

MATHEMATICS RECOVERY COUNCIL UK AND IRELAND
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022

Registered Charity Number: 1158077

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees – The Trustees who have served throughout the year and up to the date of approval of this report are:

Charlotte Madine	Chair of Trustees
Jill Piotrowski	Resigned November 2021
Catherine Staunton-Unsworth	
Christine Porter	
Ruth Willey	
Roy Grice	
Ann Bland	
Jane Craik	Appointed April 2022

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2022

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

Structure Governance & management

The Trust is an independent charity governed by its constitution dated 30 November 2013. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 31 July 2014, having previously operated as an unincorporated organisation. The Trustees who have served during the year are listed on Page 2.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

Trustees were initially selected on the basis that they were committed to Maths Recovery, had been involved in research and delivery of programmes to promote mathematical learning and an appropriate range of skills to ensure that the charity was successfully launched. Each year the Trustees will consider whether there is a need to expand the range of skills by inviting others to join their number. As the charity develops, the Trustees are committed to developing appropriate policies for Trustee recruitment, induction and continuing training. Each year one third of the trustees retire, being those longest in office and are eligible for re-election. In November 2021 Jill Piotrowski resigned as a Trustee due to retirement. The Chair wishes to acknowledge our thanks to Jill for all her support and dedication to Maths Recovery over the many years of her involvement and wish her well in her retirement. Jane Craik became a Trustee in April 2022 and we welcome this new appointment. Chris Porter has decided to retire from delivering training after this year but has agreed to continue in her role as Trustee and Treasurer. We will not be saying goodbye to Chris as she has agreed to support virtual Masterclasses, however, we do wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge her expertise and thank her for her continued support.

Objectives, Activities & Public Benefit

The primary objective is “to promote the mathematical education of people, including children and the adults who teach or support them, in such ways as the charity trustees think fit”.

The main activities of the charity are training professionals in implementing the Maths Recovery Programme in their settings and local authorities, promoting research into children’s mathematical thinking through conferences and professional development.

The Trustees have referred to the information contained in the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The Trustees believe that the activities carried out benefit the public by improving the teaching and learning of mathematics of children and young people.

Achievements & performance

The Trustees meet regularly via Microsoft Teams meetings or telephone conferences. The day-to-day business of the Council is managed by the Executive Committee who in turn delegate tasks to sub-committees as required. The Joint Chairs of the Executive Committee, Mary Rendle and Lynda Stewart took up their duties in January 2021 and agreed to continue for a second year in January 2022. The Council wishes to thank them both for their continued support and commitment.

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Due to Covid-19 restrictions it was not possible to deliver a full programme of training and accreditation this year. The focus has been on launching the new website in early autumn and continuing to deliver virtual workshops. The new Maths Recovery website was completed in October with links to videos, activities and documents in the members area that can be updated on a regular basis. There are testimonials and an overview of Maths Recovery history in the UK, research papers and links to resources, a live Twitter feed and contact form. Silver membership is free for Exec and Trustees etc., “free for first year” membership is offered to 8-day course participants and then a £30 annual fee as ordinary membership to be paid via the Stripe App on the website. Thanks to the subcommittee for their work on getting the website up and running. The website cost was £2,964 plus £144 webhosting annual fee and £100 per month package of support with Infused Media and £60 Mythic Beasts domain renewal. We have nearly 200 members, only four are fee paying. It is envisaged that the new website will support the advertising of courses and attract a wider audience as well as maintain the interest of our community of Maths Recovery teachers and teaching assistants.

When the Covid -19 restrictions were lifted in the autumn the training programme was resumed. The outstanding Days 7 and 8 for North Ayrshire were completed in November and the remaining four days for Clackmannanshire in March and May. The break of nearly two years was problematic as the teachers found it difficult to pick up where they had left off. These programmes had been paid for in the previous financial year but the trainers fees and travel expenses have been paid from this year’s accounts.

A new programme of professional development was delivered to South Lanarkshire starting in November with the 8 day Intervention Specialist course, two 4 day Red Book courses and three 4 session virtual workshop courses on the Purple Book. This was an opportunity for our new trainers in West Lothian to deliver training outside of their local authority on behalf of the Council. Garry Maguire, the lead officer in South Lanarkshire has committed his support to an authority wide pedagogy improvement programme with Maths Recovery at the centre of the development. Several of his teachers wish to go forward with accreditation and become MR Trainers. There is a big programme of professional development planned for the next academic year in Scotland that we hope to deliver with the support of our Scottish trainers.

The new MR Trainer, Jo Gibbs delivered her first 8 day course in Stockport with the support of MR Consultants. Unfortunately, the new trainee Trainer in Belfast had to withdraw before completing her training due to a family bereavement. She has our condolences, and we hope Ashleigh will pick up her training again this year. An 8 day intervention course was delivered in Belfast in the spring and summer terms organised by Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta, for the Irish Medium schools. They have translated the assessment schedules into Irish so the teachers can do their assessment and teaching in Irish. It is planned to organise virtual workshops with us on the purple book next year to increase the impact of MR pedagogy in their schools.

The Council has continued to offer a programme of virtual training sessions which retained the interactivity of our training courses whilst maintaining the quality. The four two-hour virtual workshops based on the Purple Book were delivered via Microsoft Teams to 80 people. This virtual format has proved popular and made Maths Recovery available to teachers who found it difficult to access previously, so it is hoped that we can continue this offer.

Wigan Local Authority and West Lothian have continued to deliver Maths Recovery training in their local authorities and plan to do so again next year.

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The only form of income the Council receives is from that generated by training courses so the impact on income from not delivering training has been significant. However, the increase in training requests post-Covid restrictions has challenged our capacity to deliver. It is hoped that new trainers can be developed to meet this increase in demand. This year approximately 325 teachers and teaching assistants have participated in Maths Recovery training.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions it was not possible for members of the Council to meet or to engage in professional development face to face. The Council has benefitted from using Microsoft's donated software for nonprofit organizations, with a years' free trial of Microsoft 365 with up to 10 licenses to be renewed annually. We have continued to use Microsoft Teams for meetings and training, although some trustees have continued to struggle with full access to the platform. The new gmail account mathsrecoveryuk20@gmail.com reflects a more appropriate membership base than just 'England'.

The Treasurer successfully applied for a debit card to help with purchasing. The three card holders are the Treasurer, the administrator, and the Chair. Our Administrator, Wik Piotrowski, retired in March and our thanks go to him for his interest, support and commitment to Maths Recovery beyond this role, particularly in the development of the new website. The Council wish him well in his retirement. The trustees have appointed an experienced school Bursar, Lynn Graham, as the new Finance Officer. Her application to Lloyds Bank as an authorized signatory and online banking has yet to be finalised by the bank. In the interim the Chair with the support of the Treasurer has been conducting the finance role as well as administration.

The trustees have reviewed the safeguarding policy, the filming protocols, the data protection policy, and conflict of interest policy as part of the annual policy review. A new Permission Form has been developed for delegates at training to give permission for use of their images, video, and quotation etc. to be used on website and social media and any other promotional publication. This will be given out at the beginning of each new cohort of training, signed and collected by the lead trainer. A new DBS application has been made for Jane Craik, the new Trustee.

The fees paid to Trainers and Consultants for delivering training on behalf of the Council had not been reviewed since 2015. The trustees not involved in delivering training reviewed the fees and agreed to raise them in line with inflation. From April 2022 the subsistence allowance of £30 per day is raised to £35. The Consultant daily fee raised from £575 to £675 when 2 trainers are delivering training, and from £650 raised to £720 when a consultant is delivering training alone. The trainers' daily fees were raised from £475 to £550.

The Maths Recovery Logo Trademark lapsed in 2017 and was not renewed due to the paperwork being in Penny Munn's name. The Trademark has now been renewed at a cost of £220 and will last for 10 years.

We were very grateful to Council members for delivering presentations on Chapters from the Chocolate Book in November. They were very well received, and it was suggested they be offered to a wider audience of members. There are plans to develop similar virtual presentations following the next AGM.

