MAGNA VITAE

England & Wales · Charity number 1160156

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	09078400
Registered	2015-01-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Address	Meridian Leisure Centre Wood Lane Louth Lincolnshire LN11 8SA
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Activities

Objects: THE COMPANY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT TO:- TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; AND/OR- TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES; AND/OR- TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO BE AVAILABLE TO ALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT DISTINCTION, INCLUDING USE FOR MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES AND/OR OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR ALL THOSE WHO USE THE FACILITIES; AND/OR- TO PROMOTE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PERFORMING ARTS; AND/OR- SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION MAY DETERMINE.

Activities: We provide a range of cultural, leisure and health related facilities and services that allow local people to lead a great life. Any profits we make are re-invested to continually develop and improve services

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for the people of East Lindsey.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£8,100,201	£7,869,488	£2,060,858	179
2024-03-31	£7,915,935	£7,611,272	£2,267,145	160
2023-03-31	£6,422,831	£6,323,697	£1,843,482	146
2022-03-31	£5,620,404	£5,410,739	£383,348	119
2021-03-31	£4,103,857	£4,262,765	£-1,680,317	129

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER HELPS MBE	Chair	2018-05-17
Catherine Atwater		2022-10-20
Claire Draper		2025-10-23
David Warden		2021-08-25
IAN ROBERT EMMERSON OBE		2014-10-09
Ian Fytche		2025-10-23
JONATHAN COLIN STONES		2016-01-14
Michelle Howard		2022-10-20
Richard Fry		2025-05-21
Robert Watson		2023-05-24

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE TRUST, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	C Atwater I R Emmerson OBE P M Helps E Hjelms M Howard S W H Kemp (resigned 21 May 2025) J C Stones D Warden R W Watson Cllr R Fry (appointed 21 May 2025)
Company Registered Number	09078400
Charity Registered Number	1160156
Registered Office	Meridian Leisure Centre Wood Lane Louth Lincolnshire LN11 8SA
Executive Directors	J Brindle A Richardson
Senior Leadership Team	J Brindle, Executive Director A Richardson, Executive Director S Topham, Director of Finance J Turner, Director of Business Development N Baker, Director of Operations
Independent Auditors	Streets Audit LLP Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor Tower House Lucy Tower Street Lincoln LN1 1XW
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees (who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the audited financial statements of Magna Vitae (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Trust have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the charity qualifies as small, under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The Trustees confirm that they have considered their duties and have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Trustees are confident that the activities of Magna Vitae are carried out for the benefit of others as is detailed in the rest of the information within the Trustees report.

The charity's revenues and any operating surpluses are re-invested to continually develop and improve outcomes for the people of East Lindsey in Lincolnshire.

Magna Vitae has a strategic partnership with East Lindsey District Council (ELDC).

Our Vision, Mission and Values are encapsulated in Magna Vitae's DNA:

Magna Vitae's DNA

Our Vision is to improve the wellbeing of our community, enabling people to live great lives.

Our Mission is to clearly demonstrate proactive and innovative leadership, that will generate positive changes in the areas of social and economic inequality. We are committed to empower local people by reaching out with humanity and compassion.

Our Values: We are in this together; We embrace change; We are always learning; We celebrate difference.



In This Together

The team comes first. Everyone in our team has a voice and a place. We are a truly cohesive unit that routinely shows togetherness, has a positive drive, ambition and holds each other accountable. We believe that we are stronger together and that together, we can lead the way.



Embrace change

We innovate. We identify the need to change. We routinely accept change and agree that change is necessary, change is good. We do change well. Our dynamic approach is flexible and adaptable. We embrace change.



Always Learning

We constantly seek to become the best version of ourselves. A team of human beings with a collective desire to flourish in a safe learning environment. We have a growth mindset. We positively blend our professional and personal self. We take responsibility and we do it better every time. Being the best version of ourselves will allow us to better the lives of others.



Celebrate Differences

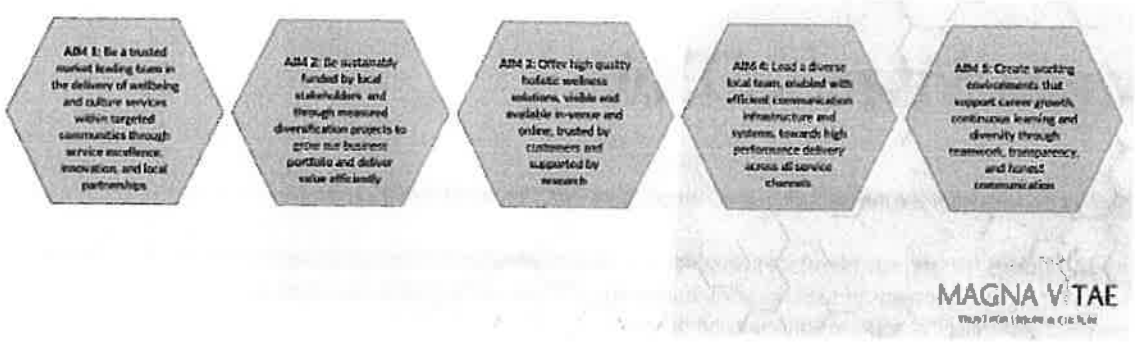
We appreciate that we are all different. We capitalise on our cognitive diversity. We are commited to minimising our individual blind spots by tapping into the collective intelligence of our team. We seek to understand and respect each other's perspective, views and opinions, thereby maximising our creative potential.

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Our charitable Objectives form part of our Articles of Association

- *To provide or assist in the provision of both indoor and outdoor facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstance or to the public at large with the object of improving their conditions of life; and/or*
- *To promote community participation in healthy recreational activities; and/or*
- *To provide or assist in the provision of community facilities to be available to all sections of the community without distinction, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and/or other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for all who use the facilities; and/or*
- *To promote the education of the public through the provision of facilities for performing arts and/or*
- *Such other charitable purposes as the Trustees in their absolute discretion may determine.*

Our five-year Corporate Strategy 2022-2027 has five main aims:



CURRENT PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Trust operates cultural and leisure venues across the East Lindsey district of Lincolnshire. These venues are owned by East Lindsey District Council and are:

- Embassy Theatre, Skegness has a seating capacity of 1,081 and hosts and promotes over 150 live shows each year, including a professional two-week Christmas Pantomime, produced by the Magna Vitae in house team.
- Meridian Leisure Centre, Louth opened in 2010. Has an 8 lane 25m pool plus leisure pool and flume, newly refurbished gym over two floors plus spin studio, sports hall, dance studio, multi-purpose ground floor rooms and café. This is Magna Vitae's flagship leisure centre.
- Wood Lane football pitch & Multi-Use Games Area, Louth.
- Horncastle Swimming Pool & Fitness Suite has an indoor 4 lane 25m pool and gym.
- Skegness Swimming Pool & Fitness Suite has an indoor pool 6 lane 25m pool, attractive seasonal outdoor pool and gym.
- Station Leisure & Learning Centre, Mablethorpe – A brand-new leisure centre adjacent to the original Station Sports Centre venue has been built and opened in in July 2024 with a 4 lane 25m indoor swimming pool, Fitness Suite, multi-use studios and Magna Tag, a digital multi activity attraction.
- Altitude44 is the UK's tallest urban ropes course, based in Skegness.

In addition to physical venues, Magna Vitae supports our communities right across the East Lindsey area and beyond via:

- Health and wellbeing programmes.
- High quality exercise on prescription services.
- Sports and physical development work.
- Management of the district's flagship cultural event, the SO Festival, an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) programme.

Achievements and Performance

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Magna Vitae began the financial year in a strong position, delivering **outstanding service to a growing number of customers and members throughout East Lindsey and surrounding areas.** This outstanding service continued throughout the year, with impressive quarterly figures highlighting increased engagement with their programmes and facilities. This success is attributed to the hard work, passion, and dedication of all teams across the organisation.

The year saw **fantastic website and mobile app updates**, and soaring success from teams, products, and services. A significant highlight was the **opening of 2 brand new venues**: the Station Leisure & Learning Centre in Mablethorpe, and the completion of redevelopment works at the Embassy Theatre's Culture House. These multi-million-pound investments not only enhanced the leisure and culture services offered but also strengthened the wider Magna Vitae Trust.

Fitness membership, swimming lesson, and gymnastic participation numbers continued to perform strongly. During the year, Magna Vitae recorded **713,899 visits across its diverse activity programmes**. This achievement demonstrates the hard work and dedication of all Magna Vitae staff members. Across leisure venues, continued momentum was reported, with recent fitness campaigns celebrating real customer stories that deeply resonated and inspired their work. Customer engagement in health and wellbeing activities has seen numbers continue to rise.

Community teams have been instrumental in supporting local facilities and businesses through their activities. **The Ageless & Agile sessions notably exceeded expectations and won an 'Impact on Health' award.** Participation in 'Aspire to Be' and 'School's Out' programmes also continued to grow, reflecting the energy and passion of the teams. The 'Schools Out' Programme successfully engaged children and families from **over 20 different local communities** with brilliant holiday activities.

Looking ahead, Magna Vitae expresses excitement for the future. They are committed to creating spaces and opportunities that make a difference, in collaboration with dedicated staff, supportive partners, and loyal customers. The Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership Team extended thanks for continued support and engagement in their journey to improve lives through culture, leisure, and community.

Physical Activity Opportunities Participation in fitness memberships, swimming lessons, and gymnastics remained strong. Total visits across Magna Vitae's diverse activity programmes for the year (April 2024-March 2025) reached **713,899**.

- **Quarter 1 (April-June 2024):** 162,672 visits.
- **Quarter 2 (July-September 2024):** A record-breaking 200,280 visits.
- **Quarter 3 (October-December 2024):** 160,465 visits.
- **Quarter 4 (January-March 2025):** 190,482 visits.

Within Our Venues (as of March 2025):

- **Station Leisure & Learning Centre (Mablethorpe):** Has **1,564 fitness members** and 145 learners in the WaterWise Learn to Swim Programme. Health and fitness memberships here surpassed expectations, with an impressive increase of over **1,000 members** compared to the previous Mablethorpe venue.

- **Skegness Pool & Fitness Suite:** Hosts 767 fitness members and 342 learners in the WaterWise Learn to Swim Programme. The seasonal outdoor pool also exceeded its general swimming targets during the summer.

- **Horncastle Pool & Fitness Suite:** Has 836 fitness members and 345 children enrolled in the WaterWise Learn to Swim Programme. This is particularly impressive as Horncastle is their smallest venue.

- Meridian Leisure Centre (Louth): Boasts **2,505 fitness members**, 989 learners in the WaterWise Learn to Swim Programme, and **281 gymnasts** enrolled in the Magna Vitae Gymnastics Programme (exclusive to Louth).

Magna Vitae consistently reported a **positive Net Promoter Score (NPS)**:
- **Quarter 1:** NPS score of **61** (national average 47).
- **Quarter 2:** NPS score of **69** (national average 45).
- **Quarter 3:** NPS score of **64** (national average 44).
- NPS measures customer loyalty based on their likelihood of recommending a business, with a higher score (from -100 to +100) being desirable.

Community Teams:
- **School's Out! Programme:** Coaches delivered holiday activities to support local facilities and businesses.
    - During the April (Easter) and May Half-Term holidays, activities were held for **13 days, engaging 265 children** from over 40 different communities.
    - During the Summer Holidays, the team delivered **39 sessions across 23 days, with 583 young people participating** at 8 East Lindsey locations.
    - October Half-Term saw 164 participants, and February Half-Term had 165 children, with Spilsby recording the highest attendance.
    - Activities included various sports camps (Football, Netball, Multi-Sports, Dance) and trips to the Station Leisure & Learning Centre.
    - Partnerships with Kenwick Park Golf Club, XSite Skatepark, and Boston United FC provided fun and educational experiences, giving children access to free activities and opportunities to socialise.

- **Other Activities within the Community:** Community engagement flourished with new targeted sports participation programmes.
  - Introductions included **'Pickleball' and 'Walking Rugby'**.
  - Partnerships with Lincolnshire Cricket Ltd introduced weekly 'Street Cricket' sessions for teenagers, and the Lords Taverners 'Table Cricket' competition was expanded for individuals with special educational needs (SEN) and physical disabilities.
  - Magna Vitae teamed up with Lincolnshire Coop for 'Wellbeing Walks' training, revitalising walks in Louth, Horncastle, and Wragby, and introducing a new walk in Binbrook.
  - Fitness and Yoga sessions were delivered in Binbrook and Brookenby, and 'Body Conditioning' and 'Core & Stretch' classes launched in Wragby.
  - This resulted in **352 sessions delivered, 2,954 participants, and 18 new activities.**

- **The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF):**
  - Quarter 1 saw its 9th delivery, reaching **158 participants** over 19 days.
  - Quarter 2 expanded to include Station Leisure & Learning Centre, offering **over 78 days of delivery with 1,556 spaces utilised**, incorporating SEND Stay and Play and Teen programmes.
  - Quarter 3 had 376 spaces utilised across 12 delivery days.
  - The programme provides **healthy meals and enriching activities during Easter, Summer, and Christmas holidays.**
  - All three venues registered as new food businesses and achieved a **5-star Food Safety rating** from East Lindsey District Council.
  - The Summer 2023 HAF delivery provided funded activity days and healthy hot meals, and encouraged participation in new activities, with **25% of all places attended by children trying new activities.**

Health Improvement

- **The Ageless & Agile programme:**
  - Funded by the Mental Health and Wellbeing Community Investment Fund and Shine Lincolnshire, this programme offers sessions in all local venues.
  - It provides a friendly environment for individuals looking to socialise and stay active, particularly those struggling with isolation and loneliness.
  - The programme received **£56,250 in funding over three years** (2023/24: £25,000; 2024/25: £18,750; 2025/26: £12,500).
  - Activities include nostalgic games, quizzes, seated exercises, and discussions on health awareness topics.
  - It continues to grow, with **87 people attending since April 1st, 2024,** exceeding the annual target of 70 set by Shine. In Quarter 4 alone, 20 new beneficiaries joined, bringing the total to 107.
  - The programme is developed around the NHS's 5 Pillars of Wellbeing, incorporating diverse health and wellbeing topics and inclusive physical activities such as archery, tennis, and bowls.
  - Ageless & Agile proudly **won the 'Impact on Health' award** at the Active Lincolnshire Physical Activity Awards in November.

- **The One You Lincolnshire Exercise on Prescription programme (EOP):**
  - Continues to benefit residents by providing a personal exercise plan for those with medical conditions who would benefit from an active lifestyle.
  - In Quarter 1, 204 individuals were assessed, with 23% **continuing with a Magna Vitae membership** after their programme.
  - In Quarter 2, 188 individuals were assessed, with **33% continuing a Magna Vitae membership.**
  - In Quarter 3, 166 individuals were assessed, with 29% continuing.
  - Quarter 4 saw **204 individuals assessed, exceeding the target of 156.**
  - To manage waiting lists, referrals are now only being accepted from Healthcare Professionals. The programme is currently under an Integrated Lifestyle Service tender process.

- **Dementia Action Week (May 13th-19th):** The community team hosted the **'Spring Games,' a dementia-friendly sports day** at Meridian Leisure Centre.
    - This event featured simple, inclusive games designed by Magna Vitae and was attended by various activity groups, local dementia cafes, and children from primary schools.
    - The event was a **finalist for the 'Active Event Award'** at the Active Lincolnshire Awards.
    - Efforts related to Dementia Friendly Communities also included maintaining connections with the steering group to improve experiences for those impacted by dementia.
- **Drowning Prevention Week (June 15th-22nd):** Magna Vitae participated in this initiative by the Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS).
    - They created a **water safety code video** that has been widely spread both locally and nationally.

Headline Marketing Campaigns Magna Vitae's latest fitness campaigns celebrated real customer stories that deeply resonated and inspired their work.

- **"Every Moment Matters" campaign:** Launched in September, which was their second-largest membership period. This campaign reinforced the value of their offering and focused on positive affirmation, using a video that showcased the lives of four customers facing real-life challenges to inspire others.
- **Annual fitness campaign (November, around Black Friday):** Offered reduced annual memberships across their venues.
    - Multi-venue memberships were **£360 (down from £375).**
    - Single-venue memberships were **£284 (down from £295).**
    - This promotion attracted both new and returning members.
- **'Golden Quarter' campaign – "No Excuses":** Delivered in Quarter 4, designed to challenge people to prioritise their health and wellbeing.
    - The campaign highlighted the importance of shifting mindset for lasting changes.
    - It featured two inspiring customer stories, **Caron and Malcolm, as 'No Excuses Ambassadors'.**
    - Caron's Story: At 59, Caron, a secondary school teacher, experienced two mini-strokes due to work-related stress. Her second stroke led her to re-evaluate her life and, through Magna Vitae, she transformed her health and wellbeing. Her story was featured in the "No Excuses" campaign.
    - Malcolm's Story: Sixteen years ago, Malcolm suffered a severe stroke that impacted his right side. After recovery, he was referred to the Exercise on Prescription programme by his doctor and has remained committed to staying active, a testament to his resilience and passion for exercise. Malcolm's story was also part of the "No Excuses" campaign.
    - The direct tone of the "No Excuses" campaign resonated powerfully with both audiences and stakeholders.
- **Future campaigns:** Include 'Phase 2' of No Excuses (Price Comparisons), the Superhero "Pool Power" campaign, and the re-utilisation of their Drowning Prevention Water Safety Video.

Creative & Cultural Opportunities

- **The Embassy Theatre:**

  - In partnership with The Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC), the theatre held its inaugural "First Encounters" performance of **Romeo & Juliet,** welcoming children from five local schools.
  - It also hosted the RSC's national celebration of Shakespeare's birthday.
  - In Quarter 2 (July-September 2024), live performances included "Blood Brothers" and "Jimmy Carr".
  - Auditions for the Annual Pantomime attracted over 60 local performers.

    - **Phase one of the Culture House concept construction project began in early September 2024.** This extensive renovation and extension of The Embassy Theatre was scheduled from September 2024 to April 2025.

- Key works in Quarter 4 (January-March 2025) included stripping the auditorium, removing seating, demolishing exterior walls for new extensions, painting the entire building, installing new interior walls, a new office space, a new fire curtain, and the installation of **over 1,000 brand new seats.**

- The venue reopened to the public on April 3rd, 2025.

  - **Patronage and Performance Data:**

    - **Quarter 1:** 16,474 patrons, 49 live performances, £4.24 average spend per person.
    - **Quarter 2:** 22,718 patrons, 46 live performances, £3.59 average spend per person.
    - **Quarter 3:** 19,851 patrons, 49 live performances.
    - **Quarter 4:** The theatre was closed for renovations.
    - The Annual Pantomime, Dick Whittington, performed in Quarter 3 to an audience of **8,362 patrons**.
    - Audience donations in Quarter 3 enabled **140 students & young carers** to enjoy the performance.

- **SO Festival 2024 (June 14th-16th):**

  - Despite challenging weather, the festival was a great success.
  - The full programme for Skegness dates was moved indoors to The Embassy Theatre, and the Mablethorpe programme was tailored to the weather, with activities in Queen's Park Car Park, along The Promenade, and in Beach Huts.
  - The festival featured seven UK premiers and performances from local, UK-wide, and European artists.
  - Visitors had opportunities for aerial acrobatics workshops, custom-written poems, and contributing to street art.
  - The SO 'Talks' programme, featuring national and international speakers, is an increasingly important part of the Festival.
  - Overall, the Festival featured **17 performances and presentations from artists across five countries**, engaging 45 individuals, and included three talks from industry specialists with a total of 100 attendees.

- **SO Festival Team Initiatives:**

  - The Festival supported three companies touring to consortium partners (Newark, Sleaford, Gainsborough) and four community-based projects.
  - **Ten Festival Assistants were employed**, including local freelancers, University of Lincoln students, and Magna Vitae staff.
  - The team is collaborating with Passage Festival in Denmark to bring innovative artists to the SO

Festival weekend in June 2025.

- In November, the SO Festival team hosted their first **Creative Careers Week event** at The Embassy Theatre, attended by over 60 participants from local schools and creative freelancers aged 16-25, providing networking and collaboration opportunities.
- The Community Programming Team contributes to shortlisting artists for the festival programme.
- In February 2025, a **new LinkedIn account and group were created for Lincolnshire Creatives**, growing to 869 active members in the group and almost 140 followers on the account.
- The first Creative Meetup of the year was hosted in March as part of Newark Ignite.
- Magna Vitae has been developing its first Outdoor Arts Development Scheme to support Lincolnshire artists engaged in outdoor arts, appointing **3 Supported Artists**.
- The SO Festival team attended the Outdoor Arts UK Conference, engaging with national partners and discussing sector challenges.

Cultural Collaborations, Highlights & Awards

- **Cultural Collaborations:**

  - Magna Vitae has been asked to **'Chair' the National Coastal Cultural Network (CCN)**, a legacy project from the 'Opera for All' programme, aiming to develop an advocacy platform and potentially access additional Arts Council England funds.
  - Through international cultural relationships and funding collaboration, local young people participated in the **FITS (Festival International de Teatru de la Sibiu) Volunteer Programme in Romania.**
  - In Quarter 4, Magna Vitae supported three more individuals in the **International People's College (IPC) cultural exchange programme in Denmark**, a three-month learning experience focused on personal development and cultural exploration. One participant, Louise, a swim teacher, shared it was a "great experience". These programmes are shaping a more connected, confident, and skilled community.

  - Magna Vitae's Executive Director, **James Brindle, joined Community Leisure UK's Board as their new Cultural Director**. He emphasizes that cultural consumption improves health and wellbeing, with the power to alleviate pain, frailty, depression, and medication dependence, highlighting the sector's crucial role in developing cultural health programmes.

- **Highlights & Awards:**
  - Magna Vitae significantly lowered its **Carbon Footprint by 40 Tonnes of CO2e annually**, equivalent to 40 transatlantic flights.
  - Magna Vitae had several nominated finalists for the **Active Lincolnshire Awards**:
    - Their **Ageless & Agile programme** was nominated for the 'Impact on Health Award'.
    - Their **Spring Games – Dementia Friendly Sports Day** was a finalist for the 'Active Event Award'.
  - In November 2024, **Ageless & Agile won the 'Impact on Health' award.**
  - **Ruby Fox,** a young coach, received the **'Active Achievement Award'** for her contributions to the Magna Vitae Gymnastics Programme.
  - **Nik Fox** from the Sport & Development team was a finalist for the 'Outstanding Service to Sport & Physical Activity Award' for enhancing golf opportunities.
  - **Lindsay Linder**, a swimming teacher, was a finalist for the 'Active Youth Champion Award' for inspiring young people in swimming.
  - **Debbie Prince**, a long-standing member, was a finalist for the 'Unsung Hero Award' for encouraging physical activity.
  - **Magna Vitae Gymnastics** was nominated as a finalist for British Gymnastics 'OFFICIAL DELIVERY PARTNER VENUE OF THE YEAR' for their commitment to providing high-quality, inclusive, and enjoyable gymnastics.
  - The **Meridian Leisure Centre team achieved 'EXCELLENT' in its most recent Quest audit**, marking the first time a Magna Vitae venue achieved a full excellent banding.
  - Meridian Leisure Centre also received "**The Tackling Inequalities in Leisure" Standard.**
  - At the East Lindsey Community Ambassador Awards 2024, Magna Vitae sponsored the Youth Champion Award, which **Summer Willetts won.**
  - Magna Vitae was shortlisted for the **"People Above Profit" category** at the inaugural Community Leisure UK Seriously Social Awards 2024, recognising the inspiring journey of Paul.

