

**ASB Help**

**Charity Number: 1152851**

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**Trustees' Report and Accounts  
for the year ended 31 July 2022**

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### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 July 2022**

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year to 31 July 2022. 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 dependent on a grant from The Persula Foundation (previously called The Fairness Foundation) to fund its operational costs. In the current year, the charity has started to charge local authorities and police forces for some of the Charity's activities to help supplement this income and ensure relevant travel expenses are covered. For the current year this source of income totalled £4,350 with a higher total forecast for the next financial year.

##### **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 over 3,000 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. 31 local partners have signed up to date and a further 49 organisations are working with ASB Help in reviewing their Community Trigger Policy and Procedures and the process of taking the PLEDGE. 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 there was a change of CEO who has further developed both the reach of the Charity as well as the strategic impact, primarily through equipping practitioners to understand more about the Community Trigger and how they can help victims suffering persistent anti-social behaviour.

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#### **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.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves Policy**

The Charity's administrative costs are currently being funded by one grant from a private foundation through an annual application based on a budget for the year. This income source is a guaranteed one based on the Charity's core expenditure requirements each year. As such the Charity does not have a formal reserves policy at the current time.

##### **Financial Position**

In this ninth 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 has begun to charge for some advice to local agencies. However, the victims of anti-social behaviour are the priority and the Charity will not allow cost to be a barrier to delivering advice to an agency if 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 maintained a team of five; a part-time Chief Executive Officer, two full-time and one part-time practitioner to support the expanding work with victims and agencies, and a part-time Performance 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.

## **ASB Help**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 July 2022**

#### **Registered Charity number**

1152851

#### **Registered Address**

Hankey Place  
LONDON  
SE1 4BB

#### **Trustees**

The names of all those who were the charity's trustees on the date the report was approved or who served as a trustee in the reporting period were:-

Jennifer Herrera (Chair)  
Julian Richer  
Julie Abraham  
Damien Morrison  
Vicky Heap  
Adrian Tonge (appointed 25/01/22)  
Gareth Sands (appointed 10/05/22)

Trustees shall serve in office for a period of three years but after that may be reappointed for two further terms of three years. At the end of their third term in office and in subsequent years a Trustee may be reappointed subject to a rigorous review, taking into account the need for progressive refreshing of the board. Trustees are recruited on the basis of the skills they can bring to the Board.

#### **Bankers**

Barclays Bank  
1 Churchill Place  
LONDON  
E14 5HP

This report was approved by the Trustees on 21 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Jennifer Herrera  
Chair

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Julian Richer  
Trustee

## **ASB Help**

### **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 2022.

#### **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**

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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  
54 Bootham  
YORK  
YO30 7XZ

21 April 2023

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 July 2022**

		2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Income and Endowments from</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	255,875	115,100
Income from charitable activities	3	4,350	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>260,225</b>	<b>115,100</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>			
Raising funds		0	0
Charitable activities		189,267	109,358
<b>Total</b>		<b>189,267</b>	<b>109,358</b>
Net income		70,958	5,742
Total funds brought forward		9,979	4,237
<b>Total funds at 31 July 2022</b>		<b>80,937</b>	<b>9,979</b>

## ASB Help

### Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2022

		2022		2021	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	6	1,415		1,533	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	7	530		498	
Cash at bank and in hand		123,268		8,309	
		125,213		10,339	
<b>Creditors</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(44,276)		(360)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			80,937		9,979
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted			80,937		9,979
			80,937		9,979

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21 April 2023 and signed on their behalf by: -

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Jennifer Herrera  
Chair

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Julian Richer  
Trustee

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022

#### 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.



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### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022 (Continued)

#### 2. Donations and Legacies

	2022 £	2021 £
Donations	255,875	115,100

#### 3. Income from charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Training	4,350	0

#### 4. 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 (2021: £0) paid for the year ended 31 July 2022.

#### 5. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	131,679	89,396
Social security costs	7,497	2,808
Other pension costs	2,466	1,929
Termination payment	16,750	0
	158,392	94,133

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

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

The position of CEO is considered to represent the key management personnel of the Charity. Total remuneration of £45,774, inclusive of employer national insurance and pension contributions, was paid in the year to the two holders of this post (2021: 47,826).

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### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022 (Continued)

#### 6. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment	Totals £
<b>COST</b>		
At 1 August 2021	2,300	2,300
Additions	974	974
At 31 July 2022	3,274	3,274
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>		
At 1 August 2021	767	767
Charge for year	1,092	1,092
At 31 July 2022	1,859	1,859
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>		
At 31 July 2022	1,415	1,415
At 31 July 2021	1,533	1,533

#### 7. Debtors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other Debtors	530	498
	530	498

#### 8. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year

	2022 £	2021 £
Creditors	43,916	0
Independent Examination Fee	360	360
	44,276	360

#### 9. Related Party Disclosures

During the year ASB Help received donations totalling £80,000 (2021: £55,000) from The Fairness Foundation and £170,000 (2021: £0) from Persula Foundation, both charities of which Julian Richer is also a trustee. £5,000 was paid to Gareth Sands for consultancy work, who is also a trustee.