Unfortunately, due to the disruption of Covid -19 further meetings of the International Maths Recovery network have not been organised. It was felt to be successful, and it is hoped that they will resume next year.

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The new assessment kits have been used and reprints have been ordered for the autumn term training this year with the newly edited manuals. The new training DVD has been very well received by both trainer and delegates.

The Council has been using a Twitter account and social media to promote its objectives, @MathsRecoveryUK <https://mobile.twitter.com/MathsRecoveryUK>. Delegates on courses are invited to post comments, share ideas and photographs, and ask questions. The Facebook page and the private Facebook group have proved popular with links for resources and promoting discussion to continue to support training courses and to reach a wider audience. If the virtual training currently being developed is successful, we may look to develop further virtual training offers.

Autopress and TTS have continued to support the Council this year through the payment of copyright fees. TTS has now been bought by RM Educational Resources Ltd. It is anticipated that the level of fees will be rather reduced due to Covid-19.

Plans for the future

Over the next financial year, the Council intends to continue to meet the demand for training as it arises; accredit teachers and trainers who have completed portfolios after training, develop new training courses and provide quality assurance for the Programme. However, it is recognised that future working may look very different as virtual training has proved very popular with participants as face-to-face training is not always practical. It is proposed to develop a hybrid model for the Purple book of one day face to face and two follow up virtual workshops, thus exploiting the most of practical hands on sessions and gap tasks whilst retaining the convenience of virtual sessions.

New 8-day training is booked for South Lanarkshire and East Lothian commencing in the autumn term. Three further Red Book training cohorts is booked South Lanarkshire and it is expected that a course will run in Northern Ireland in the spring term. West Lothian and Wigan plan to run further Maths Recovery courses. South Lanarkshire want to develop their teachers to be accredited as MR teachers and then trainers. We look forward to working with them to achieve this as the Council's capacity to deliver training with the current number of trainers may be difficult.

The cost of the 8-day course was reviewed in the light increased travel and accommodation costs and inflation. The costs were itemized, and Trustees agreed to an increase from the 2016 prices of £18,500 to £21,000 for all new training for 2022/3 onwards, not that already booked. We will need to keep costs under review in the future.

We will need to reconsider the planning of future conferences in the UK. Smaller events or workshops hosted by Local Authorities may be more viable than large events. Covid-19 has seen the rise of virtual conferences and it may be that we consider this as an alternative next year. The Council will also consider how to use some of its funds for public benefit in terms of sponsoring conferences or workshop places. This will include the purchase of Zoom as a platform to make virtual conferences and masterclasses accessible to a wider audience. There are plans to develop virtual presentations involving the MR authors.

The Council will continue to promote research into children's mathematical thinking with a programme of presentations and workshops around the new white book. We look forward to integrating the two new

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publications (yellow and chocolate books) into our work as we focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion in our Maths Recovery programmes.

Members of the Council will continue to engage in professional development and review how they have adapted their intervention training course to address the changes in the new white book and the new Learning Framework.

The Council plans to continue to consult with government bodies and scientific associations. It plans to make knowledge of children's mathematical thinking available to a wider audience through publications and presentations and the new website.

Financial Review

Total receipts of unrestricted funds of £90,521 (2021: £21,723) are detailed in note 1 of the Financial Statements. The available funds were predominantly spent on trainers' fees and travel costs, course materials and other administration expenses. The net result for the year on unrestricted funds was an excess of income over expenditure of £13,795 (2021: excess of income over expenditure of £9,480). This resulted in a year end bank balance in respect of unrestricted funds of £101,275 (2021: £87,480). The result showing in the Receipts and Payments account in each financial year is affected by the timing of receipts and payments and is not necessarily indicative of the timing of the related underlying activities.

There have been no restricted fund transactions this year and there are no balances on restricted funds at the year end.

Going Concern

Covid-19 will continue to have a financial impact on the Charity going forward; we effectively had a restricted income for the first half of this year. The two courses that were postponed due to lockdown were rearranged and delivered. Both courses have been paid for by the clients last year, but the trainers have been paid this year.

