

# THE HALO PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1159143

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [08913368](#)

**Registered** 2014-11-10

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED IN THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND, WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OR POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF FORCED MARRIAGE AND/OR "HONOUR" CRIMES, BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION

**Activities:** The Halo Project supports BME women and families with specialist advocacy by promoting the human rights of women through empowerment, education and specialist intervention programmes including emergency specialist accommodation. Our services, programmes & provision enhances safety & protection through trauma-informed approaches developed through lived experiences, preventing abuse and harm.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

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- Durham
- Hartlepool
- Middlesbrough
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Yorkshire
- Redcar And Cleveland
- South Tyneside
- Stockton-on-tees
- Sunderland

## Finances

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| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-02-28 | £453,351 | £440,027    | -      | -         |
| 2024-02-29 | £452,483 | £451,759    | -      | -         |
| 2023-02-28 | £412,663 | £381,672    | -      | -         |
| 2022-02-28 | £352,436 | £344,979    | -      | -         |
| 2021-02-28 | £170,742 | £110,286    | -      | -         |

## Trustees

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| Name           | Role | Appointed  |
|----------------|------|------------|
| Asma Shaffi    |      | 2022-06-15 |
| Claire Preston |      | 2019-10-31 |
| Rachel Gray    |      | 2020-02-19 |
| Saima Hussain  |      | 2022-09-15 |
| Sara Mirsalehi |      | 2018-12-01 |
| Stephanie Ho   |      | 2024-07-15 |

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# Accounts

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**The Halo Project**  
**Trustees Report and Accounts**  
**for the year ended 28th February 2025**

**The Halo Project**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Legal and administrative information**

**Charity number** 1159143  
**Company registration number** 8913368

**Registered office** 307A Vanguard Suite  
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Middlesborough  
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**Trustees** Rachel Gray  
Claire Preston  
Sara Mirsaheli  
Asma Shaffi  
Saima Hussain

**Secretary** Ian Reid

**Accountants** Reid, Campbell & Co  
Arduing  
Kilmun  
Argyll PA23 83Y

**Bankers** Barclays Bank

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**The Halo Project  
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**Report of the Trustees  
for the period 1st March 2024 to 28th February 2025**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 28th February 2025. The directors, who are also trustees of The Halo Project for the purposes of charity law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1 of this report.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity Accounts Regulations and Directions 2008, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland 2019 (FRS102)

**Structure, governance and management**

*Background*

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and was registered in England on 26th February 2014. It is registered with the Charities Commission under Charity number 1159143.

The Trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of Company Law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Trustees may be appointed to the Board if they are proposed by one of the existing Trustees and approved by the majority of the Trustees. None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Company. All the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

Under the terms of the Articles of Association of the company, every director or other officer of the company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the company against any loss or liability which he or she must sustain in connection with the execution of the duties of his or her office.

*Organisation*

The board of Trustees administers the Charity. The board meets on a quarterly basis or as needed. There are currently 6 members of staff who report to the Board

*Related parties*

None of the Trustees receive any remuneration or benefit from their work with the Charity, nor do any contractual relationships exist with any related parties.

*Risk Management*

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to these risks.

#### *Reserves Policy*

The reserves are maintained and distributed in line with the charity's objectives and also the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The policy of the Charity is to aim to retain sufficient reserves to meet the cost of at least 3 months overheads and any redundancy payments due to staff in the event of winding up.

#### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity complies with the duty to have regard to guidance on public benefit as published by the Charities Commission

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The Charity supports BAME women and families at risk of harm or abuse. The Objectives are:

Promoting the human rights of women through empowerment, education and specialist intervention programmes

Providing specialist accommodation and recovery programmes to enhance safety

Providing trauma-informed recovery programmes

Promoting economic independence, preventing abuse, building resilience

#### **Acievements and Performance**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to present the annual report and financial statements for The Halo Project for the year ended 28th February 2025.

This year has tested our resilience as a charity, but it has also demonstrated the strength, dedication and unwavering compassion of our team, trustees, partners and supporters. Demand for our specialist services, in particular Halo Homes, our BME refuge in Middlesbrough, has continued to exceed capacity. The increasing complexity and volume of cases reflect a growing and urgent need across the country for culturally competent, trauma-informed support for women and girls experiencing abuse, exploitation and harmful practices.

Despite financial pressures brought about by rising operational costs and a 9.8% increase in the cost-of-living wage rate, the charity has continued to deliver life-saving and life-changing support. I am proud to report that we achieved a retained surplus of £13,324, which has been transferred to reserves to help strengthen our long-term sustainability. Our reserves policy remains focused on retaining sufficient funds to cover a minimum of three months of core operating costs and any staff liabilities, ensuring responsible stewardship and security for the future.

Our dedicated staff, our greatest asset and investment, have managed increase to the usual caseload, while continuing to access professional development and clinical supervision to safeguard their wellbeing. Their professionalism and commitment to survivors is exceptional. We are equally grateful to our Sisters of Strength (SOS) survivor forum, whose voices and lived experience continue to shape our services, governance and practice.

The Board of Trustees has continued to fulfil its governance responsibilities, meeting regularly to monitor risks, ensure financial accountability and guide strategic direction. We are satisfied that appropriate systems and controls are in place to manage the charity's operational, financial and safeguarding responsibilities. None of the trustees received any remuneration or personal benefit during the year.

We extend our deepest thanks to our funders, partners and supporters, whose trust and generosity have enabled us to continue our vital work. Their compassion and belief in our mission have helped us protect and empower some of the most vulnerable women and girls in our communities.

Looking ahead, we remain firmly committed to strengthening our services, expanding our capacity and advocating for systemic change to ensure that every woman and girl lives free from fear, harm and oppression. The challenges remain significant, but so does our resolve.

#### **Financial Review**

The Charity returned a reduced surplus of £13,324 (2024: £724) which would be used to strengthen Reserves.

#### **Risk Policy**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to these risks.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The reserves are maintained and distributed in line with the charity's objectives and also the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The policy of the Charity is to aim to retain sufficient reserves to meet the cost of any regular commitments, as well as a contingency to enable it to continue to develop further projects.

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**Report of the directors (incorporating the Trustees' report)  
for the period 1st March 2024 to 28th February 2025**

**Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors (who are also Trustees of The Halo Project Charity under charity law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the directors 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 directors 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;
- state whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2011, the Charities Accounts Regulations and Directions 2008. 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.

**Small companies provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on 6th October 2025 and signed on its behalf by



**Claire Preston**

**Director and Trustee**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Halo Project Charity**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 28th February 2025

**Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and examiner**

The charity's Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts Regulations 2006.

The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2008 Accounts Regulations and Directions does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2008 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks 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 view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2011 Charities Act and Regulation 4 of the 2008 Accounts Regulations and Directions have not been met.

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

Signed:

*R Pooran*

**Name:** Rickey Pooran

**Relevant Professional qualification/professional body:** AAT

**Address:** Reid, Campell & Co, Ardluing, Argyll PA23 8RY

**Date** 6th October 2025

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**Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)**

for the period 1st March 2024 to 28th February 2025

|   | Notes | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2025 Total<br>£ | 2024<br>£      |
|---|-------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                             |       |                          |                            |                 |                |
| Donations and Legacies                                | 3.1   | -                        | 22,414                     | 22,414          | 265,621        |
| Activities for generating funds (Grants Received)     | 3.2   | 265,621                  | -                          | 265,621         | 199,764        |
| Other Income  | 3.3   | 120,504                  | 44,812                     | 165,316         | 7,098          |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                       |       | <b>386,125</b>           | <b>67,226</b>              | <b>453,351</b>  | <b>472,483</b> |
|   |       | 386125                   |                            |                 |                |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>                             |       |                          |                            |                 |                |
| Staff Costs   |       | 106,098                  | 74,319                     | 180,417         | 165,956        |
| Halo Homes  |       | 79,201                   | 10,959                     | 90,160          | 112,293        |
| Halo Hub Training                                     |       | 12,331                   | -                          | 12,331          | -              |
| Motor and travelling expenses                         |       | 15,973                   | -                          | 15,973          | -              |
| Accountancy fees                                      |       | -                        | 3,794                      | 3,794           | 1,380          |
| Legal and professional fees                           |       | 11,734                   | -                          | 11,734          | 9,445          |
| Communication and IT                                  |       | -                        | 1,780                      | 1,780           | 425            |
| Other Office Expenses                                 |       | 21,754                   | -                          | 21,754          | 24,866         |
| Interest payable and finance charges                  |       | -                        | -                          | 0               | -              |
| Books and subscriptions                               |       | -                        | -                          | 0               | -              |
| Charitable Activities Costs                           |       | 80,837                   | 11,242                     | 92,079          | 146,477        |
| Donations   |       | -                        | -                          | 0               | -              |
| Depreciation  |       | -                        | 10,005                     | 10,005          | 10,917         |
| Other costs   |       | -                        | -                          | -               | -              |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                       |       | <b>327,928</b>           | <b>112,099</b>             | <b>440,027</b>  | <b>471,759</b> |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year</b> |       | <b>58,197</b>            | <b>-44,873</b>             | <b>13,324</b>   | <b>724</b>     |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>                    |       | <b>36,229</b>            | <b>89,245</b>              | <b>125,474</b>  | <b>124,750</b> |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                    |       | <b>94,426</b>            | <b>44,372</b>              | <b>138,798</b>  | <b>125,474</b> |

