	<u>498</u>	<u>925</u>
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>8,309</u>	<u>3,432</u>
		<u>10,339</u>	<u>4,357</u>
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(360)</u>	<u>(120)</u>
Net current assets		<u>9,979</u>	<u>4,237</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted		<u>9,979</u>	<u>4,237</u>
		<u>9,979</u>	<u>4,237</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14 April 2022 and signed on their behalf by:-

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Jennifer Herrera
Chair

.....
Julian Richer
Trustee

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2021

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the Charity's operations as indicated in the Trustees' Report, all of which are continuing.

1.2 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements of the charitable incorporated organisation, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011.

1.3 Incoming resources

Income from all resources is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

1.4 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office Equipment	33% Straight line
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1.6 Fund accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the Charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, contractual arrangement or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Designated funds - these are funds set aside by the Trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

1.7 Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

2. Donations and Legacies

	2021 £	2020 £
Donations	115,100	50,000

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2021 (Continued)

3. Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

No Trustee, or anyone connected with a Trustee, has a material interest in any of the Charity's transactions.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses (2020: £173.93) paid for the year ended 31 July 2021.

4. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	<u>89,396</u>	<u>41,575</u>
Social security costs	<u>2,808</u>	<u>734</u>
Other pension costs	<u>1,929</u>	<u>991</u>
	<u>94,133</u>	<u>43,300</u>

The Charity had three full-time and two part-time employees during the year.

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

The CEO is considered to represent the key management personnel of the charity. Total compensation of £47,826, inclusive of employer nation insurance and pension contributions, was paid in the year (2020: £36,259).

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment	Totals £
COST		
At 1 August 2020 and 31 July 2021	<u>2,300</u>	<u>0</u>
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 August 2020	0	0
Charge for year	<u>767</u>	<u>767</u>
At 31 July 2021	<u>767</u>	<u>767</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 July 2021	<u>1,533</u>	<u>1,553</u>
At 31 July 2020	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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6. Debtors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other Debtors	<u>498</u>	<u>925</u>
	<u>498</u>	<u>925</u>

7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent Examination Fee	<u>360</u>	<u>120</u>
	<u>360</u>	<u>120</u>

8. Related Party Disclosures

During the year ASB Help received donations totalling £55,000 (2020: £50,000) from The Fairness Foundation, a charity of which Julian Richer is also a trustee.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 July 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income and Endowments		
Donations and Legacies		
Donations	<u>115,100</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total Income	115,100	50,000
Expenditure		
Charitable Activities		
Wages	89,396	41,575
Social security costs	2,808	734
Pension costs	1,929	991
Staff training	1,001	0
Printing, postage, telephone and stationery	1,143	360
Travel and conferences	3,751	2,337
IT and technical support	2,890	1,304
Public relations	3,613	0
Design work	0	0
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>767</u>	<u>0</u>
	107,298	47,301
Governance costs		
Independent examination fee	240	120
Insurance	379	200
Legal fees	<u>1,440</u>	<u>1,960</u>
	<u>2,060</u>	<u>2,280</u>
Total expenditure	<u>109,358</u>	<u>49,581</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	5,742	419