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## St Mark Universal Care

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 March 2024



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**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements  
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The Trustees, who are also Directors of the company, present their Directors' report and financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and financial statements for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities : Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

**STRATEGIC REPORT****Our mission**

St Mark Universal Care is a UK based charity with a strong track record in helping to transform healthcare and wellbeing outcomes in the communities where we operate. These include projects overseas and in the UK, in Oldham and Warrington.

The charity supports disadvantaged people in all the work it undertakes and ensures that our services are there for all, regardless of any characteristic.

Overseas, our primary focus is on improving access to high quality healthcare in Egypt and the Middle East. By combating disease, we recognise the fundamental link between good health and people's ability to work and generate income.

In the UK, we also work in partnership with other community groups to provide health and wellbeing benefits. We operate the St Mark Youth Centre from our fundraising base in Werneth Grange, Oldham. This heritage building also enables us to provide a range of spaces and opportunities to the local community.

In short, we exist to further the following charitable objects.

1. The relief of need and the advancement of health and education worldwide for the public benefit
2. The advancement of heritage, through securing the future of our listed heritage building and youth centre, Werneth Grange

**Our values**

- Excellence in services
- Respect
- Dignity
- Compassion
- Collaboration
- Sustainability

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#### Achievements during the period

This past year, the charity has continued its strong focus on delivering health care projects in Egypt, alongside continuing to develop and plan for the future at our base in Oldham.

We have supported 5266 patients in Egypt through our medical aid scheme, providing access to prescription medications to those unable to otherwise access the care they need.

In the summer, our youth volunteers from the UK spent two weeks in Upper Egypt to deliver an English course for 140 students.

At Christmas another group of volunteers prepared a Christmas party for 240 deprived Children.

In Oldham, our "City Mission" Shared Meal for homeless people and people in need in Oldham, continued to grow in capacity and offering throughout the year, though this provision has now paused during the renovation of Werneth Grange, and the Trustees will look at options to restart the Mission once the renovations are complete. Over the year we have served over 1000 hot meals and provided weekly food aid parcels to those in need.

Preparations for the renovation work of the main Werneth Grange building continued over the year, with specialist architects and consultants working to deliver the best outcome for our fantastic heritage building.

Our dining rooms were completely redecorated and had new flooring fitted to enable our charity to participate in the Oldham Table Tennis League, and we have had a great uptake in interest in the team from people of all ages.

Our youth activities have moved from monthly to weekly and continue to deliver a wide range of activities to the young people who attend. We often have visiting speakers on these days who enable us to deliver a varied programme from primary school age children, all the way through to post-graduate students.

The charity has worked hard to provide services that are useful and relevant to the local community we serve in Oldham, while also offering activities that are attended by those farther afield.

Moving into the next year, our focus at Werneth Grange is to ensure the renovation project moves ahead to enable us to increase the charity's services and spaces.

As always, we are incredibly grateful for the support of our donors who enable the charity to deliver our works in the UK and overseas. We will continue to provide excellent care and support to all those we serve.

#### Financial review

A summary of the results is shown below :

	2024 £	2023 £
Income	171,481	142,612
Expenditure	(193,688)	(214,765)
Net income (expenditure) and movement in funds	(22,207)	(72,153)

#### Reserves Policy

As the charity becomes more established it is anticipated that significant donations will be received. Where possible the charity will retain around 25% for future investment with the aim of establishing an investment portfolio to provide longer term secured funding to support its projects.

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**GOVERNANCE****Reference and administrative details**

St Mark Universal Care was incorporated on 24 October 2013 (Company registration number : 08747202) as a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity on 23 January 2014 (Charity registration number : 1155451).

**Trading name**

St Mark Universal Care

**Registered office**

Werneth Grange  
Grange Avenue  
Oldham  
England  
OL8 4EL

**Directors & trustees**

The Directors and Trustees of the charity who served during the period and up to the date of this report were:

Dr Naser Fouad

Mrs Hala Elnarshy-Fouad (Treasurer)

Miss Mariam Ibrahim

Dr Lourence Lenzi Lewis-Hanna

Miss Amira Dimetrios

appointed 25 March 2024

Dr Demiana Lenzi Lewis

appointed 30 October 2024

Mr Arsany Kanawaty

appointed 30 October 2024

Mrs Maha Hamer

resigned 12 November 2023

Mr Pola Baskharoun

resigned 29 September 2023

Miss Shery Ibrahim

resigned 12 November 2023

**Chief executive**

Dr Naser Fouad

**Independent Examiner**

Mike Garrett

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**Web-site**

[www.stmarkuniversalcare.org](http://www.stmarkuniversalcare.org)

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**Structure, governance and management****Governing Document**

St Mark Universal Care is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 9 October 2019. It is a charity registered with the Charity Commission on 23 January 2014.