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**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 28th February 2025**

|  | Notes | Restricted Funds | £ Unrestricted Funds | Total          | £ 2024         |
|--|-------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                        | 1     | 0                | 68,108               | 68,108         | 76,536         |
| <b>Current assets</b>                      |       |                  |                      |                |                |
| Debtors                                    | 7     | 0                | -                    | -              | 42,814         |
| Cash at bank and in hand                   |       | 95,958           | -                    | 95,958         | 38,318         |
|  |       | <u>95,958</u>    | <u>0</u>             | <u>95,958</u>  | <u>81,132</u>  |
| Creditors: amounts falling within one year | 8     | -1,532           | -23,736              | -25,268        | -32,194        |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                  |       | 94,426           | -23,736              | 70,690         | 48,938         |
| <b>Net total assets</b>                    |       | <u>94,426</u>    | <u>44,372</u>        | <u>138,798</u> | <u>125,474</u> |
| <b>Funds</b>                               |       |                  |                      |                |                |
| Restricted Funds                           |       |                  |                      | 94,426         | 48,938         |
| Unrestricted income funds                  | 9     |                  |                      | 44,372         | 76,536         |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                         |       |                  |                      | <u>138,798</u> | <u>125,474</u> |

The directors statements required by s475(2) and s475(3) are shown on the following page which forms part of the Balance Sheet

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**Balance Sheet (continued)**

**Directors' statements required by the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 28th February 2025**

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the period.
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
  - (1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
  - (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

These financial statements were approved by the board on 6th October 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Claire Preston  
Director

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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the period 1st March 2024 to 28th February 2025**

**1 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding period.

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the 2008 Charities Regulations and Directions and the Companies Act 2006

**1.2 Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

**1.3 Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

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.

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| <b>2 Fixed Assets</b>  | <b>Land &amp; Buildings</b> | <b>Furniture &amp; Equipment</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Cost</b>            |                             |                                  |              |
| At 1 March 2024        | 88,280                      | 12,163                           | 100,443      |
| Additions              | 9,168                       | 2,434                            | 11,602       |
| Disposals              | -8,203                      | -8,428                           | -16,631      |
|                        | <hr/>                       | <hr/>                            | <hr/>        |
| As at 28 February 2025 | 89,245                      | 6,169                            | 95,414       |
| <b>Depreciation</b>    |                             |                                  |              |
| At 1 March 2024        | 11,314                      | 5,074                            | 16,388       |
| Charge for Year        | 7,490                       | 3,428                            | 10,918       |
|                        | <hr/>                       | <hr/>                            | <hr/>        |
| As at 28 February 2025 | 18,804                      | 8,502                            | 27,306       |
| <b>Net Book Value</b>  |                             |                                  |              |
| At 1 March 2024        | <hr/>                       | <hr/>                            | <hr/>        |
|                        | 86,134                      | 9,523                            | 95,657       |
| As at 28 February 2025 | <hr/>                       | <hr/>                            | <hr/>        |
|                        | 70,441                      | -2,333                           | 68,108       |

**3.1 Donations & Legacies**

|                         | <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>2025 Restricted Funds</b> | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                         | £                  | £                            | £                         |
| Various small donations | 22,414             |                              | 22,414                    |

**3.2 Grants Received**

|                                       |         |         |       |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| Jill Franklin Trust                   | 21,300  | 21,300  | -     |
| The Ballinger Trust                   | 13,333  | 13,333  | -     |
| Ministry of Justice North Yorkshire   | 62,500  | 62,500  | -     |
| The Sam & Bella Charitable Foundation | 30,000  | 30,000  | -     |
| The Balcome Trust                     | 20,000  | 20,000  | -     |
| The Smallwood Trust                   | 47,500  | 47,500  | -     |
| The Penny Appeal                      | -       | -       | -     |
| The Rosa Fund                         | 20,833  | 20,833  | -     |
| Voice4Change                          | 3,455   | 3,455   | -     |
| Big Lottery Fund                      | -       | -       | -     |
| BBC Children in Need                  | 30,000  | 30,000  | -     |
| The Caring Family                     | 6,656   | 6,656   | -     |
| The Together Fund                     | 9,044   | 9,044   | -     |
|                                       | -       | -       | -     |
| Other Small Grants Received           | 1,000   | 1,000   | -     |
| Deferred Income brought forward       | -       | -       | -     |
|                                       | <hr/>   | <hr/>   | <hr/> |
|                                       | 265,621 | 265,621 | -     |

**3.3 Other Income**

|                                 | <b>2025</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
|                                 | £           |
| Rent & Housing Benefit Received | 165,316     |
|                                 | <hr/>       |
|                                 | 165,316     |

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for the period 1st March 2024 to 28th February 2025

**5 Employees**

**Employment costs**

|                             | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£      |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Wages and salaries          | 180,417        | 114,789        |
|                             | <u>180,417</u> | <u>114,789</u> |
| Average Number of Employees | <u>8</u>       | <u>8</u>       |

No Trustee received any remuneration or benefits in kind during the year in respect of their role as a Trustee.

**6 Taxation**

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes act 1998. Accordingly there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

**7 Debtors**

|  | 2025<br>£ | 2024<br>£     |
|--|-----------|---------------|
| Voluntary Grants not yet deposited at Bank | -         | 34,679        |
|  | <u>-</u>  | <u>34,679</u> |

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

|                         | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£     |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Deferred Revenue Grants | 25,268        | 32,195        |
| Trade Creditors         | -             | -             |
| Amortised Capital Grant | -             | 66,686        |
|                         | <u>25,268</u> | <u>98,881</u> |

**9 Analysis of net assets between funds**

|  | Total<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2024<br>£      |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Fund balances at 28th February 2025 as represented by: |                |                          |                            |                |
| Fixed Assets   | 68,108         | 0                        | 68,108                     | 95,657         |
| Current assets   | 95,958         | 95,958                   | 0                          | 127,974        |
| Current Liabilities                                    | -25,268        | -1,532                   | -23,736                    | 98,881         |
|  | <u>138,798</u> | <u>94,426</u>            | <u>44,372</u>              | <u>124,750</u> |

**10 Unrestricted funds**

|                    | At<br>01/03/2024<br>£ | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Outgoing<br>resources<br>£ | At<br>28/02/2025<br>£ |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | <u>89,245</u>         | <u>67,226</u>              | <u>112,099</u>             | <u>44,372</u>         |

**11 Purpose of Funds**

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Jill Franklin Trust                   | To support refuge clients                |
| The Ballinger Trust                   | Towards Running Costs                    |
| North Yorkshire Police                | Staff Costs and travel                   |
| The Sam & Bella Charitable Foundation | Staff Costs                              |
| The Balcome Trust                     | Core operating costs                     |
| The Smallwood Trust                   | Grants to be distributed to clients      |
| The Rosa Fund                         | Staff costs & client events              |
| Voice4Change                          | Client engagement, community development |
| Big Lottery Fund                      | Staff costs & client events              |
| BBC Children in Need                  | Staff Costs                              |
| The Caring Family                     | Towards Running Costs                    |

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**Trustees** Rachel Gray  
Claire Preston  
Sara Mirsaheli  
Asma Shaffi  
Saima Hussain

**Secretary** Ian Reid

**Accountants** Reid, Campbell & Co  
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**Bankers** Barclays Bank

**The Halo Project  
Trustees Report and Accounts for the year ending 29th February 2024**

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**The Halo Project  
(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the period 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 29th February 2024. The directors, who are also trustees of The Halo Project for the purposes of charity law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1 of this report.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity Accounts Regulations and Directions 2008, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland 2019 (FRS102)

**Structure, governance and management**

*Background*

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and was registered in England on 26th February 2014. It is registered with the Charities Commission under Charity number 1159143.

The Trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of Company Law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Trustees may be appointed to the Board if they are proposed by one of the existing Trustees and approved by the majority of the Trustees. None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Company. All the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of winding up.

Under the terms of the Articles of Association of the company, every director or other officer of the company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the company against any loss or liability which he or she must sustain in connection with the execution of the duties of his or her office.

*Organisation*

The board of Trustees administers the Charity. The board meets on a quarterly basis or as needed. There are currently 6 members of staff who report to the Board

*Related parties*

None of the Trustees receive any remuneration or benefit from their work with the Charity, nor do any contractual relationships exist with any related parties.

*Risk Management*

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to these risks.

#### *Reserves Policy*

The reserves are maintained and distributed in line with the charity's objectives and also the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The policy of the Charity is to aim to retain sufficient reserves to meet the cost of at least 3 months overheads and any redundancy payments due to staff in the event of winding up.

#### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity complies with the duty to have regard to guidance on public benefit as published by the Charities Commission

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The Charity supports BAME women and families at risk of harm or abuse. The Objectives are:

Promoting the human rights of women through empowerment, education and specialist intervention programmes

Providing specialist accommodation and recovery programmes to enhance safety

Providing trauma-informed recovery programmes

Promoting economic independence, preventing abuse, building resilience

#### **Acievements and Performance**

This year has been both challenging and rewarding for Halo. We have seen a significant rise in the number and complexity of cases, which our small but dedicated team has worked tirelessly to address. Demand for our specialist BME refuge, Halo Homes in Middlesbrough, continues to far exceed capacity. Sadly, this means we are unable to support many women each week who seek refuge and assistance from across the country.

The ongoing rises in core costs, coupled with an unprecedented and unpredicted 9.8% cost of living wage increase, has placed additional strain on the Charity's finances. Despite these challenges, we have remained steadfast in supporting women with charitable grants for food and essential humanitarian needs.

Our team remains our greatest expense and most valuable asset. This year, we have further invested in their professional development and welfare, including increased access to clinical supervision. Despite handling almost double the usual caseload, their unwavering passion and dedication to the women and girls we support has been exemplary.

The 'Sisters of Strength' (SOS), our Halo survivors' forum, continues to meet monthly, providing vital feedback that informs and enhances our trauma-informed service model. Their insights have strengthened our governance, shaped service delivery, and deepened our understanding of community needs.

We are deeply grateful to our funders, who have supported us with empathy and understanding through this challenging period, as well as to our Trustees, whose expertise and commitment remain an invaluable asset. Their guidance has strengthened our ability to adapt and evolve, ensuring we can respond to the growing needs of victims both locally and nationally.

Looking ahead, we remain resolutely committed to supporting women and girls in need, and will continue to grow and adapt in response to the challenges they face.

#### **Financial Review**

The Charity returned a reduced surplus of £724 (2023: £30,991) which would be used to strengthen Reserves.

#### **Risk Policy**

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**Report of the directors (incorporating the Trustees' report)**  
**for the period 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024**

**Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors (who are also Trustees of The Halo Project Charity under charity law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the directors 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 directors 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;
- state whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2011, the Charities Accounts Regulations and Directions 2008. 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.

**Small companies provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on 18th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by



**Claire Preston**

**Director and Trustee**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Halo Project Charity**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 29th February 2024

**Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and examiner**

The charity's Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts Regulations 2006.

The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2008 Accounts Regulations and Directions does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2008 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks 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 view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2011 Charities Act and Regulation 4 of the 2008 Accounts Regulations and Directions have not been met.

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

Signed: *R Pooran*

Name: Rickey Pooran

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: AAT

Address: Reid, Campell & Co, Ardluing, Argyll PA23 8RY

Date 18th November 2024

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**Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)**

**for the period 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024**

|   | Notes | Restricted Funds<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>£     | 2023<br>£      |
|---|-------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                             |       |                       |                            |                |                |
| Donations and Legacies                                | 3     | 265,621               | -                          | 265,621        | 299,383        |
| Activities for generating funds                       | 3     | 86,680                | 113,084                    | 199,764        | 110,419        |
| Other Income  | 3     | -                     | 7,098                      | 7,098          | 2,861          |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                       |       | <b>352,301</b>        | <b>120,182</b>             | <b>472,483</b> | <b>412,663</b> |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>                             |       |                       |                            |                |                |
| Staff Costs   |       | 165,956               | -                          | 165,956        | 114,789        |
| Halo Homes  |       | 106,702               | 5,591                      | 112,293        | 77,071         |
| Halo Hub Training                                     |       | -                     | 4,123                      | -              | -              |
| Motor and travelling expenses                         |       | -                     | -                          | -              | -              |
| Accountancy fees                                      |       | 1,380                 | -                          | 1,380          | 600            |
| Legal and professional fees                           |       | 9,445                 | -                          | 9,445          | 57,258         |
| Communication and IT                                  |       | -                     | 425                        | 425            | 8,390          |
| Other Office Expenses                                 |       | 24,866                | -                          | 24,866         | 14,395         |
| Interest payable and finance charges                  |       | -                     | -                          | -              | -              |
| Books and subscriptions                               |       | -                     | -                          | -              | 6,881          |
| Charitable Activities Costs                           |       | 70,845                | 75,632                     | 146,477        | 87,402         |
| Donations   |       | -                     | -                          | -              | -              |
| Depreciation  |       | 10,917                | -                          | 10,917         | 10,917         |
| Other costs   |       | -                     | -                          | -              | 3,969          |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                       |       | <b>390,111</b>        | <b>85,771</b>              | <b>471,759</b> | <b>381,672</b> |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year</b> |       | <b>-37,810</b>        | <b>34,411</b>              | <b>724</b>     | <b>30,991</b>  |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>                    |       | <b>69,916</b>         | <b>54,834</b>              | <b>124,750</b> | <b>93,759</b>  |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                    |       | <b>32,106</b>         | <b>89,245</b>              | <b>125,474</b> | <b>124,750</b> |

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**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 29th February 2024**

|  | Notes    | Restricted Funds | £<br>Unrestricted<br>Funds | Total          | £<br>2023      |
|--|----------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                        | <b>1</b> | -                | 76,536                     | 76,536         | 95,657         |
| <b>Current assets</b>                      |          |                  |                            |                |                |
| Debtors                                    | 7        | 42,814           | -                          | 42,814         | 34,679         |
| Cash at bank and in hand                   |          | <u>38,318</u>    | -                          | <u>38,318</u>  | <u>93,295</u>  |
|  |          | 81,132           | 0                          | 81,132         | 127,974        |
| Creditors: amounts falling within one year | 8        | <u>-32,194</u>   | 0                          | <u>-32,194</u> | <u>98,881</u>  |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                  |          | 48,938           | 0                          | 48,938         | 29,093         |
| <b>Net assets</b>                          |          | <u>48,938</u>    | <u>76,536</u>              | <u>125,474</u> | <u>124,750</u> |
| <b>Funds</b>                               |          |                  |                            |                |                |
| Restricted Funds                           |          |                  |                            | 48,938         | 49,266         |
| Unrestricted income funds                  | 9        |                  |                            | <u>76,536</u>  | <u>44,493</u>  |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                         |          |                  |                            | <u>125,474</u> | <u>93,759</u>  |

The directors statements required by s475(2) and s475(3) are shown on the following page which forms part of the Balance Sheet

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**Balance Sheet (continued)**

**Directors' statements required by the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 29th February 2024**

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the period.

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

These financial statements were approved by the board on 18th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Claire Preston  
Director

**The Halo Project**  
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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the period 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024**

**1 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding period.

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the 2008 Charities Regulations and Directions and the Companies Act 2006

**1.2 Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

**1.3 Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

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.

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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the period 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024**

| <b>2 Fixed Assets</b>  | <b>Land &amp; Buildings</b> | <b>Furniture &amp; Equipment</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Cost</b>            |                             |                                  |                |
| At 1 March 2023        | 88,280                      | 12,163                           | 100,443        |
| Additions              | 9,168                       | 2,434                            | 11,602         |
| Disposals              | -8,203                      | -                                | -8,203         |
| As at 29 February 2024 | <u>89,245</u>               | <u>14,597</u>                    | <u>103,842</u> |
| <b>Depreciation</b>    |                             |                                  |                |
| At 1 March 2023        | 11,314                      | 5,074                            | 16,388         |
| Charge for Year        | 7,490                       | 3,428                            | 10,918         |
| As at 29 February 2024 | <u>18,804</u>               | <u>8,502</u>                     | <u>27,306</u>  |
| <b>Net Book Value</b>  |                             |                                  |                |
| At 1 March 2023        | <u>86,134</u>               | <u>9,523</u>                     | <u>95,657</u>  |
| As at 29 February 2024 | <u>70,441</u>               | <u>6,095</u>                     | <u>76,536</u>  |

**3.1 Donations & Legacies**

|                                       | <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>2024 Restricted Funds</b> | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>2023</b>    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|                                       | <b>£</b>           | <b>£</b>                     | <b>£</b>                  |                |
| Jill Franklin Trust                   | 21,300             | 21,300                       | -                         | 19,500         |
| The Ballinger Trust                   | 13,333             | 13,333                       | -                         | 15,000         |
| M.O.J. Comic Relief                   | -                  | -                            | -                         | 0              |
| Ministry of Justice North Yorkshire   | 62,500             | 62,500                       | -                         | 30,000         |
| The Sam & Bella Charitable Foundation | 30,000             | 30,000                       | -                         | 50,400         |
| The Balcome Trust                     | -                  | 20,000                       | -                         | 20,000         |
| The Smallwood Trust                   | 47,500             | 47,500                       | -                         | 12,500         |
| The Penny Appeal                      | -                  | -                            | -                         | 0              |
| The Rosa Fund                         | 20,833             | 20,833                       | -                         | 25,000         |
| Voice4Change                          | 3,455              | 3,455                        | -                         | 9,925          |
| Big Lottery Fund                      | -                  | -                            | -                         | 16,778         |
| BBC Children in Need                  | 30,000             | 30,000                       | -                         | 30,000         |
| The Caring Family                     | 6,656              | 6,656                        | -                         | 9,984          |
| The Together Fund                     | 9,044              | 9,044                        | -                         | -              |
| Other Small Grants Received           | 1,000              | 1,000                        | -                         | 36,909         |
| Deferred Income brought forward       | -                  | -                            | -                         | 23,387         |
|                                       | <u>245,621</u>     | <u>265,621</u>               | <u>-</u>                  | <u>299,383</u> |

**3.2 Activities for generating funds**

|                                 | <b>2024</b>    | <b>2023</b>    |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                 | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Rent & Housing Benefit Received | 199,764        | 110,419        |
|                                 | <u>199,764</u> | <u>110,419</u> |

**3.3 Other Income**

|                             | <b>2024</b>  | <b>2023</b>  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | <b>£</b>     | <b>£</b>     |
| Refunds and small donations | 7,098        | 2,861        |
|                             | <u>7,098</u> | <u>2,861</u> |

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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the period 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024**

**5 Employees**

**Employment costs**

|                             | 2024<br>£      | 2023<br>£      |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Wages and salaries          | 165,956        | 114,789        |
|                             | <u>165,956</u> | <u>114,789</u> |
| Average Number of Employees | <u>8</u>       | <u>8</u>       |

No Trustee received any remuneration or benefits in kind during the year in respect of their role as a Trustee.

**6 Taxation**

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes act 1998. Accordingly there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

**7 Debtors**

|  | 2024<br>£ | 2023<br>£ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Voluntary Grants not yet deposited at Bank | 42,814    | 34,679    |
|  | <u>-</u>  | <u>-</u>  |

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

|                         | 2024<br>£     | 2023<br>£     |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Deferred Revenue Grants | 32,194        | 32,195        |
| Trade Creditors         | -             | -             |
| Amortised Capital Grant | -             | 66,686        |
|                         | <u>32,194</u> | <u>98,881</u> |

**9 Analysis of net assets between funds**

|  | Total<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2023<br>£      |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Fund balances at 29th February 2024 as represented by: |                |                          |                            |                |
| Fixed Assets   | 76,536         | -                        | 76,536                     | 95,657         |
| Current assets   | 81,132         | 81,132                   | 0                          | 127,974        |
| Current Liabilities                                    | <u>-32,194</u> | <u>-32,194</u>           | <u>0</u>                   | <u>98,881</u>  |
|  | <u>125,474</u> | <u>48,938</u>            | <u>76,536</u>              | <u>124,750</u> |

**10 Unrestricted funds**

|                    | At<br>01/03/2023<br>£ | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Outgoing<br>resources<br>£ | At<br>29/02/2024<br>£ |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | <u>54,834</u>         | <u>120,182</u>             | <u>85,771</u>              | <u>89,245</u>         |

**11 Purpose of Funds**

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Jill Franklin Trust                   | To support refuge clients                |
| The Ballinger Trust                   | Towards Running Costs                    |
| North Yorkshire Police                | Staff Costs and travel                   |
| The Sam & Bella Charitable Foundation | Staff Costs                              |
| The Balcome Trust                     | Core operating costs                     |
| The Smallwood Trust                   | Grants to be distributed to clients      |
| The Rosa Fund                         | Staff costs & client events              |
| Voice4Change                          | Client engagement, community development |
| Big Lottery Fund                      | Staff costs & client events              |
| BBC Children in Need                  | Staff Costs                              |
| The Caring Family                     | Towards Running Costs                    |

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England & Wales - Charity number 1159143

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# Accounts

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Charity number  
Company registration number

1159143  
8913368

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**Legal and administrative information**

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**Bankers** Barclays Bank

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#### **Achievements and Performance**

This financial period and the significant cost of living crisis impacted severely and disproportionately our victims, survivors and staff. The Halo Project Charity continues to work relentlessly in its pursuit of justice, empowerment, and equality for those affected by high-risk honour-based abuse, forced marriage, and sexual abuse within Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities.

As Chair of The Halo Project, I have had the privilege of witnessing the unwavering dedication of our team, who are committed to breaking down barriers and providing vital support to those who have endured the unimaginable. Our mission is rooted in the belief that everyone deserves to live free from the shackles of violence and cultural oppression.

Our work in supporting high-risk cases of honour-based abuse and forced marriage is at the heart of our organisation. We understand the unique challenges faced by individuals within BME communities, particularly women, and we strive to provide a sanctuary where victims can find solace, strength, and the support necessary to rebuild their lives. Particularly, those with uncertain immigration status who are at risk of control through their sponsors in addition the work of the charity continues to advise and influence change to support migrant women experiencing abuse and harm with services and challenge decisions where possible exercising the Domestic Act 2021 within a Human Rights approach.

Universities play a pivotal role in shaping the future, and The Halo Project recognizes the significance of education in combating honour-based abuse. Through targeted campaigns and initiatives, we are actively engaging with universities to raise awareness, foster understanding, and empower students to recognise and challenge harmful cultural practices. Education is a powerful tool, and we are dedicated to equipping the next generation with the knowledge and courage to be agents of change. We have embedded Halo Hubs within Universities and local colleges working to extend our work to further regions across England & Wales.

In our pursuit of justice, The Halo Project recently made a significant impact by submitting a successful police super complaint to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS). This complaint focused on the experiences of BME victims of sexual abuse, shedding light on systemic issues and advocating for essential reforms within the criminal justice system. We believe in holding institutions accountable and driving positive change for the communities we serve.

As we reflect on our accomplishments, we acknowledge that there is much work still to be done. Honour-based abuse and forced marriage persist as urgent challenges, and The Halo Project remains steadfast in our commitment to eradicating these injustices. We extend our deepest gratitude to our supporters, partners, and the courageous individuals who have entrusted us with their stories.

In the ongoing quest for justice and empowerment, The Halo Project Charity is steadfast in its commitment to creating lasting change for victims and survivors of honour-based abuse. Our dedication extends beyond immediate intervention and support, as we strive to reshape the landscape through innovative and transformative approaches. An example of this includes our blue print delivery model which focusses on clear risk assessments, specialised pathways and recovery programmes for BME survivors of abuse and harm, extending this work to children and young people.

One of the key pillars of our work involves changing practice for victims and survivors by developing services rooted in a trauma-informed approach. We recognise that the impact of honour-based abuse is profound and far-reaching, affecting not only the individuals directly involved but also the broader community. Our commitment to trauma-informed care underscores the importance of understanding and responding to the widespread consequences of these heinous acts.

Through this approach, The Halo Project seeks to bring about whole systems change—a fundamental shift in how society perceives and addresses honour-based abuse. Trauma-informed care recognises the pervasive effects of trauma on an individual's well-being and emphasises creating an environment that promotes healing, safety, and empowerment. To this effect, we have developed survivor led programmes for recovery including our Halo Exhale programme and are working with the North East circuit for judges and lawyers, raising awareness and promoting changes in legal practice.

Our programs and services are meticulously designed to provide survivors with the support they need, acknowledging the complex intersections of trauma, culture, and systemic oppression. We are actively working towards creating a network of services that not only respond to immediate crises but also foster long-term healing and resilience.

By championing a trauma-informed approach, The Halo Project is at the forefront of pioneering change in how we collectively respond to honour-based abuse. We understand that transformation requires a comprehensive, collaborative effort, and we are actively engaging with partners, stakeholders, and communities to build a more compassionate and effective support system. This work is influenced by two of our dedicated survivor forums, circle of friends and sisters of strength.

Whole systems change demands a commitment to continuous learning and improvement. The Halo Project is dedicated to evolving our practices based on the latest research, survivor feedback, and the ever-changing landscape of honour-based abuse. We recognise that our work is interconnected with broader societal structures, and we advocate for policy changes that reflect the needs and rights of survivors.

As we navigate the complexities of this challenging work, we extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated team, supporters, and the resilient survivors who inspire us daily. Together, we will continue to push boundaries, challenge norms, and create a world where honour-based abuse has no place, and every survivor is met with understanding, dignity, and the unwavering support they deserve.

Together, we will continue to be a beacon of hope, empowering survivors and challenging the status quo to build a world where everyone can live free from fear and violence.

#### **Financial Review**

The Charity returned a surplus of £30,991 which would be used to strengthen Reserves.

#### **Risk Policy**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to these risks.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The reserves are maintained and distributed in line with the charity's objectives and also the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The policy of the Charity is to aim to retain sufficient reserves to meet the cost of any regular commitments, as well as a contingency to enable it to continue to develop further projects.

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**Report of the directors (incorporating the Trustees' report)**  
**for the period 1st March 2022 to 28th February 2023**

**Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors (who are also Trustees of The Halo Project Charity under charity law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the directors 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 directors 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;
- state whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2011, the Charities Accounts Regulations and Directions 2008. 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.

**Small companies provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on insert 10th November 2023 and signed on its behalf by



**Claire Preston**

**Director**

**The Halo Project  
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Halo Project Charity**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 28th February 2023

**Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and examiner**

The charity's Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts Regulations 2006.

The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2008 Accounts Regulations and Directions does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2008 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks 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 view given by the accounts.

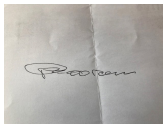
**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2011 Charities Act and Regulation 4 of the 2008 Accounts Regulations and Directions have not been met.

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

Signed:



**Name: Rickey Pooran**

**Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: AAT**

**Address: Argyll Accounting, Ardluing, Argyll PA23 8RY**

**Date 29th November 2023**

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**Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)**

for the period 1st March 2022 to 28th February 2023

|   | Notes | Restricted Funds<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>£     | 2022<br>£      |
|---|-------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                             |       |                       |                            |                |                |
| Donations and Legacies                                | 3     | 204,383               | 95,000                     | 299,383        | 329,436        |
| Activities for generating funds                       | 3     | 0                     | 110,419                    | 110,419        | 6,500          |
| Other Income  | 3     | 0                     | 2,861                      | 2,861          | 16,500         |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                       |       | <b>204,383</b>        | <b>208,280</b>             | <b>412,663</b> | <b>352,436</b> |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>                             |       |                       |                            |                |                |
| Staff Costs   |       | 106,121               | 8,668                      | 114,789        | 84,353         |
| Establishment costs                                   |       | 77,071                | -                          | 77,071         | 82,631         |
| Motor and travelling expenses                         |       | -                     | -                          | 0              | 4,665          |
| Accountancy fees                                      |       | -                     | 600                        | 600            | 600            |
| Legal and professional fees                           |       | -                     | 57,258                     | 57,258         | -              |
| Communication and IT                                  |       | -                     | 8,390                      | 8,390          | 9,959          |
| Other Office Expenses                                 |       | -                     | 14,395                     | 14,395         | 40,912         |
| Interest payable and finance charges                  |       | -                     | -                          | 0              | -              |
| Books and subscriptions                               |       | -                     | 6,881                      | 6,881          | -              |
| Charitable Activities Costs                           |       | 18,415                | 68,987                     | 87,402         | 115,303        |
| Donations   |       | -                     | -                          | 0              | 361            |
| Depreciation  |       | -                     | 10,917                     | 10,917         | 6,195          |
| Other costs   |       | 3,000                 | 969                        | 3,969          | 0              |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                       |       | <b>204,607</b>        | <b>177,065</b>             | <b>381,672</b> | <b>344,979</b> |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year</b> |       | <b>-224</b>           | <b>31,215</b>              | <b>30,991</b>  | <b>7,457</b>   |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>                    |       | <b>70,140</b>         | <b>23,619</b>              | <b>93,759</b>  | <b>86,302</b>  |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                    |       | <b>69,916</b>         | <b>54,834</b>              | <b>124,750</b> | <b>93,759</b>  |

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**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 28th February 2023**

|  | Notes    | £<br>Restricted Funds | £<br>Unrestricted<br>Funds | Total   | £<br>2022 |
|--|----------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                        | <b>1</b> | 87,308                | 8,349                      | 95,657  | 103,850   |
| <b>Current assets</b>                      |          |                       |                            |         |           |
| Debtors                                    | 7        | 34,679                | -                          | 34,679  | -         |
| Cash at bank and in hand                   |          | 46,810                | 46,485                     | 93,295  | 122,343   |
|  |          | 81,489                | 46,485                     | 127,974 | 122,343   |
| Creditors: amounts falling within one year | 8        | 98,881                | 0                          | 98,881  | 132,434   |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                  |          | -17,392               | 46,485                     | 29,093  | -10,091   |
| <b>Net assets</b>                          |          | 69,916                | 54,834                     | 124,750 | 93,759    |
| <b>Funds</b>                               |          |                       |                            |         |           |
| Restricted Funds                           |          |                       |                            | 69,916  | 49,266    |
| Unrestricted income funds                  | 9        |                       |                            | 54,834  | 44,493    |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                         |          |                       |                            | 124,750 | 93,759    |

The directors statements required by s475(2) and s475(3) are shown on the following page which forms part of the Balance Sheet

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**Balance Sheet (continued)**

**Directors' statements required by the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 28th February 2023**

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ended 28th February 2019.

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

These financial statements were approved by the board on 10th November 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Claire Preston  
Director

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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the period 1st March 2022 to 28th February 2023**

**1 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding period.

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the 2008 Charities Regulations and Directions and the Companies Act 2006

**1.2 Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

**1.3 Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

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.

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**Notes to financial statements**  
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| <b>2 Fixed Assets</b>  | <b>Land &amp; Buildings</b> | <b>Furniture &amp; Equipment</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Cost</b>            |                             |                                  |              |
| At 1 March 2022        | 88,280                      | 12,163                           | 100,443      |
| Additions              | 9,168                       | 2,434                            | 11,602       |
|                        | <hr/>                       | <hr/>                            | <hr/>        |
| As at 28 February 2023 | 97,448                      | 14,597                           | 112,045      |
| <b>Depreciation</b>    |                             |                                  |              |
| At 1 March 2022        | 3,824                       | 1,646                            | 5,470        |
| Charge for Year        | 7,490                       | 3,428                            | 10,918       |
|                        | <hr/>                       | <hr/>                            | <hr/>        |
| As at 28 February 2023 | 11,314                      | 5,074                            | 16,388       |
| <b>Net Book Value</b>  |                             |                                  |              |
| At 1 March 2022        | <hr/>                       | <hr/>                            | 0            |
| At 28 February 2023    | 86,134                      | 9,523                            | 95,657       |

**3.1 Donations & Legacies**

|                                       | <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>2023 Restricted Funds</b> | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
|                                       | <b>£</b>           | <b>£</b>                     | <b>£</b>                  |             |
| Jill Franklin Trust                   | 19,500             | 0                            | 19,500                    | 36,000      |
| The Ballinger Trust                   | 15,000             | 15,000                       | -                         | 20,000      |
| M.O.J. Comic Relief                   | 0                  | 0                            | -                         | 62,446      |
| Ministry of Justice North Yorkshire   | 30,000             | 0                            | 30,000                    | 30,000      |
| The Sam & Bella Charitable Foundation | 50,400             | 50,400                       | -                         | 15,000      |
| The Balcome Trust                     | 20,000             | 0                            | 20,000                    | -           |
| The Smallwood Trust                   | 12,500             | 12,500                       | -                         | 45,900      |
| The Penny Appeal                      | 0                  | 0                            | -                         | 10,000      |
| The Rosa Fund                         | 25,000             | 0                            | 25,000                    | -           |
| Voice4Change                          | 9,925              | 9,925                        | -                         | -           |
| Big Lottery Fund                      | 16,778             | 16,778                       | -                         | -           |
| BBC Children in Need                  | 30,000             | 30,000                       | -                         | -           |
| The Caring Family                     | 9,984              | 9,984                        | -                         | -           |
| Other Small Grants Received           | 36,909             | 36,409                       | 500                       | 6,822       |
| Deferred Income brought forward       | 23,387             | 23,387                       | -                         | 82,706      |
|                                       | <hr/>              | <hr/>                        | <hr/>                     | <hr/>       |
|                                       | 299,383            | 204,383                      | 95,000                    | 308,874     |

**3.2 Activities for generating funds**

|                                 | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                 | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Rent & Housing Benefit Received | 110,419     | 6,500       |
|                                 | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
|                                 | 110,419     | 6,500       |

**3.3 Other Income**

|                             | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                             | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Refunds and small donations | 2,861       | -           |
|                             | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
|                             | 2,861       | 0           |

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**for the period 1st March 2022 to 28th February 2023**

**5 Employees**

**Employment costs**

|                             | <b>2023</b>    | <b>2022</b>   |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
|                             | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>      |
| Wages and salaries          | 114,789        | 84,353        |
|                             | <u>114,789</u> | <u>84,353</u> |
| Average Number of Employees | <u>8</u>       | <u>8</u>      |

No Trustee received any remuneration or benefits in kind during the year in respect of their role as a Trustee.

**6 Taxation**

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes act 1998. Accordingly there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

**7 Debtors**

|  | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|--|-------------|-------------|
|  | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Voluntary Grants not yet deposited at Bank | 34,679      | -           |
|  | <u>-</u>    | <u>-</u>    |

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

|                         | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>    |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|                         | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>       |
| Deferred Revenue Grants | 32,195        | 28,387         |
| Trade Creditors         | -             | 600            |
| Amortised Capital Grant | 66,686        | 80,000         |
|                         | <u>98,881</u> | <u>108,987</u> |

**9 Analysis of net assets between funds**

|  | <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>Restricted Funds</b> | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>2022</b>    |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|  | <b>£</b>           | <b>£</b>                | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>       |
| Fund balances at 29th February 2023 as represented by: |                    |                         |                           |                |
| Fixed Assets   | 95,657             | 87,308                  | 8,349                     | 103,850        |
| Current assets   | 93,295             | 46,810                  | 46,485                    | 122,343        |
| Current Liabilities                                    | <u>98,881</u>      | <u>98,881</u>           | <u>0</u>                  | <u>132,434</u> |
|  | <u>90,071</u>      | <u>35,237</u>           | <u>54,834</u>             | <u>93,759</u>  |

**10 Unrestricted funds**

|                    | <b>At 01/03/2022</b> | <b>Incoming resources</b> | <b>Outgoing resources</b> | <b>At 28/02/2023</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
|                    | <b>£</b>             | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>             |
| Unrestricted funds | <u>70,140</u>        | <u>208,280</u>            | <u>177,065</u>            | <u>101,355</u>       |

**11 Purpose of Funds**

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Jill Franklin Trust                   | To support refuge clients                |
| The Ballinger Trust                   | Towards Running Costs                    |
| North Yorkshire Police                | Staff Costs and travel                   |
| The Sam & Bella Charitable Foundation | Staff Costs                              |
| The Balcome Trust                     | Core operating costs                     |
| The Smallwood Trust                   | Grants to be distributed to clients      |
| The Rosa Fund                         | Staff costs & client events              |
| Voice4Change                          | Client engagement, community development |
| Big Lottery Fund                      | Staff costs & client events              |
| BBC Children in Need                  | Staff Costs                              |
| The Caring Family                     | Towards Running Costs                    |

**THE HALO PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1159143

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# Accounts

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**The Halo Project**  
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**Legal and administrative information**

**Charity number** 1159143  
**Company registration number** 8913368

**Registered office** 307A Vanguard Suite  
Broadcasting House  
Gilkes Street  
Middlesbrough  
TS1 5JA

|                |                              |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| Samantha Hardy | Resigned 28th February 2022  |
| Mark White     | Resigned 28th February 2022  |
| Rachel Gray    |                              |
| Claire Preston |                              |
| Sara Mirsaheli |                              |
| Ferzana Ahmed  | Appointed 28th February 2022 |
| Asma Shaffi    | Appointed 28th February 2022 |

**Secretary** Ian Reid

**Accountants** Reid, Campbell & Co  
Accountants  
Ardluing  
Kilmun  
Argyll PA23 83Y

**Bankers** Barclays Bank

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**Report of the directors (incorporating the trustees' report)**  
**for the period 1st March 2021 to 28th February 2022**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 28th February 2022. The directors, who are also trustees of The Halo Project for the purposes of charity law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1 of this report

**Review of the year**

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Halo community services brand, whose commitment to the support of Black and minoritised women throughout the decade has been immense, saving lives, enabling change and providing hope to so many.

During this past year, there has undoubtedly been the lasting affect of the pandemic and subsequent increased demand for our specialised service, so, far from celebrating our significant progress to date, we continue to reflect, evolve and consider how we can best support victims, locally and across the UK. We have adapted our work to respond to new challenges, whilst remaining committed to our core purpose of empowering women to live free from harm.

**Education and training for professionals** is key to our mission – essential for our aim of reducing harm, improving safety and ultimately eradicating cultural harms to be achieved. As evidence shows that specialist support services are best placed to support professionals, we continually add to our portfolio of trauma informed training and have developed digital models of delivery to ensure ongoing, flexible access to necessary expertise.

**Halo Academy** is taking our commitment to training and the provision of quality services to another level. In addition to the generic recruitment and retention challenged prevailing, vacancy levels in our sector are currently 3x greater than ever before, further highlighting a skills gap and need. Halo took the decision to create a new community employability and training model, the Halo Academy, utilising senior managers' extensive experience historically in design and delivery of European Social Fund, equality and diversity and employability programmes and have designed the new Halo Academy model based upon some of this proven best practice methodology.

Through a community awareness campaign, The Halo Academy aims to attract potential candidates who will work within our Middlesbrough based team, offering an employability model that combines in-house training with blended learning and is similar to an apprenticeship/traineeship, with the national living wage (not at an apprenticeship salary) and offers a one-year contract of employment with enhanced benefits. Providing a pathway to a range of roles within the sector, we are proud to be contributing to the knowledge and skills of the sector, whilst raising awareness of our work and the need for professionalism and change.

**Partnerships** based on trust, dedication and commitment to our vision, are essential in order for change to take place and we strive to work with organisations who share our intent to make necessary change. **Halo Hubs** are one an example of successful partnering, working with universities and colleges across the country to raise awareness of hidden harms and create change on campus. Over 350 staff and students have now been trained through Halo Hubs and this is projected to grow significantly in the year ahead.

None of what has been achieved in the past year or previously would have been possible without an incredible, committed team and our funders and those who donate and have fundraised on our behalf . We are ever conscious of the value of everyone who contributes to the Halo mission, whether that be Trusts, individuals or companies , students, case workers, managers or trustees and know that the quality, compassion and ability of staff is all the more important for charities like ours, whose key personnel truly make a difference to lives on a daily basis.

We now look ahead to the coming year and further growth which will influence and expedite necessary change and meet the needs of victims, locally, regionally and nationally.

## **Structure, governance and management**

### *Background*

Established and incorporated on 26th February 2014, the Halo Trust is a charity registered in England which aims to provide support and assistance to the victims of forced marriage.

The Board currently consists of five Directors , who are also Trustees of the Charity, as laid out on page 1. The Board met four times in 2021-22

## **Financial Review**

The Charity had a successful year where the level of grant income, donations and outreach work held up well despite the Covid 19 lockdowns. There was a surplus of £7,457 which would be retained as reserves against future challenges.

## **Risk Policy**

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to these risks.

## **Reserves Policy**

The reserves are maintained and distributed in line with the charity's objectives and also the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The policy of the Charity is to aim to retain sufficient reserves to meet the cost of any regular commitments, as well as a contingency to enable it to continue to develop further projects.

**The Halo Project  
(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Report of the directors (incorporating the Trustees' report)  
for the period 1st March 2021 to 28th February 2022**

**Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors (who are also Trustees of The Halo Project Charity under charity law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the directors 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 directors are required to:

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- state whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2005, the Charities Accounts Regulations 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.

**Small companies provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on insert 10th November 2022 and signed on its behalf by



**Claire Preston**

**Director**

**The Halo Project  
(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Halo Project Charity**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 28th February 2022

**Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and examiner**

The charity's Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts Regulations 2006.

The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks 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 view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met.
2. which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



**Name: Ian Reid**

**Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: ACMA**

**Address: Reid, Campbell & CO, Ardluing, Kilmun, Argyll PA23 8RY**

**Date 1th November 2022**

**The Halo Project**  
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**Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)**

**for the period 1st March 2021 to 28th February 2022**

|   | Notes | Restricted Funds<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>£     | 2021<br>£      |
|---|-------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                             |       |                       |                            |                |                |
| Incoming Resources from generating funds:             |       | 20,562                | -                          | 20,562         | 41,651         |
| Voluntary Income                                      | 2     | 226,168               | 82,706                     | 308,874        | 69,239         |
| Activities for generating funds                       | 3     | 6,500                 | -                          | 6,500          | -              |
| Other incoming resources                              |       | 16,500                | -                          | 16,500         | 59,852         |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                       |       | <b>269,730</b>        | <b>82,706</b>              | <b>352,436</b> | <b>170,742</b> |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>                             |       |                       |                            |                |                |
| Staff Costs   |       | 84,353                | -                          | 84,353         | -              |
| Establishment costs                                   |       | 82,631                | -                          | 82,631         | 40,339         |
| Motor and travelling expenses                         |       | 4,665                 | -                          | 4,665          | 1,365          |
| Accountancy fees                                      |       | 600                   | -                          | 600            | 600            |
| Legal and professional fees                           |       | -                     | -                          | -              | -              |
| Communication and IT                                  |       | 9,959                 | -                          | 9,959          | 6,513          |
| Other Office Expenses                                 |       | 40,912                | -                          | 40,912         | 2,599          |
| Interest payable and finance charges                  |       | -                     | -                          | -              | -              |
| Books and subscriptions                               |       | -                     | -                          | -              | -              |
| Charitable Activities Costs                           |       | 65,303                | 50,000                     | 115,303        | 57,305         |
| Donations   |       | 361                   | -                          | 361            | -              |
| Depreciation  |       | 6,195                 | -                          | 6,195          | -              |
| Other costs   |       | -                     | -                          | -              | 1,565          |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                       |       | <b>294,979</b>        | <b>50,000</b>              | <b>344,979</b> | <b>110,286</b> |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year</b> |       | <b>-25,249</b>        | <b>32,706</b>              | <b>7,457</b>   | <b>60,456</b>  |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>                    |       | <b>48,868</b>         | <b>37,434</b>              | <b>86,302</b>  | <b>25,846</b>  |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                    |       | <b>23,619</b>         | <b>70,140</b>              | <b>93,759</b>  | <b>86,302</b>  |