Additionality & Impact Magna Vitae's long-term partnership with East Lindsey District Council (ELDC) delivers significant 'additional' impact through targeted interventions meeting resident needs. This 'additionality' is achieved through:

- Development of collaborative partnerships and networks.
- Fundraising that leverages external investment into the district from diverse funders.

Financial Impact Summary:

- **Service Fee (24/25): £1.74m**, including additional contract delivery for SO Festival, Sport & Physical Activity, and Inland Conurbations.
- **Partnerships:** Engaged in local, national, and international partnerships and collaborations.
- **Funding Investment:** Secured **£2.31m of additional funding** from 11 different funders to deliver health and wellbeing programmes for communities. (This £2.3m includes all live revenue projects & capital funding secured over the last 12 months).

Confirmed Funder & Amount (Examples):

- SO Festival NPO (Arts Council England): £962,000 (Nov 2022)
- Ageless & Agile (Shine): £56,250 (April 2023)
- Aspire to be... (Theddlethorpe GDF): £230,000 (Sept 2023)
- Exercise Referral (OneYou): £25,552 (July 2023)
- Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Programme (LCC): £84,000 (Dec 2024)
- International People's College (IPC) (UK Shared Prosperity Fund): £109,436 (Sept 2023)
- Swimming Pool Support Fund (Sport England): £591,173 (March 2024)
- Spilsby Recreation Ground & Pavilion (UKSPF Grassroots): £24,000 (May 2024)
- Spilsby Recreation Ground & Pavilion (Football Foundation): £214,000 (June 2024)
- Wolds Community Activity Group (Brookenby Community Land Trust LTD): £7,500 (April 2024)
- Multiply Grant (LCC): £6,000 (Nov 2024)

Moving Communities - Total Social Value: The total social value generated by participants over the last 12 months is **£4,164,263**.

- Physical & Mental Health: £981,791
- Subjective Wellbeing: £2,163,866
- Individual Development: £30,246
- Social & Community Development: £988,327
- The Social Value Calculator (SVC) measures and values the impacts of sport & physical activity using evidence-based academic research funded by Digital, Culture, Media & Sport and Sport England.

Programmes Overview:

- **Ageless & Agile**: Provides weekly sessions in Louth, Mablethorpe, Skegness, and Horncastle for older adults to maintain fitness and find new hobbies, including walking routes, sporting memories, walking cricket, seated exercises, and social "cuppa and a chat" sessions.

- **Aspire to Be**: A skill-building programme designed to improve access to skills-based learning and enhance employability.

- **Exercise Referral**: Provides funding for personalized exercise plans for residents with medical conditions who would benefit from a more active lifestyle, benefiting 600 residents annually.

- **Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)**: Government-funded initiative offering active opportunities, socialisation, food education, and a free meal at each session for children aged 5-16 years during school holidays.

- **SO Festival**: An accessible, annual outdoor arts festival designated as part of Arts Council England's national portfolio, bringing international quality culture to Mablethorpe, Skegness, and surrounding communities.

- **International Peoples College**: Offers personal growth and skill development through Danish Folk High School education, focusing on achieving life goals and enhancing personal and professional development.

- **Swimming Pool Support Fund**: Investment to help Meridian Leisure Centre implement sustainable energy-efficient infrastructure, reducing operational costs and carbon emissions.

- **Spilsby Recreation Ground & Pavilion**: The Football Foundation has awarded £214,000 towards a PlayZone, which is due for installation and completion in November.

- **Wolds Community Activity Group (WCAG)**: Utilises funding for outdoor gym equipment in Binbrook and Brookenby, and to purchase table tennis tables.

- **Multiply Grant**: Aims to create opportunities for adults to develop numeracy skills, improving their employment prospects and life chances.

Aspire to Be & Work Placements

- The **Aspire to Be programme** continues to motivate, support, and train individuals, improving their physical and mental wellbeing to prepare them for the wider workforce. This is a **two-year project funded by Theddlethorpe GDF Community Partnership with £230,000**, focusing on Mablethorpe and surrounding villages.

- Magna Vitae's HR Team engaged with Secondary and Higher Education providers across East Lindsey, offering career advice, mock interviews, and employment skills workshops to young people.

- **Key outcomes of Aspire to Be**:
  - **68 individuals engaged** in the programme.
  - **63 individuals attended a training course** (online or face-to-face).
  - **27 individuals gained employment.**
  - **27 individuals are now working full-time/part-time/zero-hour contracts** at the Mablethorpe leisure centre, having accessed qualifications in customer service and transferable skills.
  - **10 individuals completed their National Pool Lifeguard Qualification** or are booked on an upcoming course.
  - **9 individuals have their Level 1 swim teacher qualification** or are booked onto a course.
  - **1 individual has taken their Level 2 Fitness Qualification** (with others planned for 2025/26).
  - **1 individual completed their Aquacise course.**
  - **2 individuals completed their Level 2 Food Safety.**
  - **7 individuals completed their Emergency First Aid** and are booked on Mental Health awareness training in April 2025.

- **Work Placements & Skills Development**:
  - **19 work placements were successfully delivered** across teams and venues over the past year.
  - Participants included students from Lincoln College, Somercotes Academy, Louth King Edward VI Grammar School, Louth Academy, Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Alford, Linkage, and St Bernard's SEND School in Louth.
  - These placements offer students valuable hands-on experience, allowing them to experience a real working environment, engage with colleagues and customers, and gain practical insight.
  - Notably, **7 students who completed these placements have since qualified as Lifeguards** and secured employment that fits around their ongoing studies, demonstrating the positive and lasting impact of the programme.

Digital Analytics Summary Magna Vitae continues to see **consistent increases in digital engagement**.

- **Website Performance (magnavitae.org, sofestival.org, embassytheatre.co.uk, altitude44.co.uk)**:
  - Total number of page views: **1,564,101**.
  - Total number of unique users: **304,282**.
  - Average length of time on a page: **2 minutes 5 seconds**.
- **Magna Vitae Mobile App**:
  - **11,062 downloads** in the last 12 months.
  - Currently has **36,258 total users**.
- **Social Media Channels (Facebook, Instagram, X/Twitter)**: Continues to generate strong engagement.
  - Total followers (across all related accounts including Leisure Venues, Corporate, Community, Altitude44, Embassy Theatre & SO Festival): **60,272**.
  - Total engagement: **25,797**.
  - Total reach: **1,144,958**.
- **SO Festival's New Social Media Channels**:
  - Dramatic growth in followers and interaction on SO Festival's social media accounts.
  - A **new LinkedIn account and group for Lincolnshire Creatives were created in February 2025**, as an alternative to X (formerly Twitter) for reaching stakeholders and arts professionals.
  - The LinkedIn group is managed by SO Festival and partners to increase usage and following, aiming to be a useful community for all Lincolnshire-based arts organisations and professionals.
  - The group has **869 active members**.
  - The LinkedIn account (@magna-vitae-culture) has almost **140 followers**.

Testimonials Magna Vitae is proud of the consistently positive feedback received throughout the year. Here are some examples:

- **Horncastle Pool & Fitness Suite**: Users praised "good local facilities," "easy access to booking via the app," and "very friendly" staff who resolved issues. Staff were described as "friendly, kind," making users "comfortable," and the facility as "disabled friendly" and "non-judgmental".
- **Station Leisure & Learning Centre**: Customers noted its positive impact on the community as "a very good meeting place". It was described as "clean, so clean. Modern with great facilities especially for those with disabilities. A varied programme including the pool. The cafe is lovely - but the main thing is all the staff...are so friendly and welcoming".
- **Skegness Pool & Fitness Suite**: Users enjoy the gym and swimming, highlighting "very helpful and friendly" staff and lifeguards. One user commended a lifeguard for handling a situation with "incredible professionalism". A new resident expressed delight at finding a nearby swimming pool.

- **Meridian Leisure Centre**: Staff are described as "super friendly" and the environment as "really welcoming with great facilities". Users appreciate having a local swimming pool and regular attendees praised staff as "very friendly and helpful," leading to an "excellent" overall experience.
- **Embassy Theatre**: Patrons "love coming to see the shows," noting the staff are "always helpful and friendly". A grandparent commented that "the grandchildren loved it, Great Grandad loved it, we all loved it and thought it was brilliant," appreciating the opportunity for young students from local dance schools.
- **School's Out Programme**: Half-term sports camps were called "brilliant" with "lots of different activities" and "friendly and welcoming" staff, with children thoroughly enjoying it.

Good News Stories

- **Caron's Story**: A 59-year-old secondary school teacher, Caron experienced two mini-strokes due to work-related stress. After her second stroke, she re-evaluated her life and, through working with Magna Vitae, has transformed her health and wellbeing. Her story was featured in the "No Excuses" campaign.
- **Malcolm's Story**: Sixteen years ago, Malcolm suffered a severe stroke. After his recovery, he was referred to the Exercise on Prescription programme by his doctor and has remained committed to staying active ever since, embodying resilience and a passion for exercise. Malcolm's story was also part of the "No Excuses" campaign.
- **Ron & Jane**: This couple trains at Magna Vitae's Louth venue and support each other in their individual fitness goals, making exercise an integral part of their lifestyle.
- **Katie & Toni**: These two found the new Station Leisure & Learning Centre in Mablethorpe to be the perfect place to stay active, motivated, and connected. They highlight the non-judgmental environment and shared positive experiences, choosing activities that improve their overall physical and mental wellbeing.

OVERVIEW INCORPORATING KEY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Full details of our financial performance during the year ended 31 March 2025 are shown in the financial statements and supporting notes. The table below shows the headline income and expenditure for 2024/25 compared to 2023/24 - excluding pension and donated services adjustment.

	31 March 25	31 March 24
Income		
Service Fee (ELDC)	**1,766,714**	1,660,769
Fees & Charges	**477,845**	466,450
Grant Income	**478,602**	729,452
Gym Membership	**1,697,629**	1,316,482
Hire Fees	**250,075**	265,897
Other Income	**438,471**	475,240
Pool Admissions	**482,747**	418,829
Rental Income	**71,691**	61,434
Show Income	**1,360,751**	1,469,883
Swimming Lessons	**694,568**	709,249
Total Income	7,719,093	7,573,685
Expenditure		
Depreciation / Impairment	**-109,576**	-20,623
Employees	**-3,800,380**	-3,286,789
Utilities	**-837,699**	-922,958
Premises	**-277,324**	-288,645
Supplies & Services	**-2,606,623**	-2,761,945
Transport	**-38,424**	-42,638
Support Services	**-43,355**	-38,424
Total Expenditure	-7,713,381	-7,362,022
Surplus/-Deficit	**5,712**	211,663

Income
Income levels increased on the previous year in relation to gym memberships and pool admissions. Show income and swimming lessons saw a reduction.

Expenditure
Expenditure of £7.7m was incurred during the year, an increase of 4.8% on the prior year. The main area of increase was staffing costs (+15%), offset by a decrease in utilities and other supplies costs.

The surplus for the year was £6k against an original deficit budget of £316k and was achieved due to higher income and lower utilities and other supplies.

Reserves

The current allocation of reserves is as follows:

	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
	£	£
Income Funds (restricted)	255,036	218,807
Income Funds (unrestricted including designated)	1,805,822	1,836,33
Pension Reserves (surplus/-deficit)	0	212,000
Total Reserves	2,060,858	2,267,145

The trustees note the positive total reserves position of £2,060,858 at 31 March 2025. This has reduced since last year due to the pension reserves position reducing from £212,000 asset to NIL. The actuarial report of the local government scheme pension, prepared at 31 March 2025 showed a pension asset of £5.959m, however the balance has not been recognised on the basis that it is not deemed to be recoverable through reduced contributions in the future or through refunds from the plan.

GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Specific consideration has been given to the impact of inflationary cost pressures, particularly in relation to staffing (employers NI and National Living Wage) and energy costs, which remain elevated, and the opening of a new venue in July 2024 Station Leisure & Learning Centre. Trustees have agreed a budget with a small surplus in 2025/26.

KEY CHALLENGES

On 30 September 2024, East Lindsey District Council gave notice that it was partially terminating its contract with Magna Vitae on a "no fault" basis, in order to carry out a procurement exercise for leisure services across the South East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership area (East Lindsey, Boston and South Holland). The partial termination relates to leisure services and the contract will terminate on 30 September 2027 (a 36 month notice period).

Magna Vitae has taken part in the leisure procurement exercise but at the time of signing these accounts, it is not known if we have been successful in our bid to continue operating the East Lindsey based venues.

We agreed a five-year business plan (2022-2027) with East Lindsey District Council including an ongoing service fee level, which also includes Community Commissioning work to further support our local community. This is in line with our Corporate Strategy referenced elsewhere in the report and therefore until 2027 our service fee income is confirmed.

RESERVES POLICY

Whilst Magna Vitae is a not-for-profit organisation, it is aware that it needs to hold working surpluses to create a reserve for unforeseen circumstances. Unrestricted income funds stand at £1,805,822; however, £341,628 is tied up in Magna Vitae's fixed assets and £50,000 is designated for Cultural Projects. Therefore, current available or free reserves stand at £1,414,194.

This reserves figure is higher than our Reserves Policy which is to hold at least £1m in unrestricted or free reserves. Trustees have agreed to hold these reserves at 31 March 2025 until a clear position is known regarding Magna Vitae's future business direction – specifically in relation to the termination of the leisure aspect of our contract with East Lindsey District Council. The general reserves policy will be further reviewed during the coming year to ensure charity reserves are appropriately held and applied to our charitable objects.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING

The principal income and funding streams for Magna Vitae were as follows: Service Fee from East Lindsey District Council; income from customers' use of leisure venues and theatre income ticket sales; and grant income from Arts Council England and other grant funding bodies.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Magna Vitae's investment policy is driven by four key factors:
- Security
- Liquidity
- Rate of return
- Accessibility

Investments are restricted to
- UK Government investments
- UK Banks and Building Societies

Investments are permitted in the following instruments:
- Time deposits and deposit accounts with banks in accordance with the above criteria.
- Treasury Bills of 1 month, 3 month or 6-month duration.
- Common Deposit Funds and Money Market Funds

A maximum of £750,000 is to be placed with any one bank/institution excluding day to day working capital accounts. Any figure above this amount requires the agreement of the Finance Sub-Group. At 31 March 2025, a balance higher than £750,000 was held with Barclays Corporate and this was approved by the Finance Sub-Group.

This policy is reviewed by the Finance Sub-Group and signed off by the Board of Trustees.

In 2024/25 the income from bank interest receivable amounted to £118,140.

Structure, Governance and Management

CONSTITUTION

The Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 10th June 2014 and registered as a charity on 26th January 2015. East Lindsey District Council transferred its cultural and leisure services, comprising of sports facilities, arts activities and events, sports development and events, health improvement programmes and a theatre on 1st January 2015.

The Trust was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objectives and powers of the organisation and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Magna Vitae operates, for an agreed service fee, certain culture, arts, recreational and sports activities on behalf of East Lindsey District Council, which leases to Magna Vitae buildings and other assets. The assets are provided at no charge to Magna Vitae on a 25-year lease/licence, which commenced on 1st January 2015 with the exception of Station Leisure & Learning Centre in Mablethorpe. A new lease for this site was entered into in June 2024 and is co-terminus with the other venue leases.

Magna Vitae is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

As a limited company Magna Vitae is governed by its members. There are two categories of Trustees: Community Trustees and Local Authority Trustees. The Board of Trustees is fixed at a minimum of three and maximum of eleven, with Board composition consisting of up to two Local Authority Trustees, and up to nine Community Trustees, provided that the Community Trustees are at all times in the majority.

The Local Authority Trustees are selected and appointed by the local authority East Lindsey District Council for such period as the authority determines. There was no change in the local authority trustees during the period of account, however on 21 May 2025, Cllr Sam Kemp resigned and Cllr Richard Fry was appointed.

The Community Trustees are selected following a rigorous trustee recruitment process. A Community Trustee will be required to retire by rotation whereby one third of the Community Trustees shall be required to retire each year but will be eligible for reappointment. The Community Trustees required to retire will be those who have been longest in office or in the event of the Community Trustees serving the same period of office, those required to retire shall be determined by lot. The rotational retirement requirement for Community Trustees became effective from January 2018. During the year (July 2024), Peter Helps, Ian Emmerson and Jonathan Stones retired by rotation and were subsequently reappointed.

Trustees are required to meet at least four times a year to review the management of the organisation. They employ managers to take on the day-to-day running of the activities.

POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

The induction process for Trustees includes an induction programme, supported by in-depth briefings from senior managers where required, and visits to our venues. Further training is arranged to meet the specific needs of individual Trustees.

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

Senior Leadership Team salaries are set strictly by the Board of Trustees. These are reviewed annually as part of the budget setting process, generally in January or April of each year. They were last reviewed in April 2025. Trustees do not receive a salary but are entitled to claim expenses for attending meetings or specific events.

RELATED PARTIES

Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team members are asked to complete an annual Disclosure Statement to notify Magna Vitae of any involvement in any other organisations. This was most recently completed in May 2025.

A summary of transactions with related parties are set out in note 31 in the financial statements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for establishing and maintaining the whole system of internal control and reviewing its effectiveness.

The Trustees recognise that no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss or eliminate all risk of failure to achieve the organisation's objectives. The system of internal control is designed to manage key risks and to provide reasonable assurance that planned objectives and outcomes are achieved. This will also give reasonable assurance about the reliability of financial and operational information and the safeguarding of Magna Vitae's assets and reputation. This approach includes the regular evaluation of the nature and extent of risks to which Magna Vitae is exposed.

The Board has developed a culture of strong corporate governance. Key elements of the control framework and the system for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control are as follows:

Risk Register
The Trust's Senior Leadership Team routinely documents, monitors and evaluates identified business risks through The Risk Register. This "live" document is reviewed quarterly by the Finance Subgroup who quantify financial impact of risk. Risks deemed to be extreme or high are reviewed at every board meeting and the whole risk register is reviewed annually.

Planning and Approval
Magna Vitae reviews new projects including identifying risks and controls. This combined with the budget process, which reviews risks and controls in existing processes, generates a comprehensive review of risks.

Internal Audit
The Board together with the Senior Leadership Team reviews the major risks and assesses the effectiveness of controls in managing those risks. This includes setting an internal audit programme of activities to assess the effectiveness of controls. During the year an internal audit was undertaken at four venues in May 2024 by Forrester Boyd.

Monitoring and Corrective Action
Financial reporting procedures include detailed budgets for the year ahead, detailed monthly management accounts, and longer-term financial plans used for strategic/business planning as part of the five-year business plan. The Senior Leadership Team and wider Management Team review management accounts every month, and in-depth performance monitoring also takes place at Quarterly Management Team review meetings. Reports are then considered and approved by the Trustees. Where objectives are not being met, the Senior Leadership Team report on actions being taken to correct performance, and these reports are also considered and approved by the Trustees.

Additionally, the Finance Sub-Group review in more depth the financial performance, forecasting, budgeting, business planning, audit reports and associated policies and procedures. The sub-group which consists of Community Trustees, the Executive Directors and the Director of Finance has Terms of Reference and reports regularly to the Board of Trustees.

Health and Safety

Robust, corporately agreed & implemented policies, procedures & standards are vital to ensure the health, safety & welfare of employees, members of the public, customers, members & others, visiting MV sites and other service areas, including a variety of outreach work taking place in East Lindsey "inland conurbations". Magna Vitae currently maintains a corporate H&S Manual, management system & implements a strict, annually planned, H&S and quality assurance/management (QUEST) auditing regime.

The H&S performance statistics included in this report are based on the last calendar year -January to December 2024. In part, the data is routinely compared with past performance & general comparative data taken from the previous calendar year, 2023.

The annual Magna Vitae "STITCH of the Nation" results compare very positively against the national benchmark data made available for 2023. Nb: Magna Vitae sites & service areas welcomed a total of 738,390 visits in 2024 compared to 728,348 in the previous twelve (12) months. The Magna Vitae 2024 accident to usage ratio was 0.04% compared to the national average of 0.10%.

76% of Magna Vitae accidents were uncontrollable in 2024 compared against a national average of 72%.

The total number of accidents recorded in 2024 = 281, compared to 164 in 2023. Representing an increase of 71% on the previous year. Staff training has helped ensure re-education meaning that all accidents are recorded and logged within our internal platform (STITCH).

Visits have reduced from the previous year, but accidents significantly increased and shows a rise in the 'accidents to visits' ratio.

2024 – 738,390 visits = 281 Accidents = 0.040%.
2023 – 728,348 visits = 164 Accidents = 0.020%.
2022 – 723,155 visits = 93 Accidents = 0.012%.
2021 – 246,855 visits = 51 Accidents = 0.020%.
2019 – 922,704 visits = 162 Accidents = 0.017%

Although acknowledging an increase, the data supplied above confirms that Magna Vitae's H&S performance is still better than the national average.

As well as directly employing competently qualified and experienced senior managers, Magna Vitae's commitment to Health and Safety establishes a positive health and safety culture throughout the entire workforce. Since inception in 2015, the Trust has been supported by an annually retained external Health & Safety specialist consultancy (Right Directions Ltd). During 2024, (Magna Vitae) continued, for the tenth consecutive year, to invest and work in conjunction with Right Directions Ltd. This is a nationally renowned leisure industry consultancy, specializing in health & safety, quality assurance and environmental management support. Magna Vitae continues to annually invest approximately £13,500 in this service.

Right Directions Ltd provide Magna Vitae with expert advice (industry relevant updates) and support (includes access to 24/7 telephone advice support) to further develop, maintain & review the Magna Vitae H&S Manual and general management system(s). This also includes direct support with a variety of risk assessments, legislative changes, operational auditing, the STITCH accident/incident monitoring management & control system, and the StaffMis operational H&S monitoring system, now more commonly known as 'MagNet'.
MagNet is NOW utilised across the whole organisation for a variety of functions. These include;
- Communication methods including compliance-based acknowledgement and sign off.
- H&S training via Right Directions.
- NPLQ Training
- The management of fault reporting and repairs.
- H&S libraries for important documents such as our H&S manual and HR policies and procedures.

The continued, current level of investment made in these resources reflects the organization's ongoing commitment and drive in further developing a positive health & safety culture alongside Magna Vitae, striving to continually improve its Health & Safety performance. Health and Safety arrangements are also supported internally via a robust Health & Safety Working Group that meets quarterly with the meeting minutes being routinely submitted to the Magna Vitae Board of Trustees for update and information. These minutes, along with other supporting H&S performance data, are also routinely circulated to ELDC (Client Contract Officer, PSPSL H&S Manager and ELDC / MV Working Group) as Magna Vitae's main funding partner and landlord of the East Lindsey leisure venues presently operated/managed by Magna Vitae. Magna Vitae's health and safety performance data is routinely collated, monitored and analysed via the STITCH accident, incident and near miss reporting system. This data is also routinely provided to the Board and ELDC for information; the data helps the trust benchmark health and safety performance internally (monthly) and nationally (quarterly & annually) against similar leisure facilities and services.

The Trust's Senior Leadership Team (SLT) routinely documents, monitors and evaluates identified business risks through the update of its Risk Register. This "live" document is reviewed annually and readily shared with the Board of Trustees for update and information.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Magna Vitae colleagues attend Community Leisure UK Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Special Interest Group quarterly, regular updates are communicated to managers and employees as necessary as well as HR team keeping up to date with legislation changes and sharing knowledge as appropriate.

TRUSTEES' LIABILITY

Magna Vitae has indemnified the Trustees of Magna Vitae against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third-party indemnity provision was in force during the year.

