

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

**Legal and administrative information**

<b>Charity number</b>	1159143
<b>Company registration number</b>	8913368

<b>Registered office</b>	307A Vanguard Suite Broadcasting House Gilkes Street Middlesborough TS1 5JA
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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

<b>Secretary</b>	Yasmin Khan
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<b>Accountants</b>	Reid, Campbell & Co Accountants Ardluing Kilmun Argyll PA23 83Y
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<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank
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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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**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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**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 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 15th July 2021 and signed on its behalf by



**Claire Preston**

**Director**

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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 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total £	2020 £
<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>

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

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

	Notes	Restricted Funds	2021 £ Unrestricted Funds	Total	2020 £ 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
		61,000	-	151,739	26,096
Creditors: amounts falling within one year	9	100,176	62,500	162,676	250
<b>Net current assets</b>		-39,176	28,239	-10,937	25,846
<b>Net assets</b>		57,702	28,239	85,941	25,846
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted Funds			57,702		0
Unrestricted income funds	11		28,239		25,846
Total Funds			85,941		25,846

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 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

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

**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	88,280	10,163	98,443
At 28th February 2021	88,280	10,163	98,443
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1st March 2020	-	-	
Charge for year	345	1,220	1,565
At 28th February 2021	345	1,220	1,565
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 1st March 2020	-	-	
At 28th February 2021	87,935	8,943	96,878

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**3. Voluntary Income**

	<b>Total Funds £</b>	<b>2021 Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>2020 £</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>

**4. Activities for generating funds**

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Training Fees Received	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**5. Other incoming resources**

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Bank Interest Received	-	-
Sundry Income	-	-
Capital Grants	59,852	-
	<u>59,852</u>	<u>-</u>

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**6. Employees**

**Employment costs**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	-	-
Social Security Costs	-	-
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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.

**8. Debtors**

	2021 £	2020 £
Voluntary Grants not yet deposited at Bank	-	-
	-	-

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Deferred Revenue Grants	82,076	-
Trade Creditors	600	250
Amortised Capital Grants	80,000	-
	162,676	250

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

	Total Funds	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted funds £	2020 £
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
	-10,937	161,176	28,239	25,846

**11. Unrestricted funds**

	At 01/03/2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 28/02/2021 £
Unrestricted funds	24,680	41,651	12,642	53,689

**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.