The current timetable for future work is promising; we have two courses booked and there has been interest in organising future courses. However, the significant rise in travel and accommodation costs as well as books will impact negatively on the Charity's income, hence the review of the pricing structure and increase in the costs of the 8 day course.

From a financial point of view the charity can survive the 12 months from the date the accounts are to be signed off as we do not have any fixed overheads and we have not committed to any large-scale spending on a conference. With the current level of reserves in hand the Trustees are satisfied that the accounts for 31 August 2022 can be prepared on the going concern basis.

Related Parties

Several Trustees of the CIO act as consultants or trainers and receive fees from the CIO. Each is paid a standard daily rate, which is fixed each year by the full board of Trustees and represent an open market value for the specialist services provided. The nature of Maths Recovery means that it is difficult to find suitable experienced

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alternative consultants or trainers who are not also involved in the running of the Mathematics Recovery Council. The amounts paid to Trustees are disclosed in note 4.

Risks review

The Trustees have considered the risks associated with the charity, and they consider the key ones to be

- Reputational risk
- Litigation regarding quality of training
- Financial loss due to clients not paying for services provided
- Travel or accommodation costs caused by cancellation of course or inclement weather

The Trustees believe that the risks are minimised as far as practical because of quality assurance of the training by the MR consultants and trainers, active involvement of the trustees in delivery of services and compliance with the relevant requirements such as professional qualification of trainers and evidence of their professional development. The council is developing suitable policies and procedure for each of these areas and holds the NCETM CPD Standard quality mark.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees recognise the need for the Charity to establish and maintain reserves to enable it to continue to carry out its charitable objectives in the event of unforeseeable matters arising such as the Covid-19 pandemic. Funds that are designated but not restricted should be used in line with the purpose for which they were reserved. Funds provided for a specific purpose are held as restricted funds and used solely for the purposes indicated by the donor. There have been no designated or restricted funds during either of the last two financial years.

The Trustees would ordinarily aim to hold at least 6 months' operating costs in general bank funds. At the year end the bank balance represents around 16 months of costs with reference to the costs for the year just gone calculated on a straight-line time apportioned basis (2021: 15 months).

The movement on the reserves of the charity are detailed in note 3 to the financial statements.

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 charity and of the receipts and payments of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 26th November 2022 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charlotte Madine". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Charlotte Madine

Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MATHEMATICS RECOVERY COUNCIL UK AND IRELAND

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 13, the report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 26th November 2022



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Note	2021-22 Unrestricted funds (£)	2021-22 Restricted funds (£)	2021-22 Total funds (£)	2020-21 Unrestricted funds (£)	2020-21 Restricted funds (£)	2020-21 Total funds (£)
RECEIPTS							
Other trading activities	1(a)	1,965	-	1,965	1,078	-	1,078
Income from Charitable activities	1(b)	88,556	-	88,556	20,645	-	20,645
Total receipts		<u>90,521</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,521</u>	<u>21,723</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,723</u>
PAYMENTS							
Expenditure on raising funds	2(a)	220	-	220	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	2(b)	76,506	-	76,506	12,243	-	12,243
Total payments		<u>76,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,726</u>	<u>12,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,243</u>
Excess of receipts / (payments)		13,795	-	13,795	9,480	-	9,480
Cash & bank b/fwd 1 September 2021		<u>87,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,480</u>	<u>78,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,000</u>
Cash & bank c/fwd 31 August 2022		<u>101,275</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,275</u>	<u>87,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,480</u>

The notes on pages 13 to 15 form part of these accounts

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	2021-22 Unrestricted funds (£)	2021-22 Restricted funds (£)	2021-22 Total funds (£)	2020-21 Unrestricted funds (£)	2020-21 Restricted funds (£)	2020-21 Total funds (£)
ASSETS						
Debtors	5,650	-	5,650	2,881	-	2,881
Bank balances	101,275	-	101,275	87,480	-	87,480
Total assets	107,035	-	107,035	90,361	-	90,361
LIABILITIES						
Owed to suppliers	7,117	-	7,117	1,316	-	1,316
Accruals and deferred income	19,440	-	19,440	25,111	-	25,111
Total liabilities	26,557	-	26,557	26,427	-	26,427