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

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We strive to continually improve the quality and value for money of the services we offer in our communities. Future developments will focus on the outcome of the leisure procurement exercise referenced above – with digital development a key priority - and the further development of the Culture House at Embassy Theatre Skegness.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

We are committed to providing our employees with information about our activities, consulting with them on major changes and generally developing an open culture in the organisation. Regular meetings are held between managers and staff teams to allow free flow of information, and we hold team briefing and social sessions to update staff on strategy and other major developments on a regular basis.

STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND TRUSTEES

Finally, I would like to thank the staff, volunteers and Trustees of Magna Vitae for their undiminishing commitment, resolve and hard work throughout the past year.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees, who are also the Directors of Magna Vitae for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that:

- So far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware, and
- That Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 24 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



P M Helps
Chairman of Trustees

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGNA VITAE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Magna Vitae (the 'trust') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the trust through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the trust and sector in which it operates;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the trust, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the trust's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGNA VITAE (CONTINUED)

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- reviewed a sample of grants and other income streams in the year to ensure accurate recognition;
- agreed a sample of employees on the trust payroll to existence and agreed the accuracy of their pay;
- assessed and reviewed the appropriateness and effectiveness of the key systems and controls;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 3 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing any correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the trust's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGNA VITAE (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Robert Anderson (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of
Streets Audit LLP
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor
Tower House
Lucy Tower Street
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Date: 03/11/2025

MAGNA VITAE

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Continuing operations 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Continuing operations 2024* £	*Discontinued operations 2024* £	*Total funds 2024* £
Income from:								
Donations and legacies	4	**184,043**	**5,000**	**189,043**	**189,043**	*189,158*	*2,250*	*191,408*
Charitable activities	5	**7,077,100**	**497,918**	**7,575,018**	**7,575,018**	*7,328,995*	*97,752*	*7,426,747*
Investments	6	**336,140**	**-**	**336,140**	**336,140**	*297,780*	*-*	*297,780*
Total income		**7,597,283**	**502,918**	**8,100,201**	**8,100,201**	*7,815,933*	*100,002*	*7,915,935*
Expenditure on:								
Raising funds	7	**17,177**	**-**	**17,177**	**17,177**	*18,460*	*-*	*18,460*
Charitable activities	8	**7,241,178**	**611,133**	**7,852,311**	**7,852,311**	*7,429,326*	*163,486*	*7,592,812*
Total expenditure carried forward		**7,258,355**	**611,133**	**7,869,488**	**7,869,488**	*7,447,786*	*163,486*	*7,611,272*

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Continuing operations 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Continuing operations 2024 £*	*Discontinued operations 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Total expenditure brought forward		**7,258,355**	**611,133**	**7,869,488**	**7,869,488**	*7,447,786*	*163,486*	*7,611,272*
Net income/(expenditure) before net losses on investments		**338,928**	**(108,215)**	**230,713**	**230,713**	*368,147*	*(63,484)*	*304,663*
Impairment on Investment Property		**(70,000)**	**-**	**(70,000)**	**(70,000)**	*-*	*-*	*-*
Net income/(expenditure)		**268,928**	**(108,215)**	**160,713**	**160,713**	*368,147*	*(63,484)*	*304,663*
Transfers between funds	21	**(135,137)**	**135,137**	**-**	**-**	*-*	*-*	*-*
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		**133,791**	**26,922**	**160,713**	**160,713**	*368,147*	*(63,484)*	*304,663*
Other recognised gains/(losses):								
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	27	**1,629,000**	**-**	**1,629,000**	**1,629,000**	*854,000*	*-*	*854,000*
Defined benefit pension scheme asset not recognised	27	**(1,996,000)**	**-**	**(1,996,000)**	**(1,996,000)**	*(735,000)*	*-*	*(735,000)*
Net movement in funds		**(233,209)**	**26,922**	**(206,287)**	**(206,287)**	*487,147*	*(63,484)*	*423,663*

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Continuing operations 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Continuing operations 2024* £	*Discontinued operations 2024* £	*Total funds 2024* £
Reconciliation of funds:								
Total funds brought forward		**2,048,338**	**218,807**	**2,267,145**	**2,267,145**	*1,843,482*	-	*1,843,482*
Net movement in funds		**(233,209)**	**26,922**	**(206,287)**	**(206,287)**	*487,147*	*(63,484)*	*423,663*
Total funds carried forward		**1,815,129**	**245,729**	**2,060,858**	**2,060,858**	*2,330,629*	*(63,484)*	*2,267,145*

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

The notes on pages 35 to 66 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 09078400

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note		2025 £		2024 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	13		**56,903**		*15,900*
Tangible assets	14		**104,724**		*47,979*
Investments	16		**1**		*1*
Investment property	15		**180,000**		*250,000*
			341,628		*313,880*
Current assets					
Stocks	17	**32,569**		*34,597*	
Debtors	18	**231,090**		*350,958*	
Investments	19	**2,464,138**		*2,357,377*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**509,589**		*417,609*	
		3,237,386		*3,160,541*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	**(1,518,156)**		*(1,419,276)*	
Net current assets			**1,719,230**		*1,741,265*
Total assets less current liabilities			**2,060,858**		*2,055,145*
Net assets excluding pension asset			**2,060,858**		*2,055,145*
Defined benefit pension scheme asset	27		**-**		*212,000*
Total net assets			**2,060,858**		*2,267,145*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	21		**255,036**		*218,807*
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds excluding pension asset / liability	21	**1,805,822**		*1,836,338*	
Pension reserve	21	**-**		*212,000*	
Total unrestricted funds	21		**1,805,822**		*2,048,338*
Total funds			**2,060,858**		*2,267,145*

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 24 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

P M Helps
(Chair of Trustees)

The notes on pages 35 to 66 form part of these financial statements.

MAGNA VITAE
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	24	**186,119**	*(939,320)*
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of intangible assets		**(56,687)**	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(88,831)**	*(40,036)*
Interest received		**118,140**	*117,406*
Rental income		**40,000**	*29,276*
Net cash withdrawn from / (placed in) investments		**(106,761)**	*(1,062,857)*
Net cash used in investing activities		**(94,139)**	*(956,211)*
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**91,980**	*(1,895,531)*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**417,609**	*2,313,140*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	25	**509,589**	*417,609*

The notes on pages 35 to 66 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. General information

Magna Vitae (the Trust) is a limited company by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and a registered charity. The Trust's registered office is at Meridian Leisure Centre, Wood Lane, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 8SA . The Trust's principal activity is the operation of cultural and leisure facilities.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Magna Vitae meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

In March 2024, the Trust signed a deed of surrender relating to the Pavilion, London Road in Louth. Income and expenditure relating to the activity have been separately disclosed as discontinued operations in the financial statements.

2.2 Consolidation

These financial statements represent the figures of the Trust only. Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared on the basis that the subsidiary company is not material to the financial statements.

2.3 Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed its plans and forecasts and remain confident that the Trust will continue to maintain adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Trust which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity.

Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity.

Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Trust's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

Computer software	-	5 - 6 years

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

The estimated useful lives range as follows:

Plant, machinery and fixtures	-	3 - 6 years

2.9 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Investment property

Investment property is initially recognised at cost and is subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date. Revaluation gains or losses are shown in the heading gains / losses on investment property in the statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Investment property contains an amount relating to café equipment. This equipment is initially recognised at cost and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets, which is two years, taking into account any residual value.

2.11 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.12 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.13 Current asset investments

Current asset investments represents cash held in accounts where a fixed notice is required by the Trust to access the funds.

2.14 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents cash held in bank current account and deposit account facilities to which the Trust has instant access and cash floats.

2.15 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.16 Financial instruments

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

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.17 Pensions

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Trust to the fund in respect of the year.

The Trust operates a defined benefits pension scheme and the pension charge is based on an actuarial valuation dated 31 March 2024.

2.18 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Trust and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Trust for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Investment property are recognised at valuation. The carrying amount of the Trust's investment property is reviewed on a regular basis by the Trustees for any conditions that might show that a need for impairment has arisen with regular independent third-party valuations obtained.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost / income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 27, will impact the carrying amount of the pension balance. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 March 2025. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension balance.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	1,043	5,000	**6,043**
Donated Services and Facilities	183,000	-	**183,000**
	184,043	5,000	**189,043**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	*Restricted funds 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Donations	*731*	*5,427*	*6,158*
Donated Services and Facilities	*185,250*	-	*185,250*
	185,981	*5,427*	*191,408*

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Culture	5,770	371,067	**376,837**
Health Improvement	-	118,501	**118,501**
Sports & Leisure	3,486,008	8,350	**3,494,358**
Theatre	1,818,608	-	**1,818,608**
Other	1,766,714	-	**1,766,714**
	7,077,100	497,918	**7,575,018**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	*Restricted funds 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Culture	*15,000*	*474,786*	*489,786*
Health Improvement	*18,136*	*228,883*	*247,019*
Sports & Leisure	*3,060,578*	*7,635*	*3,068,213*
Theatre	*1,915,199*	*25,264*	*1,940,463*
Other	*1,671,266*	*10,000*	*1,681,266*
	6,680,179	*746,568*	*7,426,747*

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Rental Income	20,000	**20,000**	*29,276*
Bank Interest Receivable	118,140	**118,140**	*111,504*
Pension Finance Income	198,000	**198,000**	*157,000*
	336,140	**336,140**	*297,780*

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Wages and Salaries	13,903	**13,903**	*14,720*
National Insurance	1,549	**1,549**	*1,743*
Pension Costs	1,725	**1,725**	*1,997*
	17,177	**17,177**	*18,460*

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Culture	27,420	419,707	**447,127**
Health Improvement	232,444	183,926	**416,370**
Sports & Leisure	4,977,422	7,500	**4,984,922**
Theatre	1,994,707	-	**1,994,707**
Other	9,185	-	**9,185**
	7,241,178	611,133	**7,852,311**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	*Restricted funds 2024 £*	*Total 2024 £*
Culture	*138,914*	*551,237*	*690,151*
Health Improvement	*248,119*	*146,089*	*394,208*
Sports & Leisure	*4,345,883*	*2,658*	*4,348,541*
Theatre	*2,118,044*	*25,264*	*2,143,308*
Other	*6,604*	*10,000*	*16,604*
	6,857,564	*735,248*	*7,592,812*

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Culture	399,061	48,066	**447,127**
Health Improvement	370,356	46,014	**416,370**
Sports & Leisure	4,251,460	733,462	**4,984,922**
Theatre	1,766,148	228,559	**1,994,707**
Other	7,558	1,627	**9,185**
	6,794,583	1,057,728	**7,852,311**

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	*Support costs 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Culture	*593,901*	*96,250*	*690,151*
Health Improvement	*339,231*	*54,977*	*394,208*
Sports & Leisure	*3,742,086*	*606,455*	*4,348,541*
Theatre	*1,844,399*	*298,909*	*2,143,308*
Other	*16,604*	-	*16,604*
	6,536,221	*1,056,591*	*7,592,812*

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Culture 2025 £	Health Improvement 2025 £	Sports & Leisure 2025 £	Theatre 2025 £
Staff Costs	126,922	249,012	2,331,551	382,747
Depreciation and Amortisation	683	582	38,918	10,474
Service Provision Costs	97,469	27,047	145,221	59,518
Goods for Resale	-	-	58,426	84,185
Performers and Entertainers	58,604	-	-	760,374
Other Employee Costs	16,123	19,149	5,525	130
Rent, Rates and Utilities	1,789	22,883	1,020,564	135,805
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	2,653	13,444	259,841	33,066
Insurance	4,433	1,424	60,476	23,754
Travel Costs	49,697	11,766	13,591	481
Printing, Postage and Stationery	34	-	837	5,884
Advertising and Promotion	20,484	5,576	34,668	33,294
IT, Telephone and Internet	1,063	551	28,961	33,538
Other Costs	34,890	13,524	69,261	47,534
Bank Charges	284	-	24,167	18,720
Irrecoverable VAT	(16,067)	5,398	159,453	136,644
	399,061	370,356	4,251,460	1,766,148

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Other 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Staff Costs	-	**3,090,232**
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	**50,657**
Service Provision Costs	-	**329,255**
Goods for Resale	-	**142,611**
Performers and Entertainers	-	**818,978**
Other Employee Costs	-	**40,927**
Rent, Rates and Utilities	-	**1,181,041**
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	-	**309,004**
Insurance	-	**90,087**
Travel Costs	-	**75,535**
Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	**6,755**
Advertising and Promotion	-	**94,022**
IT, Telephone and Internet	-	**64,113**
Other Costs	1,569	**166,778**
Bank Charges	-	**43,171**
Irrecoverable VAT	5,989	**291,417**
	7,558	**6,794,583**

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Culture 2024 £	*Health Improvement 2024 £*	*Sports & Leisure 2024 £*	*Theatre 2024 £*
Staff Costs	*129,398*	*235,153*	*1,902,636*	*382,942*
Depreciation and Amortisation	*1,193*	*681*	*12,019*	*6,729*
Service Provision Costs	*217,799*	*33,059*	*86,983*	*66,296*
Goods for Resale	-	-	*62,505*	*94,635*
Performers and Entertainers	*68,281*	*240*	-	*824,747*
Other Employee Costs	*7,966*	*3,013*	*3,242*	*171*
Rent, Rates and Utilities	*3,291*	*12,461*	*1,033,423*	*131,847*
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	*925*	*12,840*	*296,533*	*33,895*
Insurance	*7,704*	*4,401*	*48,539*	*23,923*
Travel Costs	*69,750*	*11,628*	*7,819*	*286*
Printing, Postage and Stationery	*716*	*380*	*5,038*	*9,027*
Advertising and Promotion	*16,154*	*7,779*	*22,236*	*39,126*
IT, Telephone and Internet	*3,394*	*1,489*	*32,742*	*38,509*
Other Costs	*31,023*	*10,883*	*49,577*	*41,580*
Bank Charges	*177*	-	*16,067*	*18,222*
Irrecoverable VAT	*36,130*	*5,224*	*162,727*	*132,464*
	593,901	*339,231*	*3,742,086*	*1,844,399*

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Other 2024 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Staff Costs	*10,000*	*2,660,129*
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	*20,622*
Service Provision Costs	-	*404,137*
Goods for Resale	-	*157,140*
Performers and Entertainers	-	*893,268*
Other Employee Costs	-	*14,392*
Rent, Rates and Utilities	-	*1,181,022*
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	-	*344,193*
Insurance	-	*84,567*
Travel Costs	-	*89,483*
Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	*15,161*
Advertising and Promotion	-	*85,295*
IT, Telephone and Internet	-	*76,134*
Other Costs	*832*	*133,895*
Bank Charges	-	*34,466*
Irrecoverable VAT	*5,772*	*342,317*
	16,604	*6,536,221*

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Culture 2025 £	Health Improvement 2025 £	Sports & Leisure 2025 £	Theatre 2025 £
Staff Costs	38,493	32,801	395,094	157,796
Other Costs	9,573	13,213	338,368	70,763
	48,066	46,014	733,462	228,559

	Other 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Staff costs	-	**624,184**
Exp type 3	1,627	**1,627**
Exp type 12	-	**431,917**
	1,627	**1,057,728**

	Culture 2024 £	*Health Improvement 2024 £*	*Sports & Leisure 2024 £*	*Theatre 2024 £*
Staff Costs	*46,823*	*26,746*	*295,028*	*145,414*
Other Costs	*37,032*	*21,152*	*233,331*	*115,002*
Support Service Agreements	*3,500*	*1,999*	*22,054*	*10,871*
Governance Costs	*8,895*	*5,080*	*56,042*	*27,622*
	96,250	*54,977*	*606,455*	*298,909*

A review of the basis of the allocation of non-department specific expenditure was undertaken during the prior year which resulted in a refinement in the calculation of amounts allocated between direct and support costs.

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs (continued)

	Other 2024 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Staff costs	-	*514,011*
Exp type 12	-	*406,517*
Exp type 14	-	*38,424*
Governance costs	-	*97,639*
	-	*1,056,591*

10. Auditor's remuneration

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Fees payable to the Trust's auditor for the audit of the Trust's annual accounts	**11,000**	*10,500*

11. Staff costs

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Wages and salaries	**3,248,905**	*2,819,112*
Social security costs	**242,332**	*218,849*
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**232,793**	*77,204*
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	**149,000**	*160,000*
Movement on other year-end pension accruals	**-**	*7,563*
	3,873,030	*3,282,728*

Wages and salaries above include a total of £11,063 (2024 - £nil) relating to redundancy payments during the year to 2 employees (2024 - no employees).

11. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Trust during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Culture	6	5
Health Improvement	16	21
Sports & Leisure	121	99
Theatre	22	21
Management	14	14
	179	160

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	3	3
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	2	2

The key management personnel of the Trust comprise the employee trustee and the senior leadership team as included in the trustees report. The total amount of employee benefits (including national insurance and employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Trust was £435,101 (2024 - £450,071).

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

There was no employee trustees during the year or in the previous year.

During the year ended 31 March 2025, expenses totalling £2,029 were reimbursed or paid directly to 2 Trustees *(2024 - £978 to 2 Trustees)*. Expenses paid to trustees were reimbursed in relation to travel and related costs.

13. Intangible assets

	Computer software £
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	**65,468**
Additions	**56,687**
At 31 March 2025	**122,155**
Amortisation	
At 1 April 2024	**49,568**
Charge for the year	**15,684**
At 31 March 2025	**65,252**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	**56,903**
At 31 March 2024	*15,900*

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant, machinery and fixtures £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	**311,911**
Additions	**88,831**
At 31 March 2025	**400,742**
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	**263,932**
Charge for the year	**32,086**
At 31 March 2025	**296,018**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	**104,724**
At 31 March 2024	*47,979*

15. Investment property

	Cafe property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2024	**250,000**
Revaluation	**(70,000)**
At 31 March 2025	**180,000**

Cafe property was initially recorded at cost. The property has subsequently valued at fair value based on an independent valuation prepared by Sanderson Weatherall a suitably qualified third party as at 31 March 2025 on an open market existing use basis.

16. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	**1**
At 31 March 2025	**1**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	**1**
At 31 March 2024	*1*

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Trust:

Name	Company number	Principal activity	Class of shares	Holding
Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited	11788244	Dormant	Ordinary	100%

As the subsidiary company is dormant, it has made neither a profit nor loss for the year ended 31 March 2025. Net assets at 31 March 2025 are £2,022.

The registered office of the subsidiary company is the same as the Trust as disclosed on page 1.

17. Stocks

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Finished goods and goods for resale	**32,569**	*34,597*

18. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	**46,808**	*44,731*
Other debtors	**44,890**	*50,893*
Prepayments and accrued income	**139,392**	*255,334*
	231,090	*350,958*

19. Current asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash investments in notice accounts	**2,464,138**	*2,357,377*

20. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	**232,171**	*234,258*
Other taxation and social security	**53,607**	*48,451*
Other creditors	**273**	*22,348*
Accruals and deferred income	**1,232,105**	*1,114,219*
	1,518,156	*1,419,276*

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income at 1 April	**791,182**	*1,632,057*
Resources deferred during the year	**967,788**	*735,423*
Amounts released from previous periods	**(791,182)**	*(1,576,298)*
Deferred income at 31 March	**967,788**	*791,182*

Deferred income represents grants and other income received in advance, box office ticket sales in advance of shows and unspent gift vouchers.

21. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Funds						
Cultural and Wellbeing Projects	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
General Funds						
Reserves	1,786,338	7,399,283	(7,224,662)	(135,137)	(70,000)	1,755,822
Pension Reserve	212,000	198,000	(43,000)	-	(367,000)	-
Total Unrestricted Funds	2,048,338	7,597,283	(7,267,662)	(135,137)	(437,000)	1,805,822
Restricted Funds						
SO Festival	55,943	337,817	(354,664)	85,500	-	124,596
Theatre Grants and Donations	61,078	5,000	-	-	-	66,078
Cultural / Health Improvement Projects	86,803	152,601	(239,662)	50,389	-	50,131
Sports Projects	14,983	-	-	(752)	-	14,231
Other	-	7,500	(7,500)	-	-	-
	218,807	502,918	(601,826)	135,137	-	255,036
Total of Funds	2,267,145	8,100,201	(7,869,488)	-	(437,000)	2,060,858

21. Statement of funds (continued)

Unrestricted Funds:

General Funds

General Funds are those funds not designated towards any project in particular and can be used towards any of the Trust's objectives.

At the year-end, the Trustees have designated £50,000 for cultural and wellbeing projects where the operational budgets may be insufficient or for the match-funding of any new projects.

Pension Reserve

The Pension Reserve represents the year-end balance on the Trust's pension scheme.

Any deficit is not an immediately crystallising liability and contributions have and will be made in line with the actuary's recommendations. East Lindsey District Council continues to act as a guarantor.

Material Restricted Funds:

SO Festival
SO Festival represents incoming resources (including specific funding from Arts Council England totalling £320,796) received to put on the annual SO Festival in June each year.

Theatre Grants and Donations
Theatre Grants and Donations represents donations received towards the theatre.

Cultural / Health Improvement Projects
This includes funding in relation to:

- People Power Partnership - funding from EU Cultural Fund and North East Lincolnshire Council.
- International People's College - funding received to provide local people the opportunity to travel to Denmark to study.
- Employability Programme - funding from Nuclear Waste Services (totalling £150,000 to date)
- Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme - funding from Lincolnshire County Council and Platform Housing (totalling £81,001).

Material Transfers:

Transfers have been recognised for:

- SO Festival - the allocation of Service Fee match funding received from unrestricted funds and other cultural income received and allocated towards the running costs of the festival.
- Cultural / Health Improvement Projects - unrestricted funding to cover the shortfall of running the People Power Partnership project in the year.

21. **Statement of funds (continued)**

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Gains/ (Losses)* £	*Balance at 31 March 2024* £
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Funds						
Cultural and Wellbeing Projects	*50,000*	-	-	-	-	*50,000*
General Funds						
Reserves	*1,705,049*	*7,006,940*	*(6,812,024)*	*(113,627)*	-	*1,786,338*
Pension Reserve	-	*157,000*	*(64,000)*	-	*119,000*	*212,000*
Total Unrestricted Funds	*1,755,049*	*7,163,940*	*(6,876,024)*	*(113,627)*	*119,000*	*2,048,338*
Restricted Funds						
SO Festival	*18,841*	*320,796*	*(381,794)*	*98,100*	-	*55,943*
Theatre Grants and Donations	*55,918*	*30,424*	*(25,264)*	-	-	*61,078*
Cultural / Health Improvement Projects	*3,668*	*383,140*	*(315,532)*	*15,527*	-	*86,803*
Sports Projects	*10,006*	*7,635*	*(2,658)*	-	-	*14,983*
Other	-	*10,000*	*(10,000)*	-	-	-
	88,433	*751,995*	*(735,248)*	*113,627*	-	*218,807*
Total of Funds	*1,843,482*	*7,915,935*	*(7,611,272)*	-	*119,000*	*2,267,145*

22. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Designated funds	**50,000**	-	-	-	-	**50,000**
General funds	**1,998,338**	**7,597,283**	**(7,267,662)**	**(135,137)**	**(437,000)**	**1,755,822**
Restricted funds	**218,807**	**502,918**	**(601,826)**	**135,137**	-	**255,036**
	2,267,145	**8,100,201**	**(7,869,488)**	-	**(437,000)**	**2,060,858**

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers in/out £*	*Gains/ (Losses) £*	*Balance at 31 March 2024 £*
Designated funds	*50,000*	-	-	-	-	*50,000*
General funds	*1,705,049*	*7,163,940*	*(6,876,024)*	*(113,627)*	*119,000*	*1,998,338*
Restricted funds	*88,433*	*751,995*	*(735,248)*	*113,627*	-	*218,807*
	1,843,482	*7,915,935*	*(7,611,272)*	-	*119,000*	*2,267,145*

23. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	104,724	-	**104,724**
Intangible fixed assets	56,903	-	**56,903**
Fixed asset investments	1	-	**1**
Investment property	180,000	-	**180,000**
Current assets	2,982,350	255,036	**3,237,386**
Creditors due within one year	(1,518,156)	-	**(1,518,156)**
Total	1,805,822	255,036	**2,060,858**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	*Restricted funds 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Tangible fixed assets	*47,979*	-	*47,979*
Intangible fixed assets	*15,900*	-	*15,900*
Fixed asset investments	*1*	-	*1*
Investment property	*250,000*	-	*250,000*
Current assets	*2,941,734*	*218,807*	*3,160,541*
Creditors due within one year	*(1,419,276)*	-	*(1,419,276)*
Provisions for liabilities and charges	*212,000*	-	*212,000*
Total	*2,048,338*	*218,807*	*2,267,145*

24. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**160,713**	*304,663*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**32,086**	*7,529*
Amortisation charges	**15,684**	*13,094*
Investment income	**(158,140)**	*(140,780)*
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	**2,028**	*(9,248)*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**119,868**	*(219,687)*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**98,880**	*(801,891)*
Pension scheme FRS102 actuarial adjustments	**(155,000)**	*(93,000)*
Loss/(Gain) on revaluation of investment property	**70,000**	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**186,119**	*(939,320)*

25. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**509,589**	*417,609*
Total cash and cash equivalents	**509,589**	*417,609*

26. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**417,609**	**91,980**	**509,589**
Liquid investments	**2,357,377**	**106,761**	**2,464,138**

27. Pension commitments

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Trust in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Trust to the fund and amounted to £106,000 (2024 - £69,595). Total contributions amounting to £Nil (2024 - £17,842) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date which is included in other creditors.

The Trust operates a defined benefit pension scheme.

The Trust's employees belong to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), which is managed by Lincolnshire County Council. The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The LGPS is subject to a triennial valuation.

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. Details of the total contributions during the year are given in the analysis below. The latest triennial valuation was undertaken to 31 March 2022 which set the agreed contribution rate for the 3 years commencing 1 April 2023 at 10.0% for the Trust. Employee contributions remain at various levels based on bandings with a maximum of 12.5%.

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	At 31 March 2025	*At 31 March 2024*
	%	*%*
Discount Rate	**5.95**	*4.95*
Salary Increase Rate	**3.85**	*3.90*
Pension Increase Rate	**2.85**	*2.90*

	At 31 March 2025	*At 31 March 2024*
	Years	*Years*
Mortality rates (in years)		
- for a male aged 65 now	**19.5**	*19.5*
- at 65 for a male aged 45 now	**20.8**	*20.8*
- for a female aged 65 now	**22.7**	*22.7*
- at 65 for a female aged 45 now	**24.1**	*24.1*

27. Pension commitments (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

	At 31 March 2025 £	*At 31 March 2024 £*
Discount rate +0.1%	**(131,000)**	*(174,000)*
Discount rate -0.1%	**135,000**	*180,000*
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	**148,000**	*206,000*
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	**(145,000)**	*(200,000)*
CPI rate +0.1%	**127,000**	*168,000*
CPI rate -0.1%	**(123,000)**	*(163,000)*

The Trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	At 31 March 2025 £	*At 31 March 2024 £*
Equities	**5,687,000**	*5,757,000*
Bonds	**1,742,000**	*1,578,000*
Property	**850,000**	*783,000*
Cash / Temporary Investments	**414,000**	*292,000*
Infrastructure	**556,000**	*462,000*
Absolute Return Fund	**2,768,000**	*2,640,000*
Total fair value of assets	**12,017,000**	*11,512,000*

The actual return on scheme assets was £-122,000 *(2024 - £545,000)*.

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities are as follows:

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Current service cost	**149,000**	*160,000*
Interest income	**(571,000)**	*(502,000)*
Interest cost	**362,000**	*345,000*
Administrative expenses	**11,000**	*9,000*
Interest on impact of asset ceiling	**196,000**	*-*
Total amount recognised in the Statement of financial activities	**147,000**	*12,000*

27. Pension commitments (continued)

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were as follows:

	2025 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	7,337,000
Current service cost	149,000
Interest cost on defined benefit obligation	362,000
Contributions by scheme participants	76,000
Changes in assumptions	(1,751,000)
Benefits paid	(115,000)
Closing defined benefit obligation	6,058,000

Movements in the fair value of the Trust's share of scheme assets were as follows:

	2025 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	11,512,000
Interest income on plan assets	560,000
Return on assets less interest and other actuarial gains / (losses)	(122,000)
Contributions by employer	106,000
Contributions by scheme participants	76,000
Benefits paid	(115,000)
Administration expenses	-
Closing fair value of scheme assets	12,017,000

The actuarial report valued a pension scheme surplus of £5,959,000 as set out by the disclosures above. A balance of £Nil has been recognised based on the asset ceiling report prepared by the actuary.

28. Operating lease commitments as lessee

At 31 March 2025 the Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Not later than 1 year	**70,000**	*70,000*
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**105,000**	*280,000*
Later than 5 years	**-**	*752,740*
	175,000	*1,102,740*

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of financial activities:

	2025 £	2024 £
Operating lease rentals	**80,898**	*70,000*

29. Operating lease commitments as lessor

At 31 March 2025 the Trust had commitments to receive future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Not later than 1 year	**71,250**	*27,500*
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**121,875**	*68,750*
Later than 5 years	**-**	*-*
	193,125	*96,250*

Incoming resources in the Statement of financial activities includes £29,000 (2024 - £29,000) relating to lease receipts.

30. Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

31. Related party transactions

The following transactions and balances have been undertaken which require disclosure in line with the requirements of the Charities SORP:

Trustees:

P M Helps has significant influence and control over Community Leisure UK. During the year, the charity provided Leisure and culture services at a cost of £2,100 (2024 - £Nil). There was no balance outstanding at either year-end.

Key Management Personnel:

The ex spouse of James Brindle runs First Cricket. During the year, the club was invoiced for hire costs of £606 (2024 - £735). The balance outstanding at the year-end was £135 (2024 - £232) which is included in trade debtors.

James Brindle is a part owner of Greenwich House School during part of the year. During the year, the school was invoiced for swimming lessons of £1,953 (2024 - £1,546). The balance outstanding at the year-end was £1,263 (2024 - £Nil) which is included in trade debtors.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024









Charity Registration No. 1160156
Company Registration No. 09078400 (England and Wales)

MAGNA VITAE

TRUST FOR LEISURE & CULTURE

MAGNA VITAE
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Chairman of the Trustees	Peter Helps
Community Trustees	Ian Emmerson OBE (Vice Chairman) Ashley Lidgard (resigned 11 December 2023) Jonathan Stones David Warden Cate Atwater Michelle Howard Eva Hjelms (appointed 19 October 2023)
Local Authority Trustees	Cllr Sarah Parkin (resigned 24 May 2023) Cllr Steve Kirk (resigned 24 May 2023) Cllr Sam Kemp (appointed 24 May 2023) Cllr Robert Watson (appointed 24 May 2023)
Executive Directors	James Brindle Aeneas Richardson
Charity number	1160156
Company number	09078400
Registered office	Meridian Leisure Centre Wood Lane Louth, Lincolnshire LN11 8SA
Senior Leadership Team	James Brindle, Executive Director Aeneas Richardson, Executive Director Sally Topham, Director of Finance James Turner, Director of Business Development Naomi Wilkinson-Baker, Director of Operations
Independent Auditors	Streets Audit LLP Tower House Lucy Tower Street Lincoln, Lincolnshire LN1 1XW
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC 1 Churchill Place LONDON E14 5HP



TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING THE STRATEGIC REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees (who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the audited financial statements of Magna Vitae (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.



The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Trust have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).



Since the charity qualifies as small, under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities
POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES



The Trustees confirm that they have considered their duties and have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Trustees are confident that the activities of Magna Vitae are carried out for the benefit of others as is detailed in the rest of the information within the Trustees report.

The charity's revenues and any operating surpluses are re-invested to continually develop and improve outcomes for the people of East Lindsey in Lincolnshire.

Magna Vitae has a strategic partnership with East Lindsey District Council (ELDC).

Our Vision, Mission and Values are encapsulated in Magna Vitae's DNA:

Our **Vision** is to improve the wellbeing of our community, enabling people to live great lives.

Our **Mission** is to clearly demonstrate proactive and innovative leadership, that will generate positive changes in the areas of social and economic inequality. We are committed to empower local people by reaching out with humanity and compassion.

Our **Values** - We are in this *together*; we embrace *change*; we are *always learning* and we *celebrate difference*.



In This Together

The team comes first. Everyone in our team has a voice and a place. We are a truly cohesive unit that routinely shows togetherness, has a positive drive, ambition and holds each other accountable. We believe that we are stronger together and that together, we can lead the way.



Embrace change

We innovate. We identify the need to change. We routinely accept change and agree that change is necessary, change is good. We do change well. Our dynamic approach is flexible and adaptable. We embrace change.



Always Learning

We constantly seek to become the best version of ourselves. A team of human beings with a collective desire to flourish in a safe learning environment. We have a growth mindset. We positively blend our professional and personal self. We take responsibility and we do it better every time. Being the best version of ourselves will allow us to better the lives of others.



Celebrate Differences

We appreciate that we are all different. We capitalise on our cognitive diversity. We are commited to minimising our individual blind spots by tapping into the collective intelligence of our team. We seek to understand and respect each other's perspective, views and opinions and thereby maximise our creative potential.

Our charitable Objectives form part of our Articles of Assocation

– To provide or assist in the provision of both indoor and outdoor facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstance or to the public at large with the object of improving their conditions of life; and/or

– To promote community participation in healthy recreational activities; and/or

– To provide or assist in the provision of community facilities to be available to all sections of the community without distinction, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and/or other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for all who use the facilities; and/or

– To promote the education of the public through the provision of facilities for performing arts and/or

– Such other charitable purposes as the Trustees in their absolute discretion may determine.

We have developed a five year Corporate Strategy 2022-2027 which has five main aims:



CURRENT PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Trust operates cultural and leisure venues across the East Lindsey district of Lincolnshire. These venues are owned by East Lindsey District Council and are:

- Embassy Theatre, Skegness has a seating capacity of 1,027 and hosts and promotes over 150 live shows each year, including a professional two-week Christmas Pantomime, produced by the Magna Vitae in house team.
- Meridian Leisure Centre, Louth opened in 2010. Has an 8 lane 25m pool plus leisure pool and flume, newly refurbished gym over two floors plus spin studio, sports hall, dance studio, multi-purpose ground floor rooms and café. This is Magna Vitae's flagship leisure centre.
- Wood Lane football pitch & Multi-Use Games Area, Louth.
- London Road Pavilion, Louth – this is the home ground to local football, cricket and hockey clubs. From April 2024 the operation of this venue was transferred to newly formed London Road Sports Partnership. An agreement was in place at year end for this transfer.
- Horncastle Pool & Fitness Suite has an indoor 4 lane 25m pool and gym
- Skegness Pool & Fitness Suite has an indoor pool 6 lane 25m pool, attractive seasonal outdoor pool and gym.
- Station Sports Centre, Mablethorpe – this venue with a sports hall and gym was operated during 2023/24. A brand-new leisure centre adjacent to the original venue has been built and is due to open in July 2024 with a 4 lane 25m indoor swimming pool, Fitness Suite, multi-use studios and "MagnaTag", a digital multi activity attraction.
- Sutton-on-Sea Multi-Use Games Area.
- Altitude44 is the UK's tallest urban ropes course, based in Skegness.



In addition to physical venues, Magna Vitae supports our communities right across the East Lindsey area and beyond via:

- Health and wellbeing programmes
- High quality exercise on prescription services
- Sports and physical development work
- Management of the district's flagship cultural event, the SO Festival, an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) programme.

Achievements and Performance

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Corporate

From April 2023 to March 2024, Magna Vitae continued to provide outstanding service to our members, partners and communities throughout East Lindsey and the surrounding area.

From a business perspective, 2023-24 delivered very positive performance, further cementing our foundations of continued success. Whilst the cost-of-living crisis continues to pose challenges for our operations and customers going forward, the Trust finished the year very strongly and presently finds itself in a significantly better position than originally estimated at the start of the year.

Our work continues to focus on serving communities through our diverse portfolio of facilities, programmes and events. Out of venue, the "Schools Out" and "Holiday Activity & Food (HAF)" programme continue to offer an array of physical activity, nutritional information and healthy food to children in the school holidays. For adults, the Community Team continue to offer "Wellbeing Walks" and "Ageless & Agile" sessions across four (4) sites in East Lindsey.

Our Leisure operations have seen continued growth throughout the year with record breaking business performance regards our fitness membership and gymnastic club. Our venue staff have continued to excel during recent QUEST audits; demonstrating their hard work, dedication and commitment to providing quality wellbeing services at all of our leisure venues. Horncastle Fitness Suite & Swimming Pool maintained its accreditation of "Very Good" and achieved "The Exercise Referral Standard", confirming consistent delivery of our high-quality operating standard. Meridian Leisure Centre, Louth received a QUEST accreditation banding of "Excellent". This is the highest level achievable! This is actually the first time in the venue's 14-year history that this banding has been awarded.

The Embassy Theatre has had an extraordinary year, with eight sell-out shows of the West End production SIX the Musical. This touring show encompassed the largest technical build in the building's history and also delivered the highest ever recorded box office receipts and customer satisfaction. Excitement continues to build with regard to the proposed £1.4 million "Town Fund" Culture House Development, with completion now anticipated in May 2025.

SO Festival 2023 embraced its new community centered, democratic focus, with the event moving from its traditional slot in August to June, to accommodate and benefit the local residential community. Highlights included some excellent, strategic cultural workshops, mesmerising performances, captivating music and breathtaking art installations.

2023 brought exciting cultural news for Skegness as Magna Vitae partnered with the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC). The partnership will benefit our local communities for generations, by using arts and culture as a positive tool to boost health and well-being, alongside learning and employment opportunities within the district.

People Power Partnership (PPP), the international street theatre project, headed to Grimsby in July. Magna Vitae is the only UK partner, in this European collaboration of 11 countries where young people develop performances that are unique to each place. Magna Vitae partnered with the North East Lincolnshire, as part of their Cultural Development Fund, and performances took place in the heart of Grimsby's East Marsh, to 2 sold out nights of extraordinary, bespoke and accessible cultural

entertainment.

The long-awaited development of the new Station Leisure & Learning Centre in Mablethorpe is now nearing practical completion, with doors expected to open to the general public in mid-July 2024. Excitement is building in the town, a local catering partner has now been confirmed and activities/ training is underway in readiness for opening day!

The success over the last 12 months has been an incredible achievement and continues to demonstrate the hard work, dedication and commitment of every single Magna Vitae staff member, as well as the extraordinary support from our ever-growing number of loyal customers. We are all in this together and look forward to embracing what the next 12 months brings. We all continue to contribute and strive to enable as many people as possible to “live great lives”.

Physical Activity Opportunities

Meridian Leisure Centre

- Fitness member numbers reach a high of 2367 with an increase of 13% over the year.
- The Learn to Swim programme remains strong with 1074 people learning to swim with us.
- The Gymnastics programme grows to 300 with an increase of 13% over the year.
- A free water safety campaign took place during Drowning Prevention Week in June.
- Over 100 children took part in gymnastics based workshops and sessions during the Easter Holidays and May Half Term.







Skegness Pool & Fitness Suite

- Fitness member numbers reach a high of 801 with an increase of 33% over the year.
- The Learn to Swim programme remains strong at 382 people learning to swim with us.
- New poolside vinyl windows were fitted acrros the inside and outside windows surrounding the indoor pool.
- Minor refurbishment work took place before the outdoor pool reopened in May for the Summer season.

Horncastle Pool & Fitness Suite

- Fitness member numbers reach a high of 856 with an increase of 12% over the year.
- The Learn to Swim programme remains strong at 410 people learning to swim with us.

Station Sports Centre

- Fitness member numbers reach a high of 458, an increase of 9% over the year.
- The new Station Leisure & Learning Centre started development, with a predicted opening date for mid July 2024. The current venue will close 12th April to allow completion of the new build.





Altitude 44, Skegnes

- Altitude44 saw 954 climbs during the Summer season.

Magna Vitae Gymnastics are finalists!

Magna Vitae Gymnastics team enjoyed an evening out for Active Lincolnshire's 'Lincolnshire Sport & Physical Activity Awards' in November 2023. We were honoured to be recognised as finalists in the 'Positive Experiences for Children and Young People' category.

Although we didn't win, it was rewarding to know that our efforts are making a meaningful impact across our community. Our gymnastics programme continues to grow and develop, providing an inclusive learning environment for young children.



MAGNA VITAE GYMNASTICS

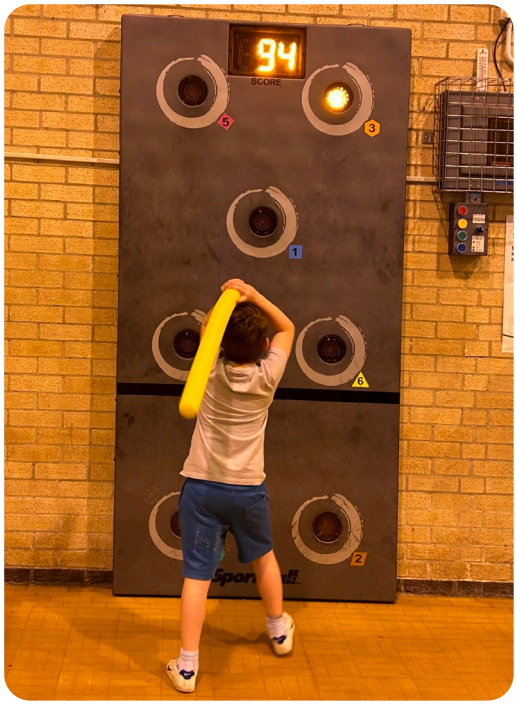
Holiday Activity and Food Programme

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme, funded by the government, aims to provide opportunities for children to learn, be active, and socialise.

Taking place during the Easter, Summer, and Christmas holidays, all three venues offered a main programme and a teenager programme for ages 4-16. The Meridian Leisure Centre introduced a third programme, the first-ever SEND Stay and Play HAF session, specifically designed for children and young people with complex, additional, or medical needs.

As part of the programme, all children are also offered a hot meal. Each venue was registered as a new food business and achieved a 5* Food Safety rating from East Lindsey District Council. The HAF programme continues to make a positive impact by providing inclusive, safe, and engaging environments for children in need.





Health Improvements

One You Lincolnshire

682 individuals were assessed on the One You Lincolnshire Exercise on Prescription programme, across the year, which is an increase of 9.1%.

In the last 12 months there was an increase of 137,261 minutes of physical activity with our programme participants.

An average of 33% of referrals are continuing with a Magna Vitae membership, with 43% stemming directly from Station Sports Centre, Mablethorpe.

Ageless & Agile

Ageless & Agile is a community group funded by the Mental Health and Wellbeing Community Investment Fund and Shine Lincolnshire, offering sessions at all our venues. It provides a friendly environment for those looking to get out more, socialise, and stay active.

3 years funding:
2023/24 - £25,000 | 2024/25 - £18,750 | 2025/26 - £12,500 | = £56,250

Activities include nostalgia, quizzes, activities (both seated exercise and games like boccia), health awareness topics like diabetes, dementia, etc, opportunity to try some new crafts, have a chat, and also some days where we all come together like a sports day.



It has been highly effective in helping individuals who have been struggling with isolation and loneliness feel like they are part of a community.

4 Locations

85 Participants

Get Active More Everyday (GAME)

Get Active Move Everyday (GAME) was a funded group for young people aged 13-17. Participants enjoyed inclusive sessions across various activities aimed at boosting confidence and increasing social and physical participation.



The project collaborated with statutory and community partners, including local schools, home-schooled children, and the Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT). It was inspiring to see many of the young people's confidence grow throughout the project, positively impacting their mental and physical health.

Sport and Physical Activity Development

We have supported local clubs and community organisations in a variety of ways based on individual need. This support has ranged from coach development, governance, development plans and funding.





Two large scale facility developments have been supported at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School (QEGS), Horncastle and Spilsby Recreation Ground. Combined, both projects total £1.5m of investment, with a 3G proposed at QEGS, and Playzone, Skatepark at Spilsby. Both projects are underpinned by development plans to create sustainable models.

Community Activities

Community engagement continued to flourish with the development of several targeted sports participation programmes throughout the year. One highlight was the introduction of 'Pickleball' to East Lindsey at the Meridian Leisure Centre, which quickly became a hit. Additionally, a successful 'Walking Rugby' programme was launched at Sutton-on-Sea Playing Fields with popularity increasing.

In collaboration with Lincolnshire Cricket Ltd, weekly 'Street Cricket' sessions were introduced in Skegness, focusing on engaging teenagers in the community. We also partnered with Lincolnshire Cricket Ltd to expand the Lords Taverners 'Table Cricket' competition, catering to individuals with SEN and physical disabilities, hosted at the Meridian Leisure Centre for the past two years.

Magna Vitae teamed up with Lincolnshire Coop to participate in 'Wellbeing Walks' training for our Community Activities team. This initiative revitalised the 'Wellbeing Walks' in Louth, Horncastle, and Wragby, and enabled us to introduce a new Wellbeing Walk in Binbrook.

Additionally, we delivered fitness sessions in Binbrook and a Yoga session in Brookenby, facilitated by two local qualified instructors. In Wragby, we successfully launched 'Body Conditioning' and 'Core & Stretch' classes in collaboration with a local self-employed tutor.

352 Sessions Delivered **2,954** Participants **18** New Activities

School's Out Programme

The 'School's Out' programme now has an identity and place in several communities across the district.Each holiday sessions are delivered in the eight community locations with no two weeks ever the same. Activities included Dodgeball, Rounders, Golf, Gymnastics, Street Dance, Multi-Skills, Dance and Cricket along with other sporting activities.

Several 'away day' trips were delivered as part of the programme to provide children with activities away from the communities that they live in. This included Kenwick Park Golf Club, Lincoln City FC, Meridian Leisure Centre and Xsite Skate Park.



85 Sessions Delivered **1,543** Participants

Culture, Arts and Events

Embassy Theatre

137 Number of Live Performances

12 Screened Events

60 VIP Experience Events

79 Other Events

68,212 Attended



The Embassy Theatre 2023 season kicked off with Lipstick on your Collar, a popular performance at the beginning of April. Shows such as The Greatest Hits of Motown and That'll be the Day continue to return for busy live performances on stage.

June saw the national launch of 5 new Associate venue partnerships for the Royal Shakespeare Company hosted Upstairs at The Embassy.



A hugely successful Summer season concluded at the Embassy Theatre with a wonderful performance from those who attended our weekly Matilda workshops throughout August.

The Embassy Theatre kicked off October with it's biggest technical build in the buildings history, with SIX, the West End touring show, being welcomed into the auditorium. This production SOLD OUT and delivered the highest levels of box office receipts and customer satifaction.

8 Live Performances 9,344 Attended

The in-house pantomime, Snow White, reinvented itself in 2023 to revisit a more traditional style of presentation... This years intent was around strength of cast and creation of Company. The casting of individuals over effect has, this year, been pivotal in achieving this. This year saw teams from 3 local Performance Schools (21 students) rehearsing set choreography with their teachers from October to their first site rehearsal in December to then take on additional character roles... as puppeteers!







Customers of The Embassy Theatre Skegness give to a discreet bucket collection at the end of every performance, this loose change becomes a GOLDEN TICKET experience for nominated members of our local community.

The Embassy Theatre kicked off their NEW season with the Comedy Network on 7th March. The Embassy Theatre team celebrated their fastest on sale in recent memory with Alfie Boe selling out in just 13 minutes on 29th March! Alfie will perform live at the Embassy Theatre on Sunday 30th June to a sold out crowd. The system coped with sales topping £3,000 per minute too – that's a lot of money!

£4.27 Average Secondary Spend per person during their visit

SO Festival

SO Festival is an ambitious, international outdoor arts festival which took place on June 16, 17 and 18 in the coastal towns of Skegness and Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire.

The exhilarating three-day festival of theatre, puppetry, dance, comedy, music, acrobatics and immersive installations from local, UK and international artists is set in the scenic outdoor spaces and designed to take audiences away from the everyday, and on a journey of discovery to experience unique and inspirational performances.

In an area of the UK that has historically few opportunities to engage with diverse arts and culture, Danish Artistic Director, Jens Frimann Hansen brings a continental direction to the programming that elevates ambition and aspiration.

Throughout the year the team worked with local partners (both cultural and non-cultural) to support local creatives and communities with a programme of workshops, masterclasses, locally based projects and network developments.

Collaboration and community engagement are key principles and in 2022 SO started on a journey to 'democratise' the festival, through co-curation and co-creation. The aim of this approach is to upskill local communities and see the voice of local people reflected in the programming of the festival, making it more relevant and impactful.

SO Festival became an Arts Council England, National Portfolio Organisation in 2023, receiving £962,000 over three years. Match funding is provided by Magna Vitae and East Lindsey District Council.







People, Power, Partnership

On the 21 and 22 July, two sold out audiences witnessed People Power Partnerships UK Premiere of FACE T(W)O, an international dance project, in Grimsby. Local and international artists, partners and young people came together to provide two nights of extraordinary free entertainment, escapism and reflection.

As the sun set over Grimsby, audiences of all ages flocked to Garibaldi Street Car Park, chosen for its location in the heart of the local community, to be immersed in a spellbinding and striking visual adventure. Audiences were captivated as 32 dancers interacted with stunning projections to a hypnotic soundscape underneath a giant floating mirror, creating a thought provoking and highly relevant reflection of the world we live in today.

Feedback received included:
"Amazing atmospheric show, loved it. Quite surreal in the Garibaldi Street Car Park but I can't think of a better location!"

"That was absolutely amazing for Grimsby, I could feel my heart going, I have never seen anything like that before."







54 Local creatives & community groups engaged

109 Participants

5596 Audience members online

494 Overnight stays in Grimsby

2,000 Tickets issued to the live event

Additionality & Impact

Magna Vitae's long-term contracted partnership with East Lindsey District Council *(ELDC)* delivers significant 'additional' impact through delivery of a range of targeted interventions that meet the needs of local residents.

This 'additionality' is made possible through two key areas of work:

- *Development of collaborative partnerships and networks*
- *External fundraising leveraging external investment into the district from a diverse portfolio of funders.*

Service Fee: £1.66m (23/24)

including additional contract delivery SO Festival, Sport and Physical Activity and Inland Conurbations

Partnerships:

Partnerships and collaboration with local, national and international stakeholders.

Funding Investment:

£1.57m of additional funding and investment, secured from 9 different funders, to deliver programmes to support the health and wellbeing needs of our communities.

Confirmed	Funder	Amount
SO Festival NPO	Arts Council England	£962,000
Multiply	Lincolnshire County Council	£10,000
inOrbit	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	£49,500
Ageless & Agile	Shine	£56,250
Employability Expansion	Theddlethorpe GDF	£230,000
MUGA (match)	TNL	£10,000
Exercise Referral	OneYou	£25,552
Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) programme	LCC	£84,000
On behalf of Skegness SA	GRASSroots (LCF)	£24,999
International People's College (IPC)	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	£109,436

£1,517,237

**£1.57m includes all live revenue projects and capital funding secured over the last 12 months.*

Impact:

Each of these projects contributes positively to the local community by addressing various needs from physical health and wellbeing to education, culture, and community engagement.

Multiply

Provides adults with the opportunity to enhance their math skills, which is crucial for daily life and career advancement. Formal qualifications obtained through Multiply can open doors to better job prospects and opportunities for further education.



Ageless & Agile

Sessions across Louth, Mablethorpe, Skegness, and Horncastle cater to older adults, helping them maintain fitness levels and discover new hobbies. Activities like local walks, sporting memories, and seated exercises promote physical and mental well-being, fostering social connections through the simplicity of a “cuppa and a chat”.

GAME (Get Active Move Everyday)

Supports young people in East Lindsey experiencing poor mental health through physical activity. It provides a supportive environment for young individuals to cope with mental health challenges whilst encouraging them to stay active.

Aspire to Be

A skill-building initiative aimed at enhancing employability post-COVID by providing access to skills-based learning. It equips residents with valuable skills and qualifications, preparing them for better job opportunities and career progression.



MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), Louth

Refurbishing the MUGA provides local residents with an improved recreational facility. This project enhances community sports activities, promoting physical activity and social interaction among residents of all ages.

Exercise on Prescription

Funding for personalised exercise programs benefits 600 local residents annually, particularly those with medical conditions. It promotes a more active lifestyle, improving physical health and overall wellbeing.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Government-funded program offering opportunities for children to stay active, socialize, and learn about food education. Providing a free meal at each session ensures children from disadvantaged backgrounds receive nutritious meals while participating in fun activities during school holidays.



SO Festival

An accessible outdoor arts festival that enriches the cultural life of Mablethorpe, Skegness, and surrounding communities. Designated as part of Arts Council England’s national portfolio, it brings international quality culture to the local community, fostering creativity and community spirit.

International People’s College (IPC)

Offers personal growth and skill development through Danish Folk High School education. IPC provides a unique educational experience focused on life goals, enhancing personal and professional development for participants.

Financial Review

OVERVIEW INCORPORATING KEY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Full details of our financial performance during the year ended 31 March 2024 are shown in the financial statements and supporting notes. The table below shows the headline income and expenditure for 2023/24 compared to 2022/23 – excluding pension and donated services adjustments and excluding any change in asset market valuation.

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
Income		
Service Fee (ELDC)	1,660,769	1,523,308
Fees & Charges	466,450	410,269
Grant Income	729,452	250,525
Gym Membership	1,316,482	1,075,096
Hire Fees	265,897	261,847
Other Income	475,240	577,612
Pool Admissions	418,829	429,281
Rental Income	61,434	57,265
Show Income	1,469,883	972,124
Swimming Lessons	709,249	680,254
Total Income	**7,573,685**	**6,237,581**
Expenditure		
Depreciation	-20,623	-53,731
Employees	-3,286,789	-2,877,502
Utilities	-922,958	-542,090
Premises	-288,645	-313,603
Supplies & Services	-2,761,945	-1,983,994
Transport	-42,638	-39,493
Support Services	-38,424	-35,034
Total Expenditure	**-7,362,022**	**-5,845,447**
Deficit	**211,663**	**392,134**

Income

Income levels performed well during the year, increasing by 21% increase on the previous year particularly in relation to gym membership and show income.

Expenditure

Expenditure of £7.4m was incurred during the year, an increase of 26% on the prior year. The main areas of increase were staffing costs (+14%) and utilities (+70%)

The surplus for the year was £211,663 against an original deficit budget of £992,000. The deficit budget was set against a backdrop of expected 300% increase in gas costs, which were ultimately lower than anticipated.

Reserves

The current allocation of reserves is as follows:

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
Income	**£**	**£**
Income Funds (restricted)	218,807	88,433
Income Funds (unrestricted including designated)	1,836,338	1,755,049
Pension Reserves (surplus)	212,000	0
Total Reserves	**2,267,145**	**1,843,482**

The trustees note the positive total reserves position of £2.27m at 31 March 2024. This has grown due to the financial performance during the year. The pension reserves position has remained at NIL. The pension reserve reflects an asset of £212,000. The actuarial report of the local government scheme pension, prepared at 31 March 2024 showed a pension asset of £4.175m, however only £212,000 has been recognised as it is not deemed to be recoverable through reduced contributions in the future or through refunds from the plan.

GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Trustees are aware that East Lindsey District Council and wider South East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership are looking to make changes to the procurement of leisure services, and that there is potential for change over the next three years. However, they do not consider this will currently impact the going concern basis adopted.

Specific consideration has been given to the impact of inflationary cost pressures, particularly in relation to staffing and energy costs, which remain elevated, and the opening of a new venue in July 2024 Station Leisure & Learning Centre. Trustees have agreed a deficit budget in 2024/25 and continue to work alongside our main client and strategic partner East Lindsey District Council to mitigate the impact of energy cost pressures via energy efficient building works including the application of Sport England Swimming Pool Support Funds at Meridian Leisure Centre, Louth.

KEY CHALLENGES

We agreed a five-year business plan (2022-2027) with East Lindsey District Council including an ongoing service fee level, which also includes Community Commissioning work to further support our local community. This is in line with our Corporate Strategy referenced elsewhere in the report.

This partnership and relationship with the Council is key to ensuring that the Trust continues to thrive and support the wellbeing of our communities, residents and customers, so they can live a great life.

The key financial challenges facing Magna Vitae in 2024/25 and beyond relate to decarbonisation of our venues in conjunction with East Lindsey District Council, maintaining and further growing our core business areas, whilst achieving staffing resilience. This work will allow us to ensure focus on achieving our charitable objectives in line with community need whilst remaining financially viable and resilient.

These challenges will most effectively be met through partnership and collaboration with other strategic partners locally, regionally and nationally through a whole system approach.

RESERVES POLICY

Whilst Magna Vitae is a not-for-profit organisation, it is aware that it needs to hold working surpluses to create a reserve for unforeseen circumstances. Unrestricted income funds stand at £1,836,338; however, £313,880 is tied up in Magna Vitae's fixed assets. Therefore, current available or free reserves stand at £1,522,458, including £50,000 designated for Cultural Projects.

This reserves figure is higher than our Reserves Policy which is to hold at least £1m in unrestricted or free reserves. However, trustees have agreed to hold these reserves at 31 March 2024 given that a deficit has been budgeted. The general reserves policy will be further reviewed during the coming year to ensure charity reserves are appropriately held and applied.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING

The principal income and funding streams for Magna Vitae were as follows: Service Fee from East Lindsey District Council; income from customers' use of leisure venues and theatre income ticket sales; and grant income from Arts Council England and other grant funding bodies.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Magna Vitae's investment policy is driven by four key factors:

- Security
- Liquidity
- Rate of return
- Accessibility

Investments are restricted to

- UK Government investments
- UK Banks and Building Societies

Investments are permitted in the following instruments

- Time deposits and deposit accounts with banks in accordance with the above criteria
- Treasury Bills of 1 month, 3 month or 6-month duration
- Common Deposit Funds and Money Market Funds

A maximum of £750,000 is to be placed with any one bank/institution excluding day to day working capital accounts. Any figure above this amount requires the agreement of the Finance Sub-Group.

This policy is reviewed by the Finance Sub-Group and signed off by the Board of Trustees.

In 2023/24 the income from bank interest receivable amounted to £111,504.

Structure, Governance and Management

CONSTITUTION

The Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 10th June 2014 and registered as a charity on 26th January 2015. East Lindsey District Council transferred its cultural and leisure services, comprising of sports facilities, arts activities and events, sports development and events, health improvement programmes and a theatre on 1st January 2015.

The Trust was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objectives and powers of the organisation and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Magna Vitae operates, for an agreed service fee, certain culture, arts, recreational and sports activities on behalf of East Lindsey District Council, which leases to Magna Vitae buildings and other assets. The assets are provided at no charge to Magna Vitae on a 25-year lease/licence, which commenced on 1st January 2015 with the exception of Station Sports Centre that is on a 10 year lease. A new lease for the new Mablethorpe Station Leisure & Learning Centre was entered into in June 2024 which is co-terminus with the other venue leases.

Magna Vitae is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

As a limited company Magna Vitae is governed by its members. There are two categories of Trustees: Community Trustees and Local Authority Trustees. The Board of Trustees is fixed at a minimum of three and maximum of eleven, with Board composition consisting of up to two Local Authority Trustees, and up to nine Community Trustees, provided that the Community Trustees are at all times in the majority.

The Local Authority Trustees are selected and appointed by the local authority East Lindsey District Council for such period as the authority determines. Councillor Steve Kirk and Sarah Parkin resigned on 24 May 2023, with Councillors Sam Kemp and Robert Watson being appointed on the same date.

The Community Trustees are selected following a rigorous trustee recruitment process. A Community Trustee will be required to retire by rotation whereby one third of the Community Trustees shall be required to retire each year but will be eligible for reappointment. The Community Trustees required to retire will be those who have been longest in office or in the event of the Community Trustees serving the same period of office, those required to retire shall be determined by lot. The rotational retirement requirement for Community Trustees became effective from January 2018. In October 2023 Eva Hjelms was appointed as a new community trustee and in December 2023 Ashley Lidgard resigned as a community trustee. Due to the change in the community trustee make-up during the year, no trustees retired by rotation and were subsequently reappointed.

Trustees are required to meet at least four times a year to review the management of the organisation. They employ managers to take on the day-to-day running of the activities.

POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

The induction process for Trustees includes an induction programme, supported by in-depth briefings from senior managers where required, and visits to our venues. Further training is arranged to meet the specific needs of individual Trustees.

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

Senior Leadership Team salaries are set strictly by the Board of Trustees. These are reviewed annually as part of the budget setting process, generally in January or April of each year. They were last reviewed in January 2024.

Trustees do not receive a salary but are entitled to claim expenses for attending meetings or specific events.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Trustees who served during the year and the Senior Leadership Team are listed on Page 2.

RELATED PARTIES

Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team members are asked to complete an annual Disclosure Statement to notify Magna Vitae of any involvement in any other organisations. This was most recently completed in May 2024.

A summary of transactions with related parties are set out in note 32 in the financial statements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for establishing and maintaining the whole system of internal control and reviewing its effectiveness.

The Trustees recognise that no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss or eliminate all risk of failure to achieve the organisation's objectives. The system of internal control is designed to manage key risks and to provide reasonable assurance that planned objectives and outcomes are achieved. This will also give reasonable assurance about the reliability of financial and operational information and the safeguarding of Magna Vitae's assets and reputation. This approach includes the regular evaluation of the nature and extent of risks to which Magna Vitae is exposed.

The Board has developed a culture of strong corporate governance. Key elements of the control framework and the system for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control are as follows:

RISK REGISTER

The Trust's Senior Leadership Team routinely documents, monitors and evaluates identified business risks through The Risk Register. This "live" document is reviewed quarterly by the Finance Sub-Group who quantify financial impact of risk. Risks deemed to be extreme or high are reviewed at every board meeting and the whole risk register is reviewed annually.

PLANNING APPROVAL

Magna Vitae reviews new projects including identifying risks and controls. This combined with the budget process, which reviews risks and controls in existing processes, generates a comprehensive review of risks.

INTERNAL AUDIT

The Board together with the Senior Leadership Team reviews the major risks and assesses the effectiveness of controls in managing those risks. This includes setting an internal audit programme of activities to assess the effectiveness of controls. During the year an internal audit was undertaken at four venues in May 2024 by Forrester Boyd.

MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

Financial reporting procedures include detailed budgets for the year ahead, detailed monthly management accounts, and longer-term financial plans used for strategic/business planning as part of the five year business plan. The Senior Leadership Team and wider Management Team review management accounts every month, and in depth performance monitoring also takes place at Quarterly Management Team away days. Reports are then considered and approved by the Trustees. Where objectives are not being met, the Senior Leadership Team report on actions being taken to correct performance, and these reports are also considered and approved by the Trustees.

Additionally, the Finance Sub-Group review in more depth the financial performance, forecasting, budgeting, business planning, audit reports and associated policies and procedures. The Sub-Group which consists of Community Trustees, the Executive Directors and the Director of Finance has Terms of Reference and reports regularly to the Board of Trustees.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Robust, corporately agreed & implemented policies, procedures & standards are vital to ensure the health, safety & welfare of employees, members of the public, customers, members & others, visiting MV sites and other service areas, including a variety of outreach work taking place in East Lindsey "inland conurbations". Magna Vitae currently maintains a corporate H&S Manual, management system & implements a strict, annually planned, H&S and quality assurance/management (QUEST) auditing regime.

The H&S performance statistics included in this report are based on the last calendar year - January to December 2023. In part, the data is routinely compared with past performance & general comparative data taken from the previous calendar year, 2022.

The annual Magna Vitae "STITCH of the Nation" results compare very positively against the national benchmark data made available for 2023. Nb: Magna Vitae sites & service areas welcomed a total of 728,348 visits in 2023 compared to 723,155 in the previous twelve (12) months. The Magna Vitae 2023 accident to usage ratio was 0.02% compared to the national average of 0.46%.

80% of Magna Vitae accidents were uncontrollable in 2023 compared against a national average of 70%.

The total number of accidents recorded in 2023 = 164, compared to 93 in 2022. Representing an increase of 76% on the previous year. Staff training has helped ensure re-education meaning that all accidents are recorded and logged within our internal platform (STITCH).

Visits have also increased and this shows a slight rise in the 'accidents to visits' ratio.

2023 – 728,348 visits = 164 Accidents = 0.02%

2022 – 723,155 visits = 93 Accidents = 0.01%

2021 – 246,855 visits = 51 Accidents = 0.02%

2019 – 922,704 visits = 162 Accidents = 0.02%

Although acknowledging an increase, the data supplied above confirms that Magna Vitae's H&S performance is still better than the national average of 0.46%.

As well as directly employing competently qualified and experienced senior managers, Magna Vitae's commitment to Health and Safety establishes a positive health and safety culture throughout the entire workforce. Since inception in 2015, the Trust has been supported by an annually retained external Health & Safety specialist consultancy (Right Directions Ltd).

During 2023, Magna Vitae continued, for the ninth consecutive year, to invest and work in conjunction with Right Directions Ltd. This is a nationally renowned leisure industry consultancy, specialising in health & safety, quality assurance and environmental management support. Magna Vitae continues to annually invest approximately £13,000 - £14,000 in this service.

Right Directions Ltd provide Magna Vitae with expert advice (industry relevant updates) and support (includes access to 24/7 telephone advice support) to further develop, maintain & review the Magna Vitae H&S Manual and general management system(s). This also includes direct support with a variety of risk assessments, legislative changes, operational auditing, the STITCH accident/incident monitoring management & control system, and the StaffMis operational H&S monitoring system, now more commonly known as 'The Mag..Net'.

Since last year, MagNet has been fully rolled out and is utilised across the whole organisation for a variety of functions. These include:

- Communication methods including compliance-based acknowledgement and sign off.
- H&S training via Right Directions.
- The management of fault reporting and repairs.
- H&S libraries for important documents such as our H&S manual and HR policies and procedures.

The continued, current level of investment made in these resources reflects the organisation's ongoing commitment and drive in further developing a positive health & safety culture alongside Magna Vitae striving to continually improve its Health & Safety performance.

Health and Safety arrangements are also supported internally via a robust Health & Safety Working Group that meets quarterly with the meeting minutes being routinely submitted to the Magna Vitae Board of Trustees for update and information. These minutes, along with other supporting H&S performance data, are also routinely circulated to ELDC (Client Contract Officer, PSPSL H&S Manager and ELDC / MV Working Group) as Magna Vitae's main funding partner and landlord of the East Lindsey leisure venues presently operated / managed by Magna Vitae.

Magna Vitae' health and safety performance data is routinely collated, monitored and analysed via the STITCH accident, incident and near miss reporting system. This data is also routinely provided to Board and ELDC for information; the data helps the trust benchmark health and safety performance internally (monthly) and nationally (quarterly & annually) against similar leisure facilities and services.

The Trust's Senior Leadership Team (SLT) routinely documents, monitors and evaluates identified business risks through the update of its Risk Register. This "live" document is reviewed annually and readily shared with the Board of Trustees for update and information.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Magna Vitae colleagues attend Community Leisure UK Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Special Interest Group quarterly, regular updates are communicated to managers and employees as necessary as well as HR team keeping up to date with legislation changes and sharing knowledge as appropriate.

Equality & Diversity mandatory training takes place with employees. The training is also mandatory for all new trustees as part of the existing trustees ongoing CPD programme.

TRUSTEES' LIABILITY

Magna Vitae has indemnified the Trustees of Magna Vitae against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third-party indemnity provision was in force during the year.

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

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We strive to continually improve the quality and value for money of the services we offer in our communities. Future developments will include improving the website, to improve customers' online joining and booking experiences, and working with our strategic partner East Lindsey District Council to decarbonise our venues.

We are also excited to work with East Lindsey District Council on their development of the new Mablethorpe Leisure & Learning Centre, due to open in July 2024, and the Embassy Theatre Culture House.

A major focus for the coming year will be on staff development and wider community employability scheme developments.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

We are committed to providing our employees with information about our activities, consulting with them on major changes and generally developing an open culture in the organisation. Regular meetings are held between managers and staff teams to allow free flow of information, and we hold team briefing and social sessions to update staff on strategy and other major developments on a regular basis.

We worked with TenSense during 2022/23 to engage with the workforce via an anonymous quarterly Employee Survey, a continued mechanism of allowing staff to be able to share their thoughts anonymously. The workforce is our most valued asset.

STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND TRUSTEES

Finally, I would like to thank the staff, volunteers and Trustees of Magna Vitae for their undiminishing commitment, resolve and hard work throughout the past year.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees, who are also the Directors of Magna Vitae for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that:

- So far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware, and
- That Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 25 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Helps, Chairman of Trustees

MAGNA VITAE

TRUST FOR LEISURE & CULTURE

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGNA VITAE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Magna Vitae (the 'trust') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGNA VITAE (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the trust through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the trust and sector in which it operates;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the trust, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the trust’s financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- reviewed a sample of grants and other income streams in the year to ensure accurate recognition;
- agreed a sample of employees on the trust payroll to existence and agreed the accuracy of their pay;
- assessed and reviewed the appropriateness and effectiveness of the key systems and controls;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 3 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing any correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the trust's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGNA VITAE (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Robert Anderson (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of
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2 September 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Continuing operations 2024 £	Discontinued operations 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*Continuing operations 2023 £*	*Discontinued operations 2023 £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Income from:									
Donations and legacies	4	**185,981**	**5,427**	**189,158**	**2,250**	**191,408**	*191,078*	*2,250*	*193,328*
Charitable activities	5	**6,680,179**	**746,568**	**7,264,223**	**162,524**	**7,426,747**	*6,054,835*	*97,752*	*6,152,587*
Other trading activities	6	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	*1,622*	*-*	*1,622*
Investments	7	**297,780**	**-**	**297,780**	**-**	**297,780**	*75,294*	*-*	*75,294*
Total income		**7,163,940**	**751,995**	**7,751,161**	**164,774**	**7,915,935**	*6,322,829*	*100,002*	*6,422,831*
Expenditure on:									
Raising funds	8	**18,460**	**-**	**18,460**	**-**	**18,460**	*40,353*	*-*	*40,353*
Charitable activities	9	**6,857,564**	**735,248**	**7,429,326**	**163,486**	**7,592,812**	*6,148,170*	*135,174*	*6,283,344*
Total expenditure carried forward		**6,876,024**	**735,248**	**7,447,786**	**163,486**	**7,611,272**	*6,188,523*	*135,174*	*6,323,697*

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Continuing operations 2024 £	Discontinued operations 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*Continuing operations 2023* £	*Discontinued operations 2023* £	*Total funds 2023* £
Total expenditure brought forward		**6,876,024**	**735,248**	**7,447,786**	**163,486**	**7,611,272**	*6,188,523*	*135,174*	*6,323,697*
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains on investments		**287,916**	**16,747**	**303,375**	**1,288**	**304,663**	*134,306*	*(35,172)*	*99,134*
Net gains on investments		**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	*100,000*	*-*	*100,000*
Net income/(expenditure)		**287,916**	**16,747**	**303,375**	**1,288**	**304,663**	*234,306*	*(35,172)*	*199,134*
Transfers between funds	22	**(113,627)**	**113,627**	**-**	**-**	**-**	*-*	*-*	*-*
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		**174,289**	**130,374**	**303,375**	**1,288**	**304,663**	*234,306*	*(35,172)*	*199,134*
Other recognised gains/(losses):									
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	28	**854,000**	**-**	**854,000**	**-**	**854,000**	*4,489,000*	*-*	*4,489,000*
Defined benefit pension scheme asset not recognised	28	**(735,000)**	**-**	**(735,000)**	**-**	**(735,000)**	*(3,228,000)*	*-*	*(3,228,000)*
Net movement in funds		**293,289**	**130,374**	**422,375**	**1,288**	**423,663**	*1,495,306*	*(35,172)*	*1,460,134*

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Continuing operations 2024 £	Discontinued operations 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*Continuing operations 2023* £	*Discontinued operations 2023* £	*Total funds 2023* £
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		**1,755,049**	**88,433**	**1,843,482**	**-**	**1,843,482**	*383,348*	*-*	*383,348*
Net movement in funds		**293,289**	**130,374**	**422,375**	**1,288**	**423,663**	*1,495,306*	*(35,172)*	*1,460,134*
Total funds carried forward		**2,048,338**	**218,807**	**2,265,857**	**1,288**	**2,267,145**	*1,878,654*	*(35,172)*	*1,843,482*

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

The notes on pages 40 to 72 form part of these financial statements.

MAGNA VITAE

(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 09078400

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note		2024 £		*2023 £*
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	14		**15,900**		*28,994*
Tangible assets	15		**47,979**		*9,494*
Investments	17		**1**		*1*
Investment property	16		**250,000**		*250,000*
			313,880		*288,489*
Current assets					
Stocks	18	**34,597**		*25,349*	
Debtors	19	**350,958**		*137,173*	
Investments	20	**2,357,377**		*1,294,520*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**417,609**		*2,313,140*	
		3,160,541		*3,770,182*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	**(1,419,276)**		*(2,215,189)*	
Net current assets			**1,741,265**		*1,554,993*
Total assets less current liabilities			**2,055,145**		*1,843,482*
Net assets excluding pension asset			**2,055,145**		*1,843,482*
Defined benefit pension scheme asset	28		**212,000**		-
Total net assets			**2,267,145**		*1,843,482*

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note		2024 £		*2023 £*
Trust funds					
Restricted funds	22		**218,807**		*88,433*
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds excluding pension reserve	22	**1,836,338**		*1,755,049*	
Pension reserve	22	**212,000**		-	
Total unrestricted funds	22		**2,048,338**		*1,755,049*
Total funds			**2,267,145**		*1,843,482*

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 25 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

P M Helps
Chairman of Trustees

The notes on pages 40 to 72 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	*2023 £*
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	25	**(939,320)**	*1,776,077*
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of intangible assets		**-**	*(19,875)*
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(40,036)**	*(6,830)*
Interest received		**117,406**	*32,798*
Rental income		**29,276**	*27,874*
Net cash withdrawn from / (placed in) investments		**(1,062,857)**	*(20,010)*
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		**(956,211)**	*13,957*
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**(1,895,531)**	*1,790,034*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**2,313,140**	*523,106*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	26	**417,609**	*2,313,140*

The notes on pages 40 to 72 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. General information

Magna Vitae (the Trust) is a limited company by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and a registered charity. The Trust's registered office is at Meridian Leisure Centre, Wood Lane, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 8SA . The Trust's principal activity is the operation of cultural and leisure facilities.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Magna Vitae meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

In March 2024, the Trust signed a deed of surrender relating to the Pavilion, London Road in Louth. Income and expenditure relating to the activity have been separately disclosed as discontinued operations in the financial statements.

2.2 Consolidation

These financial statements represent the figures of the Trust only. Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared on the basis that the subsidiary company is not material to the financial statements.

2.3 Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed its plans and forecasts and remain confident that the Trust will continue to maintain adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Trust which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity.

Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity.

Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Trust's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

Computer software	-	5 - 6 years

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

The estimated useful lives range as follows:

Plant, machinery and fixtures	-	3 - 6 years

2.9 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as ‘Gains/(Losses) on investments’ in the Statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Investment property

Investment property is initially recognised at cost and is subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date. Revaluation gains or losses are shown in the heading gains / losses on investment property in the statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Investment property contains a balance in respect of cafe equipment which is initially recognised at cost and subsequently measured cost less an accumulated write-down. The write-down is charged so as to allocate the cost of the assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives on a straight line basis. The estimated useful life of the assets is 2 years.

2.11 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.12 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.13 Current asset investments

Current asset investments represents cash held in accounts where a fixed notice is required by the Trust to access the funds.

2.14 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents cash held in bank current account and deposit account facilities to which the Trust has instant access and cash floats.

2.15 Liabilities

Liabilities and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.16 Financial instruments

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

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.17 Pensions

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Trust to the fund in respect of the year.

The Trust operates a defined benefits pension scheme and the pension charge is based on an actuarial valuation dated 31 March 2024.

2.18 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Trust and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Trust for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Investment property are recognised at valuation. The carrying amount of the Trust's investment property is reviewed on a regular basis by the Trustees for any conditions that might show that a need for impairment has arisen with regular independent third-party valuations obtained.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost / income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 28, will impact the carrying amount of the pension balance. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 March 2024. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension balance.

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4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	731	5,427	**6,158**
Donated Services and Facilities	185,250	-	**185,250**
	185,981	5,427	**191,408**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	*Restricted funds 2023 £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Donations	*231*	*7,847*	*8,078*
Donated Services and Facilities	*185,250*	-	*185,250*
	185,481	*7,847*	*193,328*

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Culture	15,000	474,786	**489,786**
Health Improvement	18,136	228,883	**247,019**
Sports & Leisure	3,060,578	7,635	**3,068,213**
Theatre	1,915,199	25,264	**1,940,463**
Other	1,671,266	10,000	**1,681,266**
	6,680,179	746,568	**7,426,747**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	*Restricted funds 2023 £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Culture	*17,913*	*219,657*	*237,570*
Health Improvement	*(1,760)*	-	*(1,760)*
Sports & Leisure	*2,761,493*	*44,368*	*2,805,861*
Theatre	*1,571,653*	*400*	*1,572,053*
Other	*1,536,863*	*2,000*	*1,538,863*
	5,886,162	*266,425*	*6,152,587*

6. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Cafe Income	**-**	*1,622*

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Rental Income	29,276	**29,276**	*30,126*
Bank Interest Receivable	111,504	**111,504**	*45,168*
Pension Finance Income	157,000	**157,000**	*-*
	297,780	**297,780**	*75,294*

8. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Wages and Salaries	14,720	**14,720**	*7,725*
National Insurance	1,743	**1,743**	*852*
Pension Costs	1,997	**1,997**	*2,505*
	18,460	**18,460**	*11,082*

Expenditure for activities for generating funds

	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Other Costs	**-**	*6,984*
Wages and Salaries	**-**	*520*
National Insurance	**-**	*3*
Depreciation	**-**	*21,764*
	-	*29,271*

9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Culture	138,914	551,237	**690,151**
Health Improvement	248,119	146,089	**394,208**
Sports & Leisure	4,345,883	2,658	**4,348,541**
Theatre	2,118,044	25,264	**2,143,308**
Other	6,604	10,000	**16,604**
	6,857,564	735,248	**7,592,812**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	*Restricted funds 2023 £*	*Total 2023 £*
Culture	*139,654*	*296,282*	*435,936*
Health Improvement	*261,111*	*1,237*	*262,348*
Sports & Leisure	*3,658,343*	*220,835*	*3,879,178*
Theatre	*1,700,482*	*3,400*	*1,703,882*
Other	-	*2,000*	*2,000*
	5,759,590	*523,754*	*6,283,344*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Culture	593,901	96,250	**690,151**
Health Improvement	339,231	54,977	**394,208**
Sports & Leisure	3,742,086	606,455	**4,348,541**
Theatre	1,844,399	298,909	**2,143,308**
Other	16,604	-	**16,604**
	6,536,221	1,056,591	**7,592,812**

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	*Support costs 2023 £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Culture	*363,075*	*72,861*	*435,936*
Health Improvement	*218,499*	*43,849*	*262,348*
Sports & Leisure	*3,230,824*	*648,354*	*3,879,178*
Theatre	*1,419,101*	*284,781*	*1,703,882*
Other	*2,000*	-	*2,000*
	5,233,499	*1,049,845*	*6,283,344*

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10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Culture 2024 £	Health Improvement 2024 £	Sports & Leisure 2024 £	Theatre 2024 £
Staff Costs	129,398	235,153	1,902,636	382,942
Depreciation and Amortisation	1,193	681	12,019	6,729
Service Provision Costs	217,799	33,059	86,983	66,296
Goods for Resale	-	-	62,505	94,635
Performers and Entertainers	68,281	240	-	824,747
Other Employee Costs	7,966	3,013	3,242	171
Rent, Rates and Utilities	3,291	12,461	1,033,423	131,847
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	925	12,840	296,533	33,895
Insurance	7,704	4,401	48,539	23,923
Travel Costs	69,750	11,628	7,819	286
Printing, Postage and Stationery	716	380	5,038	9,027
Advertising and Promotion	16,154	7,779	22,236	39,126
IT, Telephone and Internet	3,394	1,489	32,742	38,509
Other Costs	31,023	10,883	49,577	41,580
Bank Charges	177	-	16,067	18,222
Irrecoverable VAT	36,130	5,224	162,727	132,464
	593,901	339,231	3,742,086	1,844,399

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Other 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff Costs	10,000	**2,660,129**
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	**20,622**
Service Provision Costs	-	**404,137**
Goods for Resale	-	**157,140**
Performers and Entertainers	-	**893,268**
Other Employee Costs	-	**14,392**
Rent, Rates and Utilities	-	**1,181,022**
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	-	**344,193**
Insurance	-	**84,567**
Travel Costs	-	**89,483**
Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	**15,161**
Advertising and Promotion	-	**85,295**
IT, Telephone and Internet	-	**76,134**
Other Costs	832	**133,895**
Bank Charges	-	**34,466**
Irrecoverable VAT	5,772	**342,317**
	16,604	**6,536,221**

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Culture 2023 £	*Health Improvement 2023 £*	*Sports & Leisure 2023 £*	*Theatre 2023 £*
Pension Finance Cost	*1,596*	*961*	*14,204*	*6,239*
Staff Costs	*117,089*	*164,921*	*1,702,066*	*357,757*
Depreciation and Amortisation	*893*	*537*	*19,826*	*10,713*
Service Provision Costs	*77,312*	*10,558*	*88,343*	*44,368*
Goods for Resale	*35*	*21*	*64,776*	*73,993*
Performers and Entertainers	*53,295*	*52*	*-*	*533,600*
Other Employee Costs	*2,995*	*3,167*	*28,410*	*10,588*
Rent, Rates and Utilities	*1,140*	*2,343*	*756,446*	*118,859*
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	*417*	*4,731*	*254,604*	*19,634*
Insurance	*5,198*	*3,128*	*46,254*	*21,787*
Travel Costs	*37,772*	*10,297*	*15,475*	*4,683*
Printing, Postage and Stationery	*644*	*427*	*5,416*	*5,712*
Advertising and Promotion	*18,914*	*4,701*	*29,613*	*17,524*
IT, Telephone and Internet	*4,364*	*1,978*	*34,092*	*29,881*
Other Costs	*26,338*	*8,186*	*47,400*	*38,232*
Bank Charges	*1,107*	*512*	*21,605*	*21,882*
Irrecoverable VAT	*13,966*	*1,979*	*102,294*	*103,649*
	363,075	*218,499*	*3,230,824*	*1,419,101*

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Other 2023 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Pension Finance Cost	-	*23,000*
Staff Costs	*2,000*	*2,343,833*
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	*31,969*
Service Provision Costs	-	*220,581*
Goods for Resale	-	*138,825*
Performers and Entertainers	-	*586,947*
Other Employee Costs	-	*45,160*
Rent, Rates and Utilities	-	*878,788*
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	-	*279,386*
Insurance	-	*76,367*
Travel Costs	-	*68,227*
Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	*12,199*
Advertising and Promotion	-	*70,752*
IT, Telephone and Internet	-	*70,315*
Other Costs	-	*120,156*
Bank Charges	-	*45,106*
Irrecoverable VAT	-	*221,888*
	2,000	*5,233,499*

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Culture 2024 £	Health Improvement 2024 £	Sports & Leisure 2024 £	Theatre 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff Costs	46,823	26,746	295,028	145,414	**514,011**
Other Costs	37,032	21,152	233,331	115,002	**406,517**
Support Service Agreements	3,500	1,999	22,054	10,871	**38,424**
Governance Costs	8,895	5,080	56,042	27,622	**97,639**
	96,250	54,977	606,455	298,909	**1,056,591**

	Culture 2023 £	*Health Improvement 2023 £*	*Sports & Leisure 2023 £*	*Theatre 2023 £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Staff Costs	*43,511*	*26,185*	*387,179*	*170,064*	*626,939*
Other Costs	*19,540*	*11,760*	*173,878*	*76,373*	*281,551*
Support Service Agreements	*2,431*	*1,463*	*21,636*	*9,504*	*35,034*
Governance Costs	*7,379*	*4,441*	*65,661*	*28,840*	*106,321*
	72,861	*43,849*	*648,354*	*284,781*	*1,049,845*

A review of the basis of the allocation of non-department specific expenditure was undertaken during the year which resulted in a refinement in the calculation of amounts allocated between direct and support costs.

11. Auditor's remuneration

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Fees payable to the Trust's auditor for the audit of the Trust's annual accounts	**10,500**	*8,400*

12. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	**2,819,112**	*2,422,498*
Social security costs	**218,849**	*184,879*
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**69,641**	*38,216*
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	**160,000**	*432,000*
Movement on other year-end pension accruals	**7,563**	*-*
	3,275,165	*3,077,593*

The average number of persons employed by the Trust during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Culture	**5**	*4*
Health Improvement	**21**	*6*
Sports & Leisure	**99**	*103*
Theatre	**21**	*20*
Management	**14**	*13*
	160	*146*

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Culture	**3**	*3*
Health Improvement	**8**	*5*
Sports & Leisure	**66**	*65*
Theatre	**12**	*12*
Management	**14**	*13*
	103	*98*

12. Staff costs (continued)

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024	*2023*
	No.	*No.*
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	**3**	*2*
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	**2**	*2*

The key management personnel of the Trust comprise the Employee Trustee and the Senior Leadership Team as included in the Trustees Report. The total amount of employee benefits (including national insurance and employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Trust was £450,000 (2023 - £385,750).

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

There was no Employee Trustee during the year.

In the previous year, the Employee Trustee received remuneration in the £0k - £5k banding for the period up to their resignation as trustee. Retirement benefits accrued to the Employee Trustee in respect of the defined benefit pension scheme. Remuneration is received in respect of contracts of employment and not in respect of the role of Employee Trustee.

Other Trustees do not receive any remuneration from the Trust.

During the year ended 31 March 2024, expenses totalling £978 were reimbursed or paid directly to 2 Trustees *(2023 - £411 to 2 Trustees)*. Expenses paid to trustees were reimbursed in relation to travel and related costs.

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14. Intangible assets

	Computer software £
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	**65,468**
At 31 March 2024	**65,468**
Amortisation	
At 1 April 2023	**36,474**
Charge for the year	**13,094**
At 31 March 2024	**49,568**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	**15,900**
At 31 March 2023	*28,994*

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant, machinery and fixtures £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	**265,897**
Additions	**46,014**
At 31 March 2024	**311,911**
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023	**256,403**
Charge for the year	**7,529**
At 31 March 2024	**263,932**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	**47,979**
At 31 March 2023	*9,494*

16. Investment property

	Cafe property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2023	**250,000**
At 31 March 2024	**250,000**

Cafe property was initially recorded at cost. The property has subsequently valued at fair value based on an independent valuation prepared by a suitably qualified third party as at 31 March 2023. The Trustees do not consider there to be any material movement during the financial year.

17. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	**1**
At 31 March 2024	**1**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	**1**
At 31 March 2023	*1*

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Trust:

Name	Company number	Principal activity	Class of shares	Holding
Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited	11788244	Dormant	Ordinary	100%

As the subsidiary company is dormant, it has made neither a profit nor loss for the year ended 31 March 2024. Net assets at 31 March 2024 are £2,022.

The registered office of the subsidiary company is the same as the Trust as disclosed on page 2.

18. Stocks

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Finished goods and goods for resale	**34,597**	*25,349*

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19. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	**44,731**	*39,041*
Other debtors	**50,893**	*2,750*
Prepayments and accrued income	**255,334**	*95,382*
	350,958	*137,173*

20. Current asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash investments in notice accounts	**2,357,377**	*1,294,520*

21. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	**234,258**	*177,016*
Other taxation and social security	**48,451**	*177,125*
Other creditors	**22,348**	*13,511*
Accruals and deferred income	**1,114,219**	*1,847,537*
	1,419,276	*2,215,189*

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income at 1 April	**1,632,057**	*442,688*
Resources deferred during the year	**735,423**	*1,600,188*
Amounts released from previous periods	**(1,576,298)**	*(410,819)*
Deferred income at 31 March	**791,182**	*1,632,057*

Deferred income represents Grants and Other Income Received in Advance, Box Office Ticket Sales in Advance of Shows and Unspent Gift Vouchers.

22. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Funds						
Cultural and Wellbeing Projects	**50,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**50,000**
General Funds						
Reserves	**1,705,049**	**7,006,940**	**(6,812,024)**	**(113,627)**	**-**	**1,786,338**
Pension Reserve	**-**	**157,000**	**(64,000)**	**-**	**119,000**	**212,000**
Total Unrestricted Funds	**1,755,049**	**7,163,940**	**(6,876,024)**	**(113,627)**	**119,000**	**2,048,338**
Restricted Funds						
SO Festival	**18,841**	**320,796**	**(381,794)**	**98,100**	**-**	**55,943**
Theatre Grants and Donations	**55,918**	**30,424**	**(25,264)**	**-**	**-**	**61,078**
Cultural / Health Improvement Projects	**3,668**	**383,140**	**(315,532)**	**15,527**	**-**	**86,803**
Sports Projects	**10,006**	**7,635**	**(2,658)**	**-**	**-**	**14,983**
Other	**-**	**10,000**	**(10,000)**	**-**	**-**	**-**
	88,433	**751,995**	**(735,248)**	**113,627**	**-**	**218,807**
Total of Funds	**1,843,482**	**7,915,935**	**(7,611,272)**	**-**	**119,000**	**2,267,145**

22. Statement of funds (continued)

Unrestricted Funds:

General Funds

General Funds are those funds not designated towards any project in particular and can be used towards any of the Trust's objectives.

At the year-end, the Trustees have designated £50,000 for cultural and wellbeing projects where the operational budgets may be insufficient or for the match-funding of any new projects.

Pension Reserve

The Pension Reserve represents the year-end balance on the Trust's pension scheme.

Any deficit is not an immediately crystallising liability and contributions have and will be made in line with the actuary's recommendations. East Lindsey District Council continues to act as a guarantor.

Material Restricted Funds:

SO Festival
SO Festival represents incoming resources (including specific funding from Arts Council England totalling £320,796) received to put on the annual SO Festival in August / September each year.

Theatre Grants and Donations
Theatre Grants and Donations represents donations received towards the theatre and a grant received from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Cultural / Health Improvement Projects
This includes funding in relation to:

- People Power Partnership - funding from EU Cultural Fund and North East Lincolnshire Council.
- Employability Programme - funding from Nuclear Waste Services (totalling £112,500)
- Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme - funding from Lincolnshire County Council and Platform Housing (totalling £86,280).

Material Transfers:

Transfers have been recognised for:

- SO Festival - the allocation of Service Fee match funding received from unrestricted funds and other cultural income received and allocated towards the running costs of the festival.
- Cultural / Health Improvement Projects - unrestricted funding to cover the shortfall of running the People Power Partnership project in the year.

22. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Gains/ (Losses)* £	*Balance at 31 March 2023* £
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Funds						
Cultural and Wellbeing Projects	*50,000*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*50,000*
General Funds						
Reserves	*1,038,433*	*6,148,559*	*(5,506,943)*	*(75,000)*	*100,000*	*1,705,049*
Pension Reserve	*(968,000)*	*-*	*(293,000)*	*-*	*1,261,000*	*-*
Total Unrestricted Funds	*120,433*	*6,148,559*	*(5,799,943)*	*(75,000)*	*1,361,000*	*1,755,049*
Restricted Funds						
SO Festival	*18,841*	*152,760*	*(263,660)*	*110,900*	*-*	*18,841*
Theatre Grants and Donations	*52,080*	*7,238*	*(3,400)*	*-*	*-*	*55,918*
Cultural / Health Improvement Projects	*5,521*	*67,906*	*(33,859)*	*(35,900)*	*-*	*3,668*
Sports Projects	*10,006*	*44,368*	*(44,368)*	*-*	*-*	*10,006*
Other	*-*	*2,000*	*(2,000)*	*-*	*-*	*-*
National Leisure Recovery Fund	*176,467*	*-*	*(176,467)*	*-*	*-*	*-*
	262,915	*274,272*	*(523,754)*	*75,000*	*-*	*88,433*
Total of Funds	*383,348*	*6,422,831*	*(6,323,697)*	*-*	*1,361,000*	*1,843,482*

23. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Designated funds	**50,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**50,000**
General funds	**1,705,049**	**7,163,940**	**(6,876,024)**	**(113,627)**	**119,000**	**1,998,338**
Restricted funds	**88,433**	**751,995**	**(735,248)**	**113,627**	**-**	**218,807**
	1,843,482	**7,915,935**	**(7,611,272)**	**-**	**119,000**	**2,267,145**

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers in/out £*	*Gains/ (Losses) £*	*Balance at 31 March 2023 £*
Designated funds	*50,000*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*50,000*
General funds	*70,433*	*6,148,559*	*(5,799,943)*	*(75,000)*	*1,361,000*	*1,705,049*
Restricted funds	*262,915*	*274,272*	*(523,754)*	*75,000*	*-*	*88,433*
	383,348	*6,422,831*	*(6,323,697)*	*-*	*1,361,000*	*1,843,482*

24. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	47,979	-	**47,979**
Intangible fixed assets	15,900	-	**15,900**
Fixed asset investments	1	-	**1**
Investment property	250,000	-	**250,000**
Current assets	2,941,734	218,807	**3,160,541**
Creditors due within one year	(1,419,276)	-	**(1,419,276)**
Provisions for liabilities and charges	212,000	-	**212,000**
Total	2,048,338	218,807	**2,267,145**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	*Restricted funds 2023 £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Tangible fixed assets	*9,494*	-	*9,494*
Intangible fixed assets	*28,994*	-	*28,994*
Fixed asset investments	*1*	-	*1*
Investment property	*250,000*	-	*250,000*
Current assets	*3,681,749*	*88,433*	*3,770,182*
Creditors due within one year	*(2,215,189)*	-	*(2,215,189)*
Total	*1,755,049*	*88,433*	*1,843,482*

25. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**304,663**	*199,134*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**7,529**	*22,850*
Amortisation charges	**13,094**	*9,118*
Write down of other investment assets	**-**	*21,764*
Investment income	**(140,780)**	*(75,294)*
Increase in stocks	**(9,248)**	*(913)*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**(219,687)**	*85,069*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**(801,891)**	*1,321,349*
Pension scheme FRS102 actuarial adjustments	**(93,000)**	*293,000*
Gain on revaluation of investment property	**-**	*(100,000)*
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**(939,320)**	*1,776,077*

26. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**417,609**	*2,313,140*
Total cash and cash equivalents	**417,609**	*2,313,140*

27. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**2,313,140**	**(1,895,531)**	**417,609**
Liquid investments	**1,294,520**	**1,062,857**	**2,357,377**

28. Pension commitments

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Trust in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Trust to the fund and amounted to £69,595 (2023 - £37,743). Total contributions amounting to £17,842 (2023 - £9,020) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date which is included in other creditors.

The Trust operates a defined benefit pension scheme.

The Trust's employees belong to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), which is managed by Lincolnshire County Council. The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The LGPS is subject to a triennial valuation.

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. Details of the total contributions during the year are given in the analysis below. The latest triennial valuation was undertaken to 31 March 2022 which set the agreed contribution rate for the 3 years commencing 1 April 2023 at 10.0% for the Trust. Employee contributions remain at various levels based on bandings with a maximum of 12.5%.

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	At 31 March 2024 %	*At 31 March 2023 %*
Discount Rate	**4.95**	*4.80*
Salary Increase Rate	**3.90**	*3.90*
Pension Increase Rate	**2.90**	*2.90*

	At 31 March 2024 Years	*At 31 March 2023 Years*
Mortality rates (in years)		
- for a male aged 65 now	**19.5**	*19.8*
- at 65 for a male aged 45 now	**20.8**	*21.1*
- for a female aged 65 now	**22.7**	*22.9*
- at 65 for a female aged 45 now	**24.1**	*24.4*

28. Pension commitments (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

	At 31 March 2024 £	*At 31 March 2023 £*
Discount rate +0.1%	**(174,000)**	*(173,000)*
Discount rate -0.1%	**180,000**	*179,000*
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	**206,000**	*209,000*
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	**(200,000)**	*(203,000)*
CPI rate +0.1%	**168,000**	*167,000*
CPI rate -0.1%	**(163,000)**	*(161,000)*

The Trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	At 31 March 2024 £	*At 31 March 2023 £*
Equities	**5,757,000**	*5,831,000*
Bonds	**1,578,000**	*1,381,000*
Property	**783,000**	*787,000*
Cash / Temporary Investments	**292,000**	*333,000*
Infrastructure	**462,000**	*394,000*
Absolute Return Fund	**2,640,000**	*1,715,000*
Total fair value of assets	**11,512,000**	*10,441,000*

The actual return on scheme assets was £545,000 *(2023 - £(108,000))*.

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities are as follows:

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Current service cost	**160,000**	*432,000*
Interest income	**(502,000)**	*(267,000)*
Interest cost	**345,000**	*290,000*
Administrative expenses	**9,000**	*8,000*
Total amount recognised in the Statement of financial activities	**12,000**	*463,000*

28. Pension commitments (continued)

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were as follows:

	2024 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	**7,213,000**
Current service cost	**160,000**
Interest cost on defined benefit obligation	**345,000**
Contributions by scheme participants	**72,000**
Changes in assumptions	**(309,000)**
Benefits paid	**(144,000)**
Closing defined benefit obligation	**7,337,000**

Movements in the fair value of the Trust's share of scheme assets were as follows:

	2024 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	**10,441,000**
Interest income on plan assets	**502,000**
Return on assets less interest and other actuarial gains / (losses)	**545,000**
Contributions by employer	**105,000**
Contributions by scheme participants	**72,000**
Benefits paid	**(144,000)**
Administration expenses	**(9,000)**
Closing fair value of scheme assets	**11,512,000**

The actuarial report valued a pension scheme surplus of £4,175,000 as set out by the disclosures above. A balance of £212,000 has been recognised based on the asset ceiling report prepared by the actuary.

29. Operating lease commitments as lessee

At 31 March 2024 the Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	*2023* *£*
Not later than 1 year	**70,000**	*70,000*
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**280,000**	*280,000*
Later than 5 years	**752,740**	*822,740*
	1,102,740	*1,172,740*

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of financial activities:

	2024 £	*2023* *£*
Operating lease rentals	**70,000**	*70,000*

30. Operating lease commitments as lessor

At 31 March 2024 the Trust had commitments to receive future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	*2023* *£*
Not later than 1 year	**60,500**	*27,500*
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**98,250**	*68,750*
Later than 5 years	**-**	-
	158,750	*96,250*

Incoming resources in the Statement of financial activities includes £29,000 (2023 - £24,132) relating to lease receipts.

31. Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

32. Related party transactions

The following transactions and balances have been undertaken which require disclosure in line with the requirements of the Charities SORP:

Trustees:

A R Lidgard has significant influence and control over Brackenborough Limited. During the year, the company provided hospitality services at a cost of £591 (2023 - £697). There was no balance outstanding at either year-end. A R Lidgard resigned as a trustee on 11 December 2023.

Key Management Personnel:

The spouse of James Brindle runs First Cricket. During the year, the club was invoiced for hire costs of £735 (2023 - £1,801). The balance outstanding at the year-end was £232 (2023 - £302) which is included in trade debtors.

James Brindle is a part owner of Greenwich House School. During the year, the school was invoiced for swimming lessons of £1,546 (2023 - £1,068). There was no balance outstanding at either year-end.

MAGNA VITAE

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Accounts

MAGNA VITAE

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MAGNA VITAE

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Charity Registration No. 1160156
Company Registration No. 09078400 (England and Wales)

MAGNA VITAE
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Chairman of the Trustees	Peter Helps
Community Trustees	Ian Emmerson OBE (Vice Chairman) Ashley Lidgard Jonathan Stones David Warden Cate Atwater (appointed 20 October 2022) Michelle Howard (appointed 20 October 2022)
Local Authority Trustees	Cllr Sarah Parkin (resigned 24 May 2023) Cllr Steve Kirk (resigned 24 May 2023) Cllr Sam Kemp (appointed 24 May 2023) Cllr Robert Watson (appointed 24 May 2023)
Employee Trustee	Ross Cameron (resigned 13th April 2022)
Executive Directors	James Brindle Aeneas Richardson
Charity number	1160156
Company number	09078400
Registered office	Meridian Leisure Centre Wood Lane Louth, Lincolnshire LN11 8SA
Senior Leadership Team	James Brindle, Executive Director Aeneas Richardson, Executive Director Sally Topham, Director of Finance James Turner, Director of Business Development Naomi Wilkinson-Baker, Director of Operations (from January 2023)
Independent Auditors	Streets Audit LLP Tower House Lucy Tower Street Lincoln, Lincolnshire LN1 1XW
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC 1 Churchill Place LONDON E14 5HP



TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING THE STRATEGIC REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees (who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the audited financial statements of Magna Vitae (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.



The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Trust have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).



Since the charity qualifies as small, under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities
POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The Trustees confirm that they have considered their duties and have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.



The Trustees are confident that the activities of Magna Vitae are carried out for the benefit of others as is detailed in the rest of the information within the Trustees report.

The charity's revenues and any operating surpluses are re-invested to continually develop and improve outcomes for the people of East Lindsey.

Magna Vitae has a strategic partnership with East Lindsey District Council (ELDC).

Our Vision, Mission and Values are encapsulated in Magna Vitae's DNA:

Our **Vision** is to improve the wellbeing of our community, enabling people to live great lives.

Our **Mission** is to clearly demonstrate proactive and innovative leadership, that will generate positive changes in the areas of social and economic inequality. We are committed to empower local people by reaching out with humanity and compassion.

Our **Values** - We are in this *together*; we embrace *change*; we are *always learning* and we *celebrate difference*.



In This Together

The team comes first. Everyone in our team has a voice and a place. We are a truly cohesive unit that routinely shows togetherness, has a positive drive, ambition and holds each other accountable. We believe that we are stronger together and that together, we can lead the way.



Embrace change

We innovate. We identify the need to change. We routinely accept change and agree that change is necessary, change is good. We do change well. Our dynamic approach is flexible and adaptable. We embrace change.



Always Learning

We constantly seek to become the best version of ourselves. A team of human beings with a collective desire to flourish in a safe learning environment. We have a growth mindset. We positively blend our professional and personal self. We take responsibility and we do it better every time. Being the best version of ourselves will allow us to better the lives of others.



Celebrate Differences

We appreciate that we are all different. We capitalise on our cognitive diversity. We are commited to minimising our individual blind spots by tapping into the collective intelligence of our team. We seek to understand and respect each other's perspective, views and opinions and thereby maximise our creative potential.

Our charitable Objectives form part of our Articles of Assocation

– To provide or assist in the provision of both indoor and outdoor facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need

of such by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstance or to the public at large with the object of improving their conditions of life; and/or

– To promote community participation in healthy recreational activities; and/or

– To provide or assist in the provision of community facilities to be available to all sections of the community without distinction, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and/or other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for all who use the facilities; and/or

– To promote the education of the public through the provision of facilities for performing arts and/or

– Such other charitable purposes as the Trustees in their absolute discretion may determine.

We have developed a five year Corporate Strategy 2022-2027 which has five main aims:



MARKET CONDITIONS

April 2022 to March 2023 marked a first full year free from COVID-19 disruption, a welcome milestone, as Magna Vitae continues to build back stronger, providing outstanding service to our customers, patrons and members throughout the Lincolnshire district of East Lindsey and the surrounding area.

According to census data (2021), the population of East Lindsey was 142,300, a figure projected to grow 11.4% by 2037. This projection includes a reduction in both the 0-15 and 16-64 age groups, whilst the population aged over 65 will continue to grow.

East Lindsey is ranked as the 33rd most deprived district in England (Indices of Multiple Deprivation, 2019.



CURRENT PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

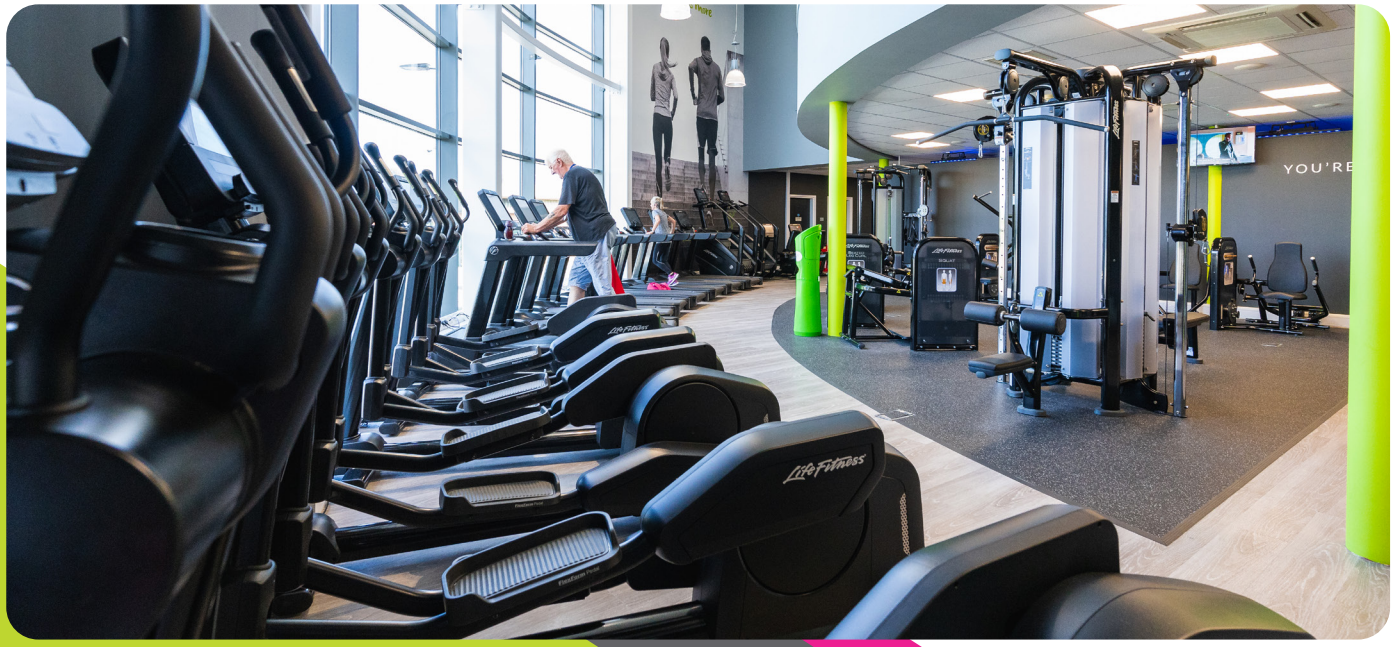
The Trust operates cultural and leisure venues across the East Lindsey area, owned by East Lindsey District Council.

These are:

- Embassy Theatre, Skegness has a seating capacity of 1,027 and hosts and promotes over 150 live shows each year, including a professional two-week Christmas Pantomime, produced by the Magna Vitae in house team.
- Meridian Leisure Centre, Louth opened in 2010. Has an 8 lane 25m pool plus leisure pool and flume, newly refurbished gym over two floors plus spin studio, sports hall, dance studio, multi-purpose ground floor rooms and café. This is Magna Vitae's flagship leisure centre.
- Wood Lane football pitch & Multi-Use Games Area, Louth.
- London Road Pavilion, Louth – this is the home ground to local football, cricket and hockey clubs.
- Horncastle Swimming Pool & Fitness Suite has an indoor 4 lane 25m pool and gym
- Skegness Swimming Pool & Fitness Suite has an indoor pool 6 lane 25m pool, attractive seasonal outdoor pool and gym.
- Station Sports Centre, Mablethorpe – this is the least 'fit for purpose' venue with a sports hall and gym. A brand-new leisure centre began construction adjacent to the current venue in February 2023, due to open in September 2024 with a 4 lane 25m indoor swimming pool, Fitness Suite, multi-use studios and a "Tag Active" digital multi activity attraction.
- Sutton-on-Sea Multi-Use Games Area.
- Altitude44 is the UK's tallest urban ropes course, based in Skegness.

In addition to physical venues, Magna Vitae is able to support our communities right across the East Lindsey area and beyond via:

- Health and wellbeing programmes
- High quality exercise on prescription services
- Sports and physical development work
- Management of the district's flagship cultural event , the SO Festival, an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) programme.



Achievements and Performance

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Corporate

April 2022 to March 2023 marked a first full year free from COVID 19 disruption, a welcome milestone, as Magna Vitae continues to build back stronger, providing outstanding service to our customers, patrons and members throughout East Lindsey and the surrounding area.

From a business performance perspective, 2022 – 2023 has delivered very positive performance for the company, further re-cementing our foundation for continued success. Whilst the cost-of-living crisis poses huge challenges for our operations and customers going forward, the Trust finished the year very strongly and presently finds itself in a better position than originally estimated at the start of the year.

Our work continues to focus on serving communities through our diverse portfolio of facilities, programmes and events, something that caught national interest in the Summer 2022 when we were asked to present to the national Charity Finance Group as well as an All Party Parliamentary Group on Cultural Rural Touring. It is always a great pleasure to share our innovations and experiences with other operational partners and politicians.

Our leisure operations have witnessed extraordinary growth throughout the year, with record breaking performances in our fitness memberships, WaterWise swimming programme and Gymnastics club. Fitness membership growth has been spearheaded following a £300,000 investment by East Lindsey District Council to refurbish the fitness suite at Meridian Leisure Centre in June 2022.

Our WaterWise swimming programme continues to grow, with over 2,000 children learning to swim in our swimming pools every week. During the Summer, the hot weather and introduction of a new pool programming methodology at Skegness Outdoor Swimming Pool, saw the site record its highest ever attendances and casual swimming income in August. The Gymnastics club also continues to grow at the Meridian Leisure Centre, hitting over 260 members. The club was nominated and shortlisted for “Community Club of the Year” by British Gymnastics in March, a fantastic accolade and testament to the enthusiasm and hard work put in by the team.

Ongoing, external QUEST assessment has confirmed that all of our leisure venues exhibit high levels of cleanliness, are very well maintained and regularly demonstrate excellent customer service and value for money. All of our venues have now received “VERY GOOD” QUEST accreditation status. Testament to this was Horncastle Pool and Fitness Suite winning a national “best swimming pool member experience” award in November 2022!

The Embassy Theatre has had an extraordinary year, from sell-out shows with Strictly Come Dancing champion Giovanni Pernice, staging a leg of the Elvis World Tour, hosting Arts Council England’s National Conference through to its record breaking Beauty and the Beast pantomime. In February it showcased the nationally acclaimed, artwork installation InOrbit by renowned artist Luke Jerram, seeing all three planets (Gaia, Museum of the Moon & Mars), visiting one venue consecutively for the first time attracting 14,790 visitors. Huge excitement continues to build with regards to the proposed £1.4m “Town Fund” Culture House development, with works now currently scheduled to commence in January 2024 and be completed by the end of March 2025.

SO Festival 2022 saw the return of the Community Stage as it once again provided three full days of awe-inspiring street theatre by local and international artists in Skegness and Mablethorpe. Later in the year SO Festival secured its place as a National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) for the third time running, along with a significant funding increase. This will enable us to further democratise the festival through developing and expanding our support for the sector, and delivering ambitious and accessible arts and cultural activities for East Lindsey.

The Community and Lifestyle teams continue to grow and offer successful free programmes for our communities to engage with and enjoy. Our 'School's Out' programme saw 1,700 children in the school holidays participate in a variety of activities across 8 locations in the district. Whilst our Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) programme enabled 1,000 young people to have access to free hot meals and join in with physical activities, across 3 locations (Louth, Skegness and Mablethorpe). Alongside this, our Ageless and Agile participant numbers continued to grow to 143 participants, whilst our Community Team offered an increasingly wide-ranging variety of free activities within some of the more rural / isolated communities that do not routinely have access to any leisure facilities.

Our employees continue to figure at the heart of Magna Vitae as we strive for personal and professional growth, with many exciting opportunities arising over the year enabling development for both staff and our wider community partners. In the spirit of our DNA and 'Always Learning' we have offered placements for work experience across the company and apprenticeship opportunities in Leisure and Hospitality through our blossoming partnership with Lincoln College. There has also been an array of training opportunities offered within Magna Vitae including the 'Skill Builder Programme' funded by Coastal Communities, that resulted in 9 of the 35 enrolled students gaining employment with Magna Vitae. Furthermore, the successful application for "Multiply" funding (£10,000) from Lincolnshire County Council will be used to enrol 'Multiply Champions' within the workforce to assist colleagues and wider family/friends with mathematical needs that apply to daily life. Professional CPD Masterclasses also took place on all four themes connected to our core corporate values; on the theme of 'In this Together' a Masterclass was held by International Rugby Union player, Chris Wyles, on his career and learnings regards the importance of teamwork.

The success over the last 12 months has been an incredible achievement and continues to demonstrate the hard work, dedication and commitment of every single Magna Vitae staff member, as well as the extraordinary support from our ever-growing number of loyal customers. We are all in this together, and look forward to embracing the constant change and exciting developments planned for the next 12 months and beyond as we all contribute and strive to enable as many people as possible to "live great lives".



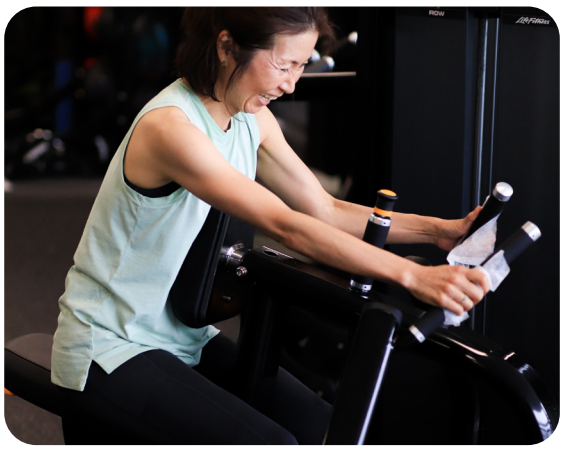
Physical Activity Opportunities

Meridian Leisure Centre

- Fitness member numbers reach a high of 2092, an increase of 43% over the year.
- The Learn to Swim programme continues to grow ending at 1124, an increase of 13% over the year.
- The Gymnastics programme grows to 265, an increase of 28% over the year.
- 100's of children participated in the County Championship Gala in October, a joint Gala with Louth Swimming Club and Lincoln Vulcans.
- Magna Vitae Gymnastics Club were named Club of the Year finalist in the British Gymnastics Awards 2023 for the under 250 members category.
- Girls Active Inspiration day saw over 160 girls take part in activities.

Skegness Pool & Fitness Suite

- Fitness member numbers reach a high of 603, an increase of 18% over the year.
- The Learn to Swim programme continues to grow ending at 450, an increase of 4% over the year.
- Outdoor Pool was open throughout the Summer, seeing over £83,442 from casual swims - seeing the highest income generated to date



Horncastle Pool & Fitness Suite

- Fitness member numbers reach a high of 764, an increase of 34% over the year.
- The Learn to Swim programme continues to grow ending at 410, an increase of 10% over the year.
- Horncastle Pool and Fitness Suite received the Best Swimming Pool Member Experience Award at the Fitronics (TRP) Member Experience Awards (MEA).



Station Sports Centre

- Fitness member numbers reach a high of 420, an increase of 34% over the year.
- The new development of the Mablethorpe Leisure & Learning Hub commenced in February, next to the current Centre. The venue remains open & fully functioning whilst this work is undertaken.



Altitude 44, Skegness

- Altitude44 saw 1,063 climbs between July and September 2022.

London Road Pavilion
The Pavilion saw over 50 teams, leagues and organisations train and participate in competitive football, cricket and hockey on a weekly basis throughout the year. The site also hosted a number of multi-school sport competitions across the academic year. Furthermore 2022 was the 200th anniversary of Louth Cricket Club, and the venue played host to a week-long cricket festival as well as the now annual Outfields Festival.

QUEST
Often described as 'Ofsted for Leisure Centres', Quest is a nationally recognised quality management accreditation scheme, endorsed by Sport England. It is also an independently administered quality and benchmarking scheme for the Leisure industry. It measures how effective organisations are at providing customer service. We are proud to announce that ALL our venues have been awarded 'Very Good'; also acknowledging increasing numbers of specific service aspects classified as "Excellent".

Booster Swimming Lessons
410 children took part in Booster Swimming Lessons during half terms and school holidays, with 89 taking part in additional workshops across the year.





National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ)
20 candidates took part and passed their NPLQ course with Magna Vitae this year.

Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)
Our Holiday Activity and Food Programme took place over the Easter Holidays, Summer Holidays and Christmas Holidays through the year. All children that attended were offered a hot meal. 1,194 children participated at 3 locations with 34 days of delivery.

Activities participated in included 'Dance Free' silent disco sessions on Mablethorpe & Skegness beaches, pottery, soft play, bowling, music, various physical activities and arts and crafts.

A 'Teenage' offer, was also trialled where eligible teenagers were offered a slightly different programme where they could access the gym and swimming pool at the Meridian Leisure Centre independently rather than the more structured sessions offered to younger participants.

Health Improvements

One You Lincolnshire Exercise on Prescription programme
603 individuals were assessed on the programme, across the year. Across all venues:

- **26.9%** have achieved the health outcome of 150 minutes per week physical activity.
- 53% have increased their activity against their baseline information taken when signing up with One You Lincolnshire.
- 30.6% of referrals are continuing with a Magna Vitae membership at our largest venue (Meridian Leisure Centre, Louth)

Ageless & Agile
To further support those on Exercise on Prescription, we now deliver 'Ageless & Agile' which offers weekly drop-in sessions for members and those on the Exercise on Prescription programme.

4 Locations – 143 Participants

Participants are able to access health walks, nutritional advice, social coffee and natter and information on many other health & wellbeing topics, which is available at the Magna Vitae leisure venues. The Ageless and Agile sessions started week commencing 20th June and have been running weekly at our leisure venues.

In Louth, the Louth Rotary Club donated £500 to help keep the Sporting Memories programme running.

Magna Vitae have also been successful in securing funding from the Mental Health and Wellbeing Community Investment Sustainability Fund to further support the development of the Ageless and Agile project. This will provide £56,000 funding over 3 years securing the project until 31st March 2026.

Warm Spaces
To support our residents 8 Warm Spaces were created across the Magna Vitae leisure venues, providing a safe space with respect, dignity and warmth. The spaces offered places where local residents can come together to stay warm, socially interact and simultaneously enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Age Friendly Training
16 Magna Vitae staff attended a workshop delivered by YMCA Lincolnshire which aims to assist your organisation and staff to understand what is meant by 'Age-friendly', how ageing impacts on daily life, and equip staff with the skills to communicate effectively and identify accessibility issues.

2 sessions took place – At Meridian Leisure Centre in Louth, and Embassy Theatre in Skegness



Sport, Physical Activity and Development

Community Activities

In Binbrook & Brookenby the Fitness Circuit and YOGA Sessions have been well supported since they started in January with regular well attended sessions at both Binbrook Village Hall and Brockenby Community Centre.

5 Magna Vitae Staff went to Sleaford to attend a 'Wellbeing Walks' Training Day working with Lincolnshire Coop. This now allows walks to start in Binbrook and Wragby from April and to re-invigorate walks currently struggling in Horncastle and Louth.

School's Out Programme

Throughout the year the team delivered numerous programmes across Alford, Binbrook, Coningsby, Horncastle, North Somercotes, Spilsby, Wainfleet and Wragby.

Delivery included Football, Multi Skills, Dance, Sports Day, Street Dance, Athletics, Dodgeball, Cricket and other non-sport related games such as Bulldog and Tag. As well as the activities, there were day trips out to ventures like Ascend Climbing, Jump Warriors and Altitude44 in Skegness.

The activity programme saw more family orientated acivities like Fairy Doors, Dance Free and Family Walking Groups added over the course of the year.

We introduced 3 new staff members to our programme, aged 16 - 17 years, all of whom are currently studying sports courses and have expressed a desire to pursue a career in sports coaching going forward.

8 Locations - 1,682 Participants





Diabetes Drop Ins

In June 2022, the team delivered on Diabetes drop in sessions during Diabetes Awareness Week. Some of these were brief chats but each still had the engagement and raised the awareness.

4 Sessions - 45 Participants

Culture, Arts and Events

Embassy Theatre
A sold-out crowd for the much anticipated performance of Strictly Come Dancing champion Giovanni Pernice.

The opportunity to showcase our magnificent venue to delegates from Arts Council England as well as provide them with a taste of the East Coast was also delivered with very positive feedback received.

The Elvis World Tour was a wonderful coup, as the Embassy was one of only eight to be selected for a UK tour.

The relentless pace of August kept everyone on their toes with near daily activity – Megaslam Wrestling, a fantastic summer season spectacular courtesy of Stage Struck from the Janice Sutton Theatre School and screenings too, ensuring that every taste and budget was covered.

The weekends were pretty special too, with magnificent live shows paying tribute to iconic performers – from the nostalgic homage to The Hollies and The Searchers, to the blockbuster moves of Michael Jackson, Freddie Mercury and Tina Turner.

112 Live Performances - 22 Screened Events - 54 VIP Experience Events - 58 Other Events





The Magna Vitae Productions Pantomime, Beauty and the Beast, drew in crowds over the Christmas period with 9,572 patrons attending throughout the production period.

Santa and his elves made a special stop Upstairs at The Embassy for Afternoon Tea. Believers enjoyed an afternoon experience alongside their family pantomime visit.





During February and March, The Embassy Theatre showcased 6 weeks of inOrbit, a unique artwork instillation from the renowned artist Luke Jerram made up of Gaia, Museum of the Moon and Mars.

The unique season saw all 3 pieces visiting one venue consecutively for the first time in the UK. In addition, Mars made it's maiden voyage to Lincolnshire and the East Coast. Their six week stay saw the venue transformed from a traditional theatre into a space for reflection, observation and education.

5564 People Visited Gaia - 4893 People visited Museum of the Moon - 4333 People visited Mars

inOrbit drew in a new and diverse audience, showing a 33% increase in Under 14's attending The Embassy for inOrbit in comparison with previous years venue programme.







SO Festival

National Portfolio Organisation (NPO)

Our flagship cultural event, SO Festival, has been awarded Arts Council England funding and secured its place as a National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) for the third time running.
This crucial funding and uplift will not only allow us to continue to deliver ambitious, accessible, arts and cultural activities, increase team capacity and increase our programme, but also to set the cogs in motion to democratise SO Festival, collaborating closely with the coastal communities we are privileged to work amongst & alongside and taking their steer at every stage in the creative process.

On 24 March, 30 Lincolnshire based creatives flocked to the Embassy Theatre, Skegness, for the long-awaited return of The SOcial: SO Festival's free, open, creative networking session, aimed at celebrating the Greater Lincolnshire art scene and providing a platform for local creatives to connect, collaborate and create!

The special return event was hosted 'inOrbit' of MARS - the latest, awe-inspiring art installation by renowned UK artist, Luke Jerram.

On the last day of Jerram's popular exhibition in Skegness, local makers, movers and shakers in the cultural sector met with fellow like-minds, shared ideas and artistic solutions and forged new connections amongst their celestial surroundings.





Audio Tales

An immersive audio trail around East Lindsey, inviting audiences to explore the county, scanning QR codes to discover original pieces of writing about the district. Audio Tales launched in April 2022, and
has a positive response since. We have recently collaborated with the Lincolnshire Libraries network who have taken the maps out on their mobile deliveries.

Skegness Standard attend the launch event and have published an article about the project.

Financial Review

OVERVIEW INCORPORATING KEY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Full details of our financial performance during the year ended 31st March 2023 are shown in the financial statements and supporting notes. The table below shows the headline income and expenditure for 2022/23 compared to 2021/22 – excluding pension and donated services adjustments, and excluding any change in asset market valuation.

	31 March 23	31 March 22
Income		
Service Fee (ELDC)	1,523,308	1,527,732
Fees & Charges	410,269	257,575
Grant Income	250,525	1,013,725
Gym Membership	1,075,096	704,162
Hire Fees	261,847	234,769
Other Income	577,612	352,647
Pool Admissions	429,281	315,637
Rental Income	57,265	17,097
Show Income	972,124	519,574
Swimming Lessons	680,254	492,236
Total Income	**6,237,581**	**5,435,154**
Expenditure		
Depreciation	-53,731	-67,643
Employees	-2,877,502	-2,542,949
Premises	-855,693	-638,646
Supplies & Services	-1,983,994	-1,532,887
Transport	-39,493	-41,814
Support Services	-35,034	-34,550
Total Expenditure	**-5,845,447**	**-4,858,489**
Deficit	**392,134**	**576,665**

Income

Income levels recovered well during the year, following the Covid-19 pandemic impacting previous years. Total income reached the same level as pre-Covid, and was a 15% increase on the previous year. We successfully applied the VAT cultural exemption to our theatre ticket income during the year, which also resulted in the recovery of VAT relating to previous years. This has increased the Show Income in the year.

Expenditure

Expenditure of £5.8m was incurred during the year, an increase of 20% on the prior year. This was in line with the increase in activities and income in the year. Staffing expenditure was our largest area of spend, as in all previous years, representing 49% of total expenditure. However, overall staffing costs were overall lower than pre-Covid.

The surplus for the year was £392,134 against an original deficit budget of £246,838.

The current allocation of reserves is as follows:

	31 March 23	31 March 22
Income	£	£
Income Funds (restricted)	88,433	262,915
Income Funds (unrestricted including designated)	1,755,049	1,088,433
Pension Reserves (-deficit)	0	-968,000
Total Reserves	1,843,482	383,348

The trustees note the positive total reserves position of £1.8m at 31 March 2023. This has grown considerably due to the financial performance during the year and also the reduction of the Pension Reserve deficit to Nil. The actuarial report of the local government scheme pension, carried out for the year end 31 March 2023 showed a pension asset of £3.228m, however the balance has not been recognised on the basis that it is not deemed to be recoverable through reduced contributions in the future or through refunds from the plan.

GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Specific consideration has been given to the impact of inflationary cost pressures, particularly in relation to energy costs. Trustees have agreed a deficit budget in 2023/24 and have agreed to allocate unrestricted income reserves to part fund this deficit. Additionally, Magna Vitae continues to work alongside our main client and strategic partner East Lindsey District Council to mitigate the impact of energy cost pressures.

KEY CHALLENGES

We agreed a five-year business plan (2022-2027) with East Lindsey District Council including an ongoing service fee level, which also includes Community Commissioning work to further support our local community. This is in line with our Corporate Strategy referenced elsewhere in the report.

This partnership and relationship with the Council is key to ensuring that the Trust continues to thrive and support the wellbeing of our communities, residents and customers, so they can live a great life.

The key financial challenges facing Magna Vitae in 2023/24 and beyond relate to mitigating the impact of inflationary cost pressures, particularly gas tariffs which increased by over 200% in April 2023, decarbonisation of our venues, in conjunction with East Lindsey District Council, maintaining and further growing our core business areas, whilst achieving staffing resilience. This work will allow us to ensure focus on achieving our charitable objectives in line with community need whilst remaining financially viable and resilient.

These challenges will most effectively be met through partnership and collaboration with other strategic partners locally, regionally and nationally through a whole system approach.

RESERVES POLICY

Whilst Magna Vitae is a not-for-profit organisation, it is aware that it needs to hold working surpluses in order to create a reserve for unforeseen circumstances. Unrestricted income funds stand at £1,755,049; however, £288,489 is tied up in Magna Vitae's fixed assets. Therefore, current available or free reserves stand at £1,466,560, including £50,000 designated for Cultural Projects.

This reserves figure is higher than our Reserves Policy which is to hold £500,000 in unrestricted or free reserves. However, trustees have agreed to hold these reserves at 31 March 2023 whilst there is so much uncertainty around energy costs and other inflationary cost pressures. The reserves will be required to support Magna Vitae during the coming year and will part fund the budgeted deficit in 2023/24 arising due to increased gas prices from April 2023.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING

The principal income and funding streams for Magna Vitae were as follows: Service Fee from East Lindsey District Council; income from customers' use of leisure venues and theatre income ticket sales; and grant income from Arts Council England and other grant funding bodies.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Magna Vitae's investment policy is driven by four key factors:
- Security;
- Liquidity;
- Rate of return;
- Accessibility.

Investments are restricted to:-
- UK Government investments;
- UK Banks and Building Societies

Investments are permitted in the following instruments:
– Time deposits and deposit accounts with banks in accordance with the above criteria.
– Treasury Bills of 1 month, 3 month or 6 month duration.
– Common Deposit Funds and Money Market Funds

A maximum of £500,000 is to be placed with any one bank/institution excluding day to day working capital accounts. Any figure above this amount requires the agreement of the Finance Sub-Group.

This policy is reviewed by the Finance Sub-Group and signed off by the Board of Trustees.

In 2022/23 the income from bank interest receivable amounted to £45,168.





Structure, Governance and Management

CONSTITUTION

The Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 10th June 2014 and registered as a charity on 26th January 2015. East Lindsey District Council transferred its cultural and leisure services, comprising of sports facilities, arts activities and events, sports development and events, health improvement programmes and a theatre on 1st January 2015.

The Trust was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objectives and powers of the organisation and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Magna Vitae operates, for an agreed service fee, certain culture, arts, recreational and sports activities on behalf of East Lindsey District Council, which leases to Magna Vitae buildings and other assets. The assets are provided at no charge to Magna Vitae on a 25 year lease/licence, which commenced on 1st January 2015 with the exception of Station Sports Centre that is on a 10 year lease. A new lease for the new Mablethorpe Station Leisure Centre will be entered into during 2023/24 and will be co-terminus with the other venue leases.

Magna Vitae is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

As a limited company Magna Vitae is governed by its Members. There are two categories of Trustees: Community Trustees and Local Authority Trustees. During the year, the articles of association were amended to remove the requirement for an Employee Trustee. The Board of Trustees is fixed at a minimum of three and maximum of eleven, with Board composition consisting of up to two Local Authority Trustees, and up to nine Community Trustees, provided that the Community Trustees are at all times in the majority.

The Local Authority Trustees are selected and appointed by the local authority East Lindsey District Council for such period as the authority determines. Councillor Steve Kirk and Sarah Parkin resigned on 24 May 2023, with Councillors Sam Kemp and Robert Watson being appointed on the same date.

The Community Trustees are selected following a rigorous trustee recruitment process. A Community Trustee will be required to retire by rotation whereby one third of the Community Trustees shall be required to retire each year but will be eligible for reappointment. The Community Trustees required to retire will be those who have been longest in office or in the event of the Community Trustees serving the same period of office, those required to retire shall be determined by lot. The rotational retirement requirement for Community Trustees became effective from January 2018. In July 2022 Ashley Lidgard retired by rotation and was subsequently reappointed. During the year, Cate Atwater and Michelle Howard were appointed as new community trustees.

The requirement for an Employee Trustee was removed from Magna Vitae's articles of association in the year. Ross Cameron was the Employee Trustee until April 2022. Links between the board of trustees and Magna Vitae were strengthened over the year via Staff Socials attended by the Chairman Peter Helps, and a trustee buddy system was developed and practically implemented for each venue/ service team/area.

Trustees are required to meet at least four times a year to review the management of the organisation. They employ managers to take on the day-to-day running of the activities.

POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

The induction process for Trustees includes an induction programme, supported by in-depth briefings from senior managers where required, and visits to our venues. Further training is arranged to meet the specific needs of individual Trustees.

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

Senior Leadership Team salaries are set strictly by the Board of Trustees. These are reviewed annually as part of the budget setting process, generally in January or April of each year. They were last reviewed in April 2023.

Trustees do not receive a salary, but are entitled to claim expenses for attending meetings or specific events.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Trustees who served during the year and the Senior Leadership Team are listed on Page 2.

RELATED PARTIES

Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team members are asked to complete an annual Disclosure Statement to notify Magna Vitae of any involvement in any other organisations. This was most recently completed in May 2023.

A summary of transactions with related parties are set out in note 31 in the financial statements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for establishing and maintaining the whole system of internal control and reviewing its effectiveness.

The Trustees recognise that no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss or eliminate all risk of failure to achieve the organisation's objectives. The system of internal control is designed to manage key risks and to provide reasonable assurance that planned objectives and outcomes are achieved. This will also give reasonable assurance about the reliability of financial and operational information and the safeguarding of Magna Vitae's assets and reputation. This approach includes the regular evaluation of the nature and extent of risks to which Magna Vitae is exposed.

The Board has developed a culture of strong corporate governance. Key elements of the control framework and the system for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control are as follows:

RISK REGISTER

The Trust's Senior Leadership Team routinely documents, monitors and evaluates identified business risks through The Risk Register. This "live" document is reviewed quarterly by the Finance Subgroup who quantify financial impact of risk. Risks deemed to be extreme or high are reviewed at every board meeting and the whole risk register is reviewed annually.

PLANNING APPROVAL

Magna Vitae reviews new projects including identifying risks and controls. This combined with the budget process, which reviews risks and controls in existing processes, generates a comprehensive review of risks.

INTERNAL AUDIT

The Board together with the Senior Leadership Team reviews the major risks and assesses the effectiveness of controls in managing those risks. This includes setting an internal audit programme of activities to assess the effectiveness of controls. During the year a "back to basics" internal audit review was agreed by trustees – the audits themselves were undertaken at four venues in April 2023 by Forrester Boyd.

MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

Financial reporting procedures include detailed budgets for the year ahead, detailed monthly management accounts, and longer-term financial plans used for strategic/business planning as part of the five year business plan. The Senior Leadership Team and wider Management Team review management accounts every month, and in depth performance monitoring also takes place at Quarterly Management Team away days. Reports are then considered and approved by the Trustees. Where objectives are not being met, the Senior Leadership Team report on actions being taken to correct performance, and these reports are also considered and approved by the Trustees.

Additionally, the Finance Sub-Group review in more depth the financial performance, forecasting, budgeting, business planning, audit reports and associated policies and procedures. The sub-group which consists of Community Trustees, the Executive Directors and the Director of Finance has Terms of Reference and reports regularly to the Board of Trustees.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Robust, corporately agreed & implemented policies, procedures & standards are vital to ensure the health, safety & welfare of employees, members of the public, customers, members & others, visiting MV sites and other service areas, including a variety of outreach work taking place in East Lindsey "inland conurbations". Magna Vitae currently maintains a corporate H&S Manual, management system & implements a strict, annually planned, H&S and quality assurance/management (QUEST) auditing regime.

The H&S performance statistics included in this report are based on the last calendar year - January to December 2022. In part, the data is routinely compared with past performance & general comparative data taken from the previous calendar year, 2021.

The annual Magna Vitae "STITCH of the Nation" results compare very positively against the national benchmark data made available for 2022. Nb: Magna Vitae sites & service areas welcomed a total of 723,155 visits in 2022 compared to 246,855 in the previous twelve (12) months (note Covid recovery). The Magna Vitae 2022 accident to usage ratio was 0.01% compared to the national average of 0.10%. 87% of Magna Vitae accidents were uncontrollable in 2022 compared against a national average of 65%.

The total number of accidents recorded in 2022 = 93, compared to 51 in 2021. Representing an increase of 82% on the previous year. However, in this regard consideration must be given to the number of visits in relation to the number of accidents that occurred pre-Covid.

2022 – 723,155 visits = 93 Accidents = 0.012%.
2021 – 246,855 visits = 51 Accidents = 0.020%.
2019 – 922,704 visits = 162 Accidents = 0.017%.

Based on the data supplied above, it confirms that Magna Vitae's H&S performance has slightly improved upon the previous year (2021) and also pre-pandemic levels.

As well as directly employing competently qualified and experienced senior managers, Magna Vitae's commitment to Health and Safety establishes a positive health and safety culture throughout the workforce. Since inception in 2015, the Trust is supported by an annually retained external Health & Safety specialist consultancy (Right Directions Ltd). During 2022, Magna Vitae continued, for the eighth consecutive year, to invest and work in conjunction with Right Directions Ltd. This is a nationally renowned leisure industry consultancy, specializing in health & safety, quality assurance and environmental management support. Magna Vitae continues to annually invest approximately £10,000 - £12,000 in this service.

Right Directions Ltd provide Magna Vitae with expert advice (industry relevant updates) and support (includes access to 24/7 telephone advice support) to further develop, maintain & review the Magna Vitae H&S Manual and general management system(s). This also includes direct support with a variety of risk assessments, legislative changes, operational auditing and the STITCH accident/ incident monitoring management & control system.

More recently Magna Vitae has invested in another operational, digital system (MagNet) in collaboration with Right Directions. MagNet is a multi-functional, modular staff management, monitoring information system. MagNet provides one staff database referencing all employees, their job roles, locations they work and the workplace groups they form part of. Alongside this it forms a facilities database containing all locations, location staff, departments, and department administrators, all together this power the MagNet system and provides a one stop operational

reference library, comprehensively covering the work elements stated below:

- Internal Communications: Compliance based internal communications system.
- Information Management: Storage, organisation, distribution, control, and acknowledgment.
- Training Management: Framework, matrices, assignment, records, journey, qualifications, courses.
- Action Management: Tasks, checks, audits, assessments, incidents, handover diaries, reporting.
- Time Management: Rotas, rota templates, extra shifts, holidays, sickness, TOIL, time sheets.
- Page Management: Create Web Pages for information, links, and more.

MagNet has been designed to be an all-encompassing management information system, featuring multiple function applications all on one platform, and all powered by a single central database. One place for time, tasks, incidents, handovers, training, information, and communications, available to managers and staff anytime, anywhere, on any device and is having a positive impact on operations. This is gradually revolutionising operational management.

The continued, current level of investment made in these resources reflects the organization's ongoing commitment and drive in developing a positive health & safety culture alongside Magna Vitae striving to continually improve its Health & Safety performance.

Health and Safety arrangements are also supported internally via a robust Health & Safety Working Group that meets quarterly with the meeting minutes being routinely submitted to the Magna Vitae Board of Trustees for update and information. These minutes, along with other supporting H&S performance data, are also circulated to ELDC (Client Contract Officer, PSPSL H&S Manager and ELDC / MV Working Group) as Magna Vitae's main funding partner and landlord of the East Lindsey leisure venues presently operated / managed by Magna Vitae.

Magna Vitae' health and safety performance data is routinely collated, monitored and analysed via the STITCH accident, incident and near miss reporting system. This data is also routinely provided to Board and ELDC for information; the data helps the trust benchmark health and safety performance internally (monthly) and nationally (quarterly & annually) against similar leisure facilities and services.

The Trust's Senior Leadership Team (SLT) routinely documents, monitors and evaluates identified business risks through the update of its Risk Register. This "live" document is reviewed annually and shared with the Board of Trustees for update and information.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Magna Vitae colleagues attend Community Leisure UK Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Special Interest Group quarterly, regular updates are communicated to managers and employees as necessary as well as HR team keeping up to date with legislation changes and sharing knowledge as appropriate.

Equality & Diversity mandatory training takes place with employees. The training is also mandatory for all new trustees as part of the existing trustees ongoing CPD programme.

TRUSTEES' LIABILITY

Magna Vitae has indemnified the Trustees of Magna Vitae against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third-party indemnity provision was in force during the year.

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

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The cost of living crisis and increased utility costs pose continuing challenges for our operations and customers as we are strive to continually improve the quality and value for money of the services we offer in our communities. Future developments will include improving our app and website, to improve customers' online joining and booking experiences, and working with our strategic partner East Lindsey District Council to decarbonise our venues.

We are also excited to work with East Lindsey District Council on their development of the new Mablethorpe Leisure Centre, due to open in September 2024, and the Embassy Theatre Culture House.

A major focus for the coming year will be on staff development and wider community employability scheme developments.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

We are committed to providing our employees with information about our activities, consulting with them on major changes and generally developing an open culture in the organisation. Regular meetings are held between managers and staff teams to allow free flow of information, and we hold team briefing and social sessions to update staff on strategy and other major developments on a regular basis.

We worked with TenSense during 2022/23 to engage with the workforce via an anonymous quarterly Employee Survey, a continued mechanism of allowing staff to be able to share their thoughts anonymously. The workforce is our most valued asset.

STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND TRUSTEES

Finally, I would like to thank the staff, volunteers and Trustees of Magna Vitae for their undiminