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THE EHLERS-DANLOS SUPPORT UK
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022



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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 31 March 2022.

Purpose

The charity's purpose as set out in our objects is as follows:

The objects are primarily for the relief of persons suffering from Ehlers Danlos Syndrome through the provision of support, education and practical advice; and to advance medical research into the cause, cure, prevention or relief of the syndrome and that useful results of such research are placed in the public domain.

The main activities of the charity pursuant to this purpose include:

- a. Providing information and support to people with, affected by, or involved with the diagnosis and treatment of EDS;
- b. Linking members with each other for mutual support and exchange of ideas;
- c. Publishing booklets and information sheets;
- d. Organising day and residential conferences;
- e. Producing a bi-annual magazine (Fragile Links) which is available on payment of a small subscription, online and in hard copy;
- f. Maintaining a website and social media presence to promote public awareness and provide support;
- g. Running social events to bring our community together for both adults and children;
- h. Facilitating local support meetings through trained area coordinators;
- i. Running a free-phone information and advice line for all members of our community;
- j. Supporting research projects that will benefit those living with EDS.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

A round-up of achievements against our areas of strategic focus

Our areas of strategic focus are:

1. Support
2. Education and awareness
3. Research
4. Fundraising and organisational health

A summary of our activities is provided under these headings.

During 2022-23 we plan to take a more active role in highlighting the issues faced by the community we support and campaigning for change.

Support

Our helpline

The telephone and email helpline are an important part of the charity's offer to beneficiaries. In 2021-22, we took 1,717 calls with an average call time of 20 minutes and responded to approximately 2,000 emails.

Last year we said that the pandemic had highlighted the need for our helpline support service. Post-pandemic there has been no fall-off in demand. Many callers asked us for support as they struggled to access NHS services and benefits, and experienced difficulties navigating the education system for children with disabilities.

The helpline is open to provide support five days per week. We would like to offer additional digital routes to access our helpline to reach those who find it difficult to make telephone calls or use email.

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Building community

At the close of the year we had 76 volunteer Area Co-ordinators providing support to local members and over 6,500 members in our closed Facebook support groups.

We have continued with online support group meetings which were so successful during the pandemic – as they seem to provide a more accessible service for most – while also reintroducing face-to-face meetings at the request of our members.

In August 2021 we were proud to be awarded the Investing in Volunteers accreditation. Our volunteers are at the heart of the support we provide in the community and we are committed to providing a positive and enjoyable volunteering experience. Volunteers attend support and supervision sessions and meet monthly to share best practice and support each other.

In October 2021 we were awarded the Level 3 Disability Confident Leader Award. This is the highest level of the award and shows our commitment to support other organisations to become disability confident as well as having embedded practices within our working environment to support staff and volunteers and have good and effective recruitment practice for people with disabilities.

Helping our community to better access services

We want to make more services more widely available for people living with EDS. We have re-committed ourselves to the concept of centres of excellence in the nations and intend to make progress in planning to secure them. In doing so we are aware that the NHS's planned model of care, at least in England, sees the diagnosis and management of hEDS and HSD being shifted more into primary care. There is thus a debate to be had – with our members, the NHS, and public authorities – about the need for flexibility in applying the model.

In collaboration with public health colleagues in NHS England we continued our work to assess the health needs of people with the most common type of EDS, and the targeted NHS services available to them. Challenges in accessing NHS data have delayed the work but we have identified hospitals in England and Scotland to collect the necessary information on our behalf. The outputs from this key project will provide the framework for our campaigning activities next year.

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Education and awareness

GP toolkit

Our online EDS toolkit for GPs and primary care staff, developed in partnership with The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) and launched in 2018, is now hosted on our own website. This followed the RCGP's decision that it no longer had the resources to do so itself. The toolkit will be relaunched next year following a review.

Planning is well underway for our May 2022 vascular EDS conference with charity Annabelle's Challenge and the National EDS Diagnostic service. This was postponed from 2020 due to the pandemic. We thank the National Lottery Awards for All programme England for their flexibility in funding the event.

In May 2021 EDS UK and the Hypermobility Syndromes Association (HMSA) launched an online toolkit for schools to support pupils with EDS and hypermobility-related disorders. The free resource aims to provide school staff with information about symptomatic hypermobility and the Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDS) and how they may affect primary and secondary pupils at school. It emphasises that the conditions affect children and young people in different ways and often, simple, low-cost adjustments can make a big difference. Over 16,000 unique visits have been made to the toolkit since its launch.