In the event of the company winding-up, the members have guaranteed the liabilities of the company to the sum not exceeding one pound each.

**Auditing**

All our programmes are audited on a monthly basis to ensure money is invested as pledged, that projects are managed efficiently and that medicines are reaching people in line with our commitments to fulfil prescriptions.

**Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

Those persons notified to the Registrar of Companies as the first directors of the Charity are the first Trustees. The Trustees have power to appoint any person to be a Trustee. The Members may remove or appoint trustees by passing a Special Resolution and if there is a conflict between the Members and the Trustees, the Members decision is final.

The Members are the subscribers to the Memorandum and such persons as are approved by the Members to become new members.

**Organisational Structure**

St Mark Universal Care is governed by its Trustee Board which is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organisation and the policy of the charity. The trustees carry the ultimate responsibility for the conduct of St Mark Universal Copts Care and for ensuring that the charity satisfies its legal and contractual obligations. The trustees may delegate the implementation of their decisions or day-to-day management of the affairs of the Charity to any employee of the Charity, person or committee as they think fit. Any committee must include at least one Trustee.

Decisions are determined by a simple majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting has the casting vote.

**Public benefit**

The Trustees of St Mark Universal Care believe they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

**Equality**

The charity being founded on Christian principles, positively affirms its support of the Equality Act 2010, whereby the support, services and facilities provided by the charity both in the UK and overseas are available to all, regardless of age, disability, gender, reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

More information is provided on our web-site at : [www.stmarkuniversalcare.org](http://www.stmarkuniversalcare.org)

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**Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of St Mark Universal Care for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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


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

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

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Charities SORP.

**Compliance with accounting standards**

The Trustees confirm that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the requirements of the Charities SORP.

  
[Hala Elnarshy Fouad \(Dec 24, 2024 14:58 GMT+2\)](#)

Mrs H Elnarshy-Fouad  
Trustee

Date : 24-Dec-2024

**Independent Examiner's Report  
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of St Mark Universal Care ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and related notes.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

**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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

**Use of my report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.



**Michael Garrett FCA**

For and on behalf of

**Xeinadin North West Limited**

100 Barbirolli Square

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Date: 24-Dec-2024



Statement of Financial Activities  
(including Income and Expenditure Account)  
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations and legacies	3	135,017	130,644
Income from other trading activities			
- Fundraising and events		-	261
- Rental income		13,350	11,210
- Other income		23,114	497
Government grants		-	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>171,481</b>	<b>142,612</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>			
- Overseas aid		3,255	1,656
- Medical treatment costs		33,015	54,056
- Wages & salaries		22,590	29,400
- Operating costs	4	126,478	123,239
- Governance costs	5	8,350	6,414
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>193,688</b>	<b>214,765</b>
<b>Net income (expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		<b>(22,207)</b>	<b>(72,153)</b>
Fund balance at 1 April 2023		629,033	701,186
<b>Fund balance at 31 March 2024</b>		<b>606,826</b>	<b>629,033</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

## Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	10	1,017,149	1,006,705
<b>Current assets</b>			
Other debtors	11	12,546	7,175
Cash & bank balances		4,086	5,153
		16,632	12,328
<b>Creditors : amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	(73,255)	(64,800)
<b>Net current (liabilities) assets</b>		(56,623)	(52,472)
<b>Creditors : amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	13	(353,700)	(325,200)
<b>Net assets</b>		606,826	629,033
<b>FUNDS</b>			
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		606,826	629,033

The Directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2024 and of its net income and movement in funds for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 of the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 13 were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Hala Elnarshy Fouad  
Hala Elnarshy Fouad (Dec 24, 2024 14:58 GMT+2)