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements

**The Halo Project**  
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**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 28th February 2022**

|  | Notes | £                |                    | £              |
|--|-------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
|  |       | Restricted Funds | Unrestricted Funds | 2021           |
|  |       |                  |                    | Total          |
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                        |       | 80,000           | 23,850             | 103,850        |
| <b>Current assets</b>                      |       |                  |                    |                |
| Debtors                                    | 7     | -                | -                  | -              |
| Cash at bank and in hand                   |       | 42,766           | 79,577             | 122,343        |
|  |       | <u>42,766</u>    | <u>79,577</u>      | <u>122,343</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling within one year | 8     | 73,500           | 58,934             | 132,434        |
|  |       | <u>-30,734</u>   | <u>20,643</u>      | <u>-10,091</u> |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                  |       |                  |                    |                |
| <b>Net assets</b>                          |       | <u>49,266</u>    | <u>44,493</u>      | <u>93,759</u>  |
| <b>Funds</b>                               |       |                  |                    |                |
| Restricted Funds                           |       |                  |                    | 49,266         |
| Unrestricted income funds                  | 9     |                  |                    | 44,493         |
|  |       |                  |                    | <u>93,759</u>  |
| Total Funds                                |       |                  |                    | <u>86,302</u>  |

The directors statements required by s475(2) and s475(3) are shown on the following page which forms part of the Balance Sheet

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet (continued)**

**Directors' statements required by the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 28th February 2022**

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ended 28th February 2019.

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April

These financial statements were approved by the board on 10th November 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Claire Preston  
Director

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements

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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the period 1st March 2021 to 28th February 2022**

**1. Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding period.

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 2006

**1.2 Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

**1.3 Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

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.

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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the period 1st March 2021 to 29th February 2022**

**2. Voluntary Income**

|                                       | <b>Total<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>2022<br/>Restricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>£</b> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Jill Franklin Trust                   | 36,000                       | 36,000                                     |                                     |
| The Ballinger Trust                   | 20,000                       | 20,000                                     |                                     |
| M.O.J. Comic Relief                   | 62,446                       | 62,446                                     |                                     |
| Ministry of Justice North Yorkshire   | 30,000                       | 30,000                                     |                                     |
| The Sam & Bella Charitable Foundation | 15,000                       | 15,000                                     |                                     |
| The Smallwood Trust                   | 45,900                       | 45,900                                     |                                     |
| The Penny Appeal                      | 10,000                       | 10,000                                     |                                     |
| Other Small Grants Received           | 6,822                        | 6,822                                      | -                                   |
| Deferred Income brought forward       | 82,706                       |  | 82,706                              |
|                                       | <u>308,874</u>               | <u>226,168</u>                             | <u>82,706</u>                       |

**3. Activities for generating funds**

|                        | <b>2022<br/>£</b> | <b>2021<br/>£</b> |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Other income generated | 6,500             | 1,643             |
|                        | <u>6,500</u>      | <u>1,643</u>      |

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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the period 1st March 2021 to 28th February 2022**

**5. Employees**

**Employment costs**

|                    | <b>2022</b>                 | <b>2021</b>                 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                    | <b>£</b>                    | <b>£</b>                    |
| Wages and salaries | 84,353                      | -                           |
|                    | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
|                    | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |

No Trustee received any remuneration or benefits in kind during the year in respect of their role as a Trustee.

**6. Taxation**

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes act 1998. Accordingly there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| <b>7. Debtors</b>                          | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|  | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Voluntary Grants not yet deposited at Bank | -           | -           |
|  | <u>-</u>    | <u>-</u>    |

|  |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | <b>2022</b>    | <b>2021</b>    |
|  | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Deferred Revenue Grants                                  | 28,387         | 82,076         |
| Trade Creditors  | 600            | 600            |
| Amortised Capital Grant                                  | 80,000         | 80,000         |
|  | <u>108,987</u> | <u>162,676</u> |

|  |                    |                         |                           |               |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>9. Analysis of net assets between funds</b>         | <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>Restricted Funds</b> | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>2021</b>   |
|  |                    | <b>£</b>                | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>      |
| Fund balances at 29th February 2022 as represented by: |                    |                         |                           |               |
| Fixed Assets   | 103,850            | 80,000                  | 23,850                    | 96,878        |
| Current assets   | 122,343            | 42,766                  | 79,577                    | 61,000        |
| Current Liabilities                                    | 132,434            | 73,500                  | 58,934                    | 71,576        |
|  | <u>93,759</u>      | <u>49,266</u>           | <u>44,493</u>             | <u>86,302</u> |

|                               |                      |                           |                           |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>10. Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>At 01/03/2021</b> | <b>Incoming resources</b> | <b>Outgoing resources</b> | <b>At 28/02/2022</b> |
|                               | <b>£</b>             | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>             |
| Unrestricted funds            | <u>37,434</u>        | <u>82,706</u>             | <u>50,000</u>             | <u>70,140</u>        |

**11. Company limited by guarantee**

The Halo Project is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1, to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

**THE HALO PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1159143

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# Accounts

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**The Halo Project**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**Legal and administrative information**

**Charity number** 1159143  
**Company registration number** 8913368

**Registered office** 307A Vanguard Suite  
Broadcasting House  
Gilkes Street  
Middlesborough  
TS1 5JA

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Samantha Hardy | Appointed May 2015          |
| Mark White     | Appointed May 2015          |
| Rachel Gray    | Appointed February 2020     |
| Claire Preston | Appointed 31st October 2019 |
| Sara Mirsaheli | Appointed 1st December 2018 |
| Yasmin Khan    | Resigned 31st October 2019  |

**Secretary** Yasmin Khan

**Accountants** Reid, Campbell & Co  
Accountants  
Ardluing  
Kilmun  
Argyll PA23 83Y

**Bankers** Barclays Bank

**The Halo Project  
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**Report of the directors (incorporating the trustees' report)  
for the period 1st March 2020 to 28th February 2021**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 28th February 2021. The directors, who are also trustees of The Halo Project for the purposes of charity law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1 of this report

**Structure, governance and management**

*Background*

Established and incorporated on 26th February 2014, the Halo Trust is a charity registered in England which aims to provide specialist support and assistance to Black and Minoritised (BME victims of domestic and sexual violence, specifically forced marriage, honour-based violence and female genital mutilation.

As a specialist by and for BME women and girls service the Board included 5 Directors during the year , who are also Trustees of the Charity, as laid out on page 1. The Board met four times in 2020-21

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**Report of the directors (incorporating the trustees' report)**  
**for the period 1st March 2020 to 28th February 2021**

**Financial Review**

Income has been generated through its bespoke training, donations, fundraising, housing and grants which has been utilized to support those women with No Recourse to Public Funds. Restricted reserves include funds held from grant partners for small grant dissemination to those victims most in need. During the year the charity purchased its first refuge property and land contributing to its longer term sustainability plans.

**Report of Chief Officer**

During the COVID pandemic the need for BME specialist provision had risen significantly. Two weeks into the lockdown the sector experienced the cumulative effect for specialist provision with referrals increasing by 300%. When the first lockdown was lifted, 75% of BME women in need of refuge bedspaces could not get accommodated because refuges were full. We anticipated a very high level of need for specialist provision in the following period to come as we enter the phase of COVID recovery.

As such, 2020/2021 has been a very challenging year for the Charity, we have had to adopt new ways of working due to the COVID 19 pandemic and ensure that we keep the victims we support and our staff safe.

During the year we have directly supported over 300 BME women and girls both in our refuge and in local communities, in an area that has an average of 6.4% BME the charity has supported 34 different ethnicities, demonstrating the need for our specialist by and for service and our reach to engage a diverse range of vulnerable and hidden victims.

Despite the challenges the charity has faced due to Covid we have made substantial inroads with our growth strategy by purchasing a refuge property and land at a new site in Middlesbrough which is part of our longer-term development aims to create a "Halo Village", shaped by the needs of BME victims which creates long-term recovery and independence.

A formal partnership agreement has been adopted between Tees Valley Inclusion Project and Halo for clarity and delineation between the two organisations. Halo now employs staff and supports more volunteers to deliver vital victim services. The long-term plan for our victim support and accommodation provision is to bring more staff and Senior leadership into the Charity.

The development of Halo has included the expansion of our accredited community education programmes and Halo Hope, our flagship victim BME recovery, trauma informed, training programme, is now poised to be launched nationally as a "Train the Trainer" practitioner programme. Our long-term plan is to instill confidence and knowledge to key workers to deliver Halo Hope in house.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of donors, partners and funders who have during the pandemic helped us to meet victims basic and humanitarian needs. We thank all our funders who are enlisted on our website funding page for helping us to support those women and girls with No Recourse to Public Funds. And to our staff, whom without the commitment and passion we could not have operated in unprecedented times to sustain and deliver the victim focused service we hold core to our values.

**Yasmin Khan, Chief Officer**

**Risk Policy**

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to these risks.