Research

During the period trustees committed to develop a research funding strategy and hope to finalise this during 2023. A key component of this strategy is likely to include fundraising to support research which contributes towards the development of clinical guidelines for the diagnosis and management of EDS in the UK and to expanding EDS research capacity in the UK. Details of current and recent research facilitated by EDS UK may be found at <https://www.ehlers-danlos.org/research/>

We decided in September 2020 to proceed with an application to undertake research into the effects of nutrition on EDS following an appeal for funds that had raised over £200,000. This triggered a complaint to the Fundraising Regulator alleging misuse of the funds. Further details may be found at <https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/more-from-us/resources/ehlers-danlos-support-uk-march-2022>

The research ('Comprehensive Assessment of Nutrition and Dietary Intervention in Hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome – the CANDI-hEDS study') is being undertaken by a team led by Professor Qasim Aziz of the Wingate Institute of Gastroenterology at Queen Mary University, London. Professor Aziz's work has been strongly supported by our members, many of whom have participated in the research. We expect the project to complete in 2023.

We continued to fund two pioneering vascular EDS research projects at Northwick Park Hospital London and Sheffield Children's Hospital, both part of the National EDS Diagnostic Service. One (Northwick Park) was to seed fund research capacity and capability work and the other (Sheffield) was to assess the effectiveness of a vEDS treatment programme. Outputs from the research will be summarised on our website upon their completion

Fundraising and organisational health

Our income and expenditure position

We ended the year with income of £483,707 and operating costs of £496,377. Income growth from trusts and gift aid went some way to offset a decrease in funds raised from community fundraising and events.

We had decided before the pandemic that we should reduce our reliance on member-generated income by strengthening our appeal to grant makers and developing contacts with companies and the impact of the pandemic accelerated the process. We are grateful to the following for their support:

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Trusts and Foundations

CAF Patient Organisation Recovery Fund
Garfield Weston Foundation
Golden Bottle Trust
Grace Trust
James Tudor Foundation
Peter Harrison Foundation
The Childwick Trust
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust
The Hospital Saturday Fund
The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust
The National Lottery Community Fund England
The National Lottery Community Fund Northern Ireland
The Sandhu Charitable Foundation
The Talent Fund

Corporate Partners

Green People
Strata Miniatures

How we fundraise

We are almost entirely reliant on donations to fund our work. Without the public's generosity, we would be unable to support people affected by EDS or work to reduce the time to diagnosis and improve care. We are registered with the Fundraising Regulator and are open about how we raise our funds. We continually strive to adhere to the Code of Fundraising Practice and are committed to the Fundraising Promise. We are also a member of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising.

This part of our report complies with the good practice recommendations for smaller charities as set out in the Charities Act 2016. We seek to minimise the risk of breaches of fundraising compliance through the recruitment of experienced fundraising staff and by keeping our knowledge up to date through training. We will proactively engage with the Fundraising Regulator and other bodies as needed to ensure that any concerns raised are addressed as a priority.

We have partnerships with a number of organisations, including some commercial participant agreements. We are supported in our applications to Trusts and Foundations by carefully selected consultants with whom we have formal agreements. We have safeguards in place with our partners to ensure that we do not compromise our independence in any way. We are supported by a number of charitable Trusts and Foundations, as well as philanthropic gifts from donors. We also ask people to give to us through our regular appeals or by leaving a gift in their Will.

Our website outlines our complaints process clearly. In this reporting period we received two complaints about our fundraising. All complaints are routinely reported to each meeting of our Board of Trustees.

We train and support our staff to identify and protect people in vulnerable circumstances in accordance with our Safeguarding Policy and our Fundraising Policy and Ethical Framework. All our direct marketing communications contain clear instructions of how a supporter can easily opt out of receiving any further communication should they wish to.

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Response to the pandemic

Last year we reported that we had enhanced the monitoring of our finances. Although we developed scenarios for different levels of income reduction and re-forecasted our budget and spending, in the event we did not need to take exceptional steps. The trustees decided to maintain this level of vigilance even as the pandemic eased.

Membership

There is no membership subscription for EDS UK. We had an average of around 12,000 members during the year. We engage with a community of almost 80,000 across our social media platforms.

Engagement

We want to reach as many people as possible affected by EDS. Having a dialogue with them will inform our plans for projects making a difference across the UK.