Mrs H Elnarshy-Fouad  
Trustee

Date : 24-Dec-2024

Statement of Cash Flows  
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>15,321</b>	<b>(19,334)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<b>(44,888)</b>	<b>(47,117)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Loans received	<b>28,500</b>	<b>69,700</b>
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(1,067)</b>	<b>3,249</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<b>5,153</b>	<b>1,904</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>4,086</b>	<b>5,153</b>
<b>Represented by :</b>		
Cash & bank balances	<b>4,086</b>	<b>5,153</b>
<b>Cash generated from operating activities</b>		
Net movement in funds	<b>(22,207)</b>	<b>(72,153)</b>
Depreciation	<b>34,444</b>	<b>34,585</b>
(Increase) decrease in debtors	<b>(5,371)</b>	<b>(1,868)</b>
Increase (decrease) in creditors	<b>8,455</b>	<b>20,102</b>
	<b>15,321</b>	<b>(19,334)</b>

Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**1 General information**

St Mark Universal Care is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee in the United Kingdom. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The Charity's operations and principal activities are the relief of poverty initially in Egypt in Sudan through healthcare, economic and social development.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

**2 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows :

**Basis of preparation**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in the functional currency of the Charity which is pounds sterling.

**Income**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income received in advance of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Interest on funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably which is normally on notification of the amount by the bank.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprise the costs incurred by the charity where the primary aim is the delivery of activities and services within the objects of the charity.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**Tax**

The Charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

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**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Fixed assets are depreciated so as to write off the cost or valuation, less anticipated residual value, over their anticipated useful lives, subject to annual review, as follows:

Property	2% straight line
Fixtures & Fittings	15% straight line
Computer equipment	33.3% straight line

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed if there is an indication of a significant change since the last annual reporting date.

Residual value is based on prices prevailing at the date of acquisition or subsequent valuation. Where, because of high estimated residual value, depreciation is immaterial, no depreciation is charged but an annual review for impairment is performed. Both residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each financial year end.

The carrying amounts of the charity's assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the fixed asset may not be recoverable. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted funds are funds which have been given for a particular purpose.

Designated funds comprise those funds which the trustees periodically set aside for specific projects including future projects and property refurbishments.

**Debtors**

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally measured at their settlement amount.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recorded at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**Government grants**

Government grants are recognised on the accrual model and are measured at fair value of the asset receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to other income or to assets. Grants related to other income are recognised in profit or loss over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

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<b>3</b>	<b>Donations and legacies</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
	Corporate	140	5,299
	Other	134,857	125,345
	St Mark Gold Card	20	-
		<b>135,017</b>	<b>130,644</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Operating costs</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
	Vehicle hire	-	7,484
	Sundry expenses	1,086	1,615
	Insurance	8,027	6,918
	Rent & Rates	52,585	65,895
	Maintenance & cleaning	29,465	6,360
	Bank charges	871	382
	Depreciation	34,444	34,585
		<b>126,478</b>	<b>123,239</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
	Audit / Independent examiner's fees	5,688	6,138
	Legal and professional fees	2,662	276
		<b>8,350</b>	<b>6,414</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Taxation</b>		
	The company is a registered charity and does not pay corporation tax.		
<b>7</b>	<b>Staff Costs</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	22,237	28,977
	Pension costs	353	423
		<b>22,590</b>	<b>29,400</b>

The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2023: 4)

**8** **Trustee remuneration and expenses**

No remuneration has been paid to the trustees during this period. Travel expenses have been re-imbursed.

**9** **Pension Commitments**

The company operates a defined contributions scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £353 (2023: £423).

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**10 Tangible fixed assets**

	<i>Property £</i>	<i>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</i>	<i>Computer equipment £</i>	<i>TOTAL £</i>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2023	1,056,122	89,750	20,771	1,166,643
Additions	44,888	-	-	44,888
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	1,101,010	89,750	20,771	1,211,531
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2023	89,569	49,598	20,771	159,938
Charge for the year	20,981	13,463	-	34,444
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	110,550	63,061	20,771	194,382
<b>Net book value</b>				
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>990,460</b>	<b>26,689</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,017,149</b>
At 31 March 2023	966,553	40,152	-	1,006,705

**11 Debtors**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	4,560	1,440
Other debtors	354	1,057
Prepayments	7,632	4,678
	<b>12,546</b>	<b>7,175</b>

**12 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	64,447	34,880
Other taxes and social security costs	209	973
Other creditors	79	23,120
Accruals	8,520	5,827
	<b>73,255</b>	<b>64,800</b>

**13 Creditors : amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loan	353,700	325,200

**14 Related party transactions**

Dr Fouad has provided funding to the Charity of £353,700 (2023 - £325,200) by way of loan. The loan is interest free and has no fixed repayment date.