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26th November 2022 and signed on its behalf by

Charlotte Madine

Charlotte Madine
Trustee

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	2021-22 Unrestricted funds (£)	2021-22 Restricted funds (£)	2021-22 Total funds (£)	2020-21 Unrestricted funds (£)	2020-21 Restricted funds (£)	2020-21 Total funds (£)
1. Receipts						
1(a) Other trading activities						
Royalties	1,965	-	1,965	1,078	-	1,078
Total	<u>1,965</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,965</u>	<u>1,078</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,078</u>
1(b) Income from Charitable activities						
Training fees	86,222	-	86,222	20,118	-	20,118
Accreditation fees	142	-	142	55	-	55
Books and assessment kits	2,192	-	2,192	472	-	472
Total	<u>88,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,556</u>	<u>20,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,645</u>
 Total Receipts	 <u><u>90,521</u></u>	 <u><u>-</u></u>	 <u><u>90,521</u></u>	 <u><u>21,723</u></u>	 <u><u>-</u></u>	 <u><u>21,723</u></u>

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	2021-22 Unrestricted funds (£)	2021-22 Restricted funds (£)	2021-22 Total funds (£)	2020-21 Unrestricted funds (£)	2020-21 Restricted funds (£)	2020-21 Total funds (£)
2. Payments						
2(a) Expenditure on raising funds						
Intellectual property fees paid	220	-	220	-	-	-
2(b) Expenditure on charitable activities						
Trainer fees	47,140	-	47,140	6,450	-	6,450
Trainer travel and accommodation	13,037	-	13,037	-	-	-
Books, journals and DVD's	4,215	-	4,215	1,090	-	1,090
Assessment kits	5,241	-	5,241	930	-	930
Postage and delivery	954	-	954	339	-	339
Sundries	315	-	315	38	-	38
Insurance	477	-	477	477	-	477
Computer and website costs	944	-	944	2,175	-	2,175
Bookkeeping and admin	3,439	-	3,439	-	-	-
Independent examination	744	-	744	744	-	744
	76,506	-	76,505	12,243	-	12,243
Total payments	76,726	-	76,726	12,243	-	12,243

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	B/fwd 1 Sept 2021 (£)	Receipts (£)	Payments (£)	Transfers in/(out) (£)	C/fwd 31 Aug 2022 (£)
3. Fund movements					
Unrestricted funds	87,480	90,521	(76,726)	-	101,275
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>87,480</u>	<u>90,521</u>	<u>(76,726)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,275</u>
Total funds	<u>87,480</u>	<u>90,521</u>	<u>(76,726)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,275</u>

4. Related parties

Several Trustees of the Charity act as consultants or trainers and receive fees from the Charity. Each is paid a standard daily rate, which is fixed each year by the board of Trustees and represents an open market value for the specialist services provided. The nature of Mathematics Recovery means that it is difficult to find suitable experienced alternative consultants or trainers who are also not involved in the running of the Mathematics Recovery Council charity. The following amounts were paid to the Trustees and other related parties:

Name	2021-22 Fees (£)	2021-22 Expenses (£)	2021-22 Total (£)	2020-21 Fees (£)	2020-21 Expenses (£)	2020-21 Total (£)
Christine Porter	2,500	901	3,401	-	-	-
Charlotte Madine	32,790	8,416	41,206	6,450	229	6,679
Nurturing Wisdom Limited	7,100	1,662	8,762	-	-	-
	<u>42,390</u>	<u>10,979</u>	<u>53,369</u>	<u>6,450</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>6,679</u>
Total	<u>42,390</u>	<u>10,979</u>	<u>53,369</u>	<u>6,450</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>6,679</u>

The trustee, Catherine Staunton-Unsworth, is a director and shareholder of Nurturing Wisdom Limited.

Wiktor Piotrowski, the husband of Jill Piotrowski received £3,439 (2021: £nil) in fees and expenses for carrying out administrative services for the charity, Trade Creditors on page 11 includes £nil (2021: £1,316) owed to him.