We have an impressive number of unique visits to our website: over 500,000 during the year.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 9 shows net movements in funds for the year of £12,670 (2021: £1,389) which results in an increase in total funds at the balance sheet date to £395,226 (2021: £407,896).

Principal funding sources

EDS UK raises its funds through fundraising activities, grants and donations, members' subscriptions and through the sale of branded goods through its online shop.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to a minimum of six month's operating expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised or the operating costs reduced. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the period.

Structure, governance and management

The Ehlers-Danlos Support UK (EDS UK) is a charity and a company limited by guarantee. The governing documents are the company's memorandum, and articles of association. There are quarterly meetings of the trustees to agree all matters relating to EDS UK, its broad strategy, and areas of activity. These include:

- Annual income and expenditure budgets
- The allocation of its resources
- The employment of professionals and support staff
- Risk management policies and performance.

A Medical Advisory Panel covering the breadth of specialties in contact with EDS provides the trustees with an expert sounding board and ensures that advice and support is in line with current practice.

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Our trustees

The trustees are appointed in line with the provisions of the articles of association and subject to retirement or re-appointment on a three-yearly rolling basis at the AGM, normally held in November. The trustees are able to appoint honorary officers and have done so in respect of a Chair, Deputy Chairs and Treasurer. The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the period were:

Trustee	Date of first appointment	Most recent appointment / end of current term *
Sarita Aujla	13 June 2020	2020 / 2023
Ellie Cannell	19 February 2022	2022/2025
Frances Gawthrop	1 June 2014	2018 / 2022
Angela Hunter	1 June 2014	2018 / 2021
Anne Lavery	19 February 2022	2022/2025
Leah Mansfield	1 June 2014	2021 / 2024
Jason Pearce	28 April 2018	2020 / 2023
Clare Robinson	1 June 2014	2019 / 2022
Alison Roux	19 February 2022	2022/2025
Stephen Stacey	22 April 2017	2020 / 2023
Adrian Steel	28 July 2018	2020 / 2023
Charlotte Williams	7 March 2020	2020 / 2023

*3 years or whenever in the retiring third by being longest serving, whichever is sooner.

Two trustees retired from the board during the period: Angela Hunter and Clare Robinson. Angela Hunter was one of EDS UK's founding trustees. In February 2022 Clare Robinson accepted a role as Senior Research Adviser to the board's newly created research committee. At the request of the board Frances Gawthrop delayed her retirement until August 2022. Three new trustees joined the board in February 2022: Ellie Cannell, Anne Lavery, and Alison Roux.

The trustees have appointed a Managing Director, Kay Julier, who attends the board and leads the work of the staff team. Members of the senior management team are also present at board meetings. In addition to Kay Julier, the team is made up of Guy Hodgson (Head of Digital and IT), Nikki Casey (Senior Communities Manager), and Laura Kyriacou (Senior Fundraising Manager).

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

EDS UK maintains working relationships with other charities and umbrella organisations that share common purpose with the charity. None of these relationships is a related party in terms of the SORP.

The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks to which the charity could be exposed.

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Recruitment, induction, and training of trustees

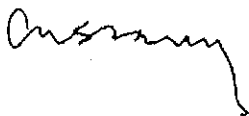
New trustees are recruited either by personal approach or recommendation by a current trustee. We also advertise and use recruitment companies specialising in the not-for-profit sector.

Candidate trustees are invited to attend one or more trustee meetings as active observers before appointment. New trustees are given copies of the trust deed and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by the charity. They are encouraged to access the Charity Commission's online guidance so that they can better understand their role as a trustee, in particular as to the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act.

Patron and Ambassador

We are proud to have Ellie Taylor as our patron and Anoushé Husain as our Ambassador.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Stephen Stacey

Trustee

Dated: 20th December 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE EHLERS-DANLOS SUPPORT UK

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Ehlers-Danlos Support UK for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of The Ehlers-Danlos Support UK (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act). You are satisfied that the financial statements of the are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since The Ehlers-Danlos Support UK's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. It is required by company law to prepare its accounts on an accruals basis and since it is registered as a charity in Scotland your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

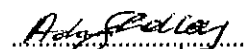
- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 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).

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE EHLERS-DANLOS SUPPORT UK

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.



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Dated: 20/12/2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	193,563	169,106	362,669	204,662	131,515	336,177
Fundraising	3	94,738	-	94,738	49,633	-	49,633
Other trading activities		26,268	-	26,268	20,947	-	20,947
Investment income	4	32	-	32	130	-	130
Total Income		314,601	169,106	483,707	275,372	131,515	406,887
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	320,420	175,957	496,377	273,117	132,381	405,498
Net (expenditure)/Income for the year/							
Net movement in funds		(5,819)	(6,851)	(12,670)	2,255	(866)	1,389
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		218,503	189,393	407,896	216,248	190,259	406,507
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		212,684	182,542	395,226	218,503	189,393	407,896

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		6,256		4,314
Current assets					
Debtors	9	528		171	
Cash at bank and In hand		416,025		415,756	
		416,553		415,927	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(27,583)		(12,345)	
Net current assets			388,970		403,582
Total assets less current liabilities			395,226		407,896
Income funds					
Restricted funds	12		182,542		189,393
Unrestricted funds			212,684		218,503
			395,226		407,896


The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26th November 2022



Jason Pearce
Trustee

Company Registration No. 08924646

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

The Ehlers-Danlos Support UK is a charity and private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Devonshire House, Manor Way, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 1QQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

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 Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Ehlers-Danlos Support UK meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income. It is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

1.10 Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.11 Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Donations	136,747	60,492	254,055	131,113	39,891	244,553
Grants	56,816	108,614	108,614	73,549	91,624	91,624
	<u>193,563</u>	<u>169,106</u>	<u>362,669</u>	<u>204,662</u>	<u>131,515</u>	<u>336,177</u>

3 Fundraising

	Fundraising Income 2022 £	Fundraising Income 2021 £
Charitable activities	<u>94,738</u>	<u>49,633</u>

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Interest receivable	<u>32</u>	<u>130</u>

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5 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Restricted funds- charitable activities	175,955	132,381
Unrestricted funds- charitable activities	262,335	213,723
	<u>438,290</u>	<u>346,104</u>
Share of support costs (see note 6)	44,949	47,486
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	13,138	11,908
	<u>496,377</u>	<u>405,498</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	320,420	273,117
Restricted funds	175,957	132,381
	<u>496,377</u>	<u>405,498</u>

6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
Staff costs	7,325	-	7,325	7,680	5,969
Depreciation	3,000	-	3,000	2,279	1,034
Insurance	-	-	-	1,033	799
IT costs	8,344	-	8,344	9,508	4,137
Rent	20,054	-	20,054	20,728	22,995
Telephone	4,092	-	4,092	3,973	2,959
Subscriptions	2,132	-	2,132	2,285	2,307
Examiners fees	-	4,200	4,200	-	4,200
Bookkeeping	-	4,955	4,955	-	6,180
Legal and professional	-	3,983	3,983	-	772
	<u>44,947</u>	<u>13,138</u>	<u>58,087</u>	<u>47,486</u>	<u>59,394</u>

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7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the during the year.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	3,624	1,988	10,349	15,961
Additions	-	-	4,942	4,942
At 31 March 2022	3,624	1,988	15,291	20,903
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2021	3,624	1,988	6,035	11,647
Depreciation charged in the year	-	-	3,000	3,000
At 31 March 2022	3,624	1,988	9,035	14,647
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2022	-	-	6,256	6,256
At 31 March 2021	-	-	4,314	4,314

9 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	357	-
Other debtors	171	171
	528	171

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Bank overdrafts		389	-
Deferred income	11	9,850	-
Trade creditors		16,429	11,429
Accruals and deferred income		915	916
		27,583	12,345

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11 Deferred Income

	2022 £	2021 £
Other deferred income	9,850	-

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12 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Movement in funds		Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 March 2022 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	
The National Lottery Community Fund (Expanding Communities)	20,934	72,148	(70,420)	22,662	71,614	(65,104)	29,172
Other restricted	169,325	47,367	(56,261)	160,431	80,492	(105,153)	135,770
Peter Harrison Foundation	-	10,000	(3,700)	6,300	10,000	(3,700)	12,600
Hospital Saturday Fund	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Disa's Fund, The Talent Fund	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
	190,259	131,515	(132,381)	189,393	169,106	(175,957)	182,542

The charity has disclosed separately restricted funds as required by the funders.

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13 Unrestricted funds

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities made up as follows:

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Movement in funds		Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 March 2022 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	
Unrestricted fund	216,248	275,372	(273,117)	218,503	314,601	(320,420)	212,684
	<u>216,248</u>	<u>275,372</u>	<u>(273,117)</u>	<u>218,503</u>	<u>314,601</u>	<u>(320,420)</u>	<u>212,684</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).