**Reserves Policy**

The reserves are maintained and distributed in line with the charity's objectives and also the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The policy of the Charity is to aim to retain sufficient reserves to meet the cost of any regular commitments, as well as a contingency to enable it to continue to develop further projects.

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**for the period 1st March 2020 to 28th February 2021**

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**Small companies provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on 15th July 2021 and signed on its behalf by



**Claire Preston**

**Director**

**The Halo Project  
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Halo Project Charity**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 28th February 2021

**Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and examiner**

The charity's Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts Regulations 2006.

The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks 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 view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met.
2. which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



**Name: Ian Reid**

**Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: ACMA**

**Address: Reid, Campbell & CO, Ardluing, Kilmun, Argyll PA23 8RY**

**Date 15th July 2021**

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**Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)**

**for the period 1st March 2020 to 28th February 2021**

|   | Notes | Restricted Funds<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>£     | 2020<br>£     |
|---|-------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                             |       |                       |                            |                |               |
| Incoming Resources from generating funds:             |       | -                     | 41,651                     | 41,651         | 27,278        |
| Voluntary Income                                      | 3     | 69,239                | -                          | 69,239         | 43,222        |
| Activities for generating funds                       | 4     | -                     | -                          | -              | -             |
| Other incoming resources                              | 5     | 59,852                | -                          | 59,852         | -             |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                       |       | <b>129,091</b>        | <b>41,651</b>              | <b>170,742</b> | <b>70,500</b> |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>                             |       |                       |                            |                |               |
| Staff Costs   |       | -                     | -                          | -              | -             |
| Establishment costs                                   |       | 40,339                | -                          | 40,339         | 31,503        |
| Motor and travelling expenses                         |       | -                     | 1,365                      | 1,365          | -             |
| Accountancy fees                                      |       | -                     | 600                        | 600            | 500           |
| Legal and professional fees                           |       | -                     | -                          | -              | -             |
| Communication and IT                                  |       | -                     | 6,513                      | 6,513          | -             |
| Other Office Expenses                                 |       | -                     | 2,599                      | 2,599          | -             |
| Interest payable and similar charges                  |       | -                     | -                          | -              | -             |
| Books and subscriptions                               |       | -                     | -                          | -              | -             |
| Charitable Activities Costs                           |       | 57,305                | -                          | 57,305         | 36,831        |
| Donations   |       | -                     | -                          | -              | -             |
| Other costs   |       | -                     | 1,565                      | 1,565          | -             |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                       |       | <b>97,644</b>         | <b>12,642</b>              | <b>110,286</b> | <b>68,834</b> |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year</b> |       | <b>31,447</b>         | <b>29,009</b>              | <b>60,456</b>  | <b>1,166</b>  |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>                    |       | <b>17,421</b>         | <b>8,425</b>               | <b>25,846</b>  | <b>24,680</b> |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                    |       | <b>48,868</b>         | <b>37,434</b>              | <b>86,302</b>  | <b>25,846</b> |

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**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 28th February 2021**

|  | Notes | 2021<br>£<br>Restricted Funds | 2021<br>£<br>Unrestricted<br>Funds | Total                | 2020<br>£<br>2020    |
|--|-------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                        |       |                               |                                    |                      |                      |
|  | 2     | 96,878                        | -                                  | 96,878               | -                    |
| <b>Current assets</b>                      |       |                               |                                    |                      |                      |
| Debtors                                    |       | -                             | -                                  | -                    | -                    |
| Cash at bank and in hand                   |       | 61,000                        | 90,739                             | 151,739              | 26,096               |
|  |       | <u>61,000</u>                 | <u>-</u>                           | <u>151,739</u>       | <u>26,096</u>        |
| Creditors: amounts falling within one year | 9     | 100,176                       | 62,500                             | 162,676              | 250                  |
|  |       | <u>100,176</u>                | <u>62,500</u>                      | <u>162,676</u>       | <u>250</u>           |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                  |       | -39,176                       | 28,239                             | -10,937              | 25,846               |
|  |       | <u>-39,176</u>                | <u>28,239</u>                      | <u>-10,937</u>       | <u>25,846</u>        |
| <b>Net assets</b>                          |       | <u>57,702</u>                 | <u>28,239</u>                      | <u>85,941</u>        | <u>25,846</u>        |
|  |       | <u><u>57,702</u></u>          | <u><u>28,239</u></u>               | <u><u>85,941</u></u> | <u><u>25,846</u></u> |
| <b>Funds</b>                               |       |                               |                                    |                      |                      |
| Restricted Funds                           |       |                               | 57,702                             |                      | 0                    |
| Unrestricted income funds                  | 11    |                               | <u>28,239</u>                      |                      | <u>25,846</u>        |
|  |       |                               | <u>28,239</u>                      |                      | <u>25,846</u>        |
| Total Funds                                |       |                               | <u><u>85,941</u></u>               |                      | <u><u>25,846</u></u> |

The directors statements required by s475(2) and s475(3) are shown on the following page which forms part of the Balance Sheet

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet (continued)**

**Directors' statements required by the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 28th February 2021**

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ended 28th February 2019.

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

These financial statements were approved by the board on 15th July 2021 and signed on its behalf by



Claire Preston  
Director

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements

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**Notes to financial statements**  
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**1. Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding period.

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 2006

**1.2 Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

**1.3 Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

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.

| <b>2. Fixed Assets</b> | <b>Land and Property</b> | <b>Office Equipment</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Cost</b>            |                          |                         |              |
| At 1st March 2020      | -                        | -                       |              |
| Additions              | <u>88,280</u>            | <u>10,163</u>           | 98,443       |
| At 28th February 2021  | 88,280                   | 10,163                  | 98,443       |
| <b>Depreciation</b>    |                          |                         |              |
| At 1st March 2020      | -                        | -                       |              |
| Charge for year        | <u>345</u>               | <u>1,220</u>            | 1,565        |
| At 28th February 2021  | 345                      | 1,220                   | 1,565        |
| <b>Net Book Value</b>  |                          |                         |              |
| At 1st March 2020      | -                        | -                       |              |
| At 28th February 2021  | <u>87,935</u>            | <u>8,943</u>            | 96,878       |

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| <b>3. Voluntary Income</b> | <b>Total<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>2021<br/>Restricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>£</b> | <b>2020<br/>£</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Stockton Borough Council   | 43,190                       | 43,190                                     | -                                   | 39,857            |
| Jill Franklin Trust        | 21,000                       | 21,000                                     |                                     |                   |
| Other Donations            | 5,049                        | 5,049                                      | -                                   | 30,643            |
|                            | <u>69,239</u>                | <u>69,239</u>                              | <u>0</u>                            | <u>70,500</u>     |

| <b>4. Activities for generating funds</b> | <b>2021<br/>£</b> | <b>2020<br/>£</b> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Training Fees Received                    | -                 | -                 |
|   | <u>-</u>          | <u>-</u>          |

| <b>5. Other incoming resources</b> | <b>2021<br/>£</b> | <b>2020<br/>£</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Bank Interest Received             | -                 | -                 |
| Sundry Income                      | -                 | -                 |
| Capital Grants                     | 59,852            |                   |
|                                    | <u>59,852</u>     | <u>-</u>          |

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**6. Employees**

**Employment costs**

|                       | 2021     | 2020     |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
|                       | £        | £        |
| Wages and salaries    | -        | -        |
| Social Security Costs | -        | -        |
|                       | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
|                       | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

There were no employment costs in the period

No Trustee received any remuneration or benefits in kind during the year in respect of their role as a Trustee.

**7. Taxation**

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes act 1998. Accordingly there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| <b>8. Debtors</b>                          | <b>2021</b> | <b>2020</b> |
|  | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Voluntary Grants not yet deposited at Bank | -           | -           |
|  | <u>-</u>    | <u>-</u>    |

**9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

|                          |                |             |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|
|                          | <b>2021</b>    | <b>2020</b> |
|                          | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>    |
| Deferred Revenue Grants  | 82,076         | -           |
| Trade Creditors          | 600            | 250         |
| Amortised Capital Grants | 80,000         | -           |
|                          | <u>162,676</u> | <u>250</u>  |

**10. Analysis of net assets between funds**

|  | <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>Restricted Funds</b> | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>2020</b>   |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
|  |                    | <b>£</b>                | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>      |
| Fund balances at 28th February 2021 as represented by: |                    |                         |                           |               |
| Current assets   | 151,739            | 61,000                  | 90,739                    | 26,096        |
| Current Liabilities                                    | 162,676            | 100,176                 | 62,500                    | 250           |
|  | <u>-10,937</u>     | <u>161,176</u>          | <u>28,239</u>             | <u>25,846</u> |

**11. Unrestricted funds**

|                    | <b>At 01/03/2020</b> | <b>Incoming resources</b> | <b>Outgoing resources</b> | <b>At 28/02/2021</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
|                    | <b>£</b>             | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>             |
| Unrestricted funds | <u>24,680</u>        | <u>41,651</u>             | <u>12,642</u>             | <u>53,689</u>        |

**12. Company limited by guarantee**

The Halo Project is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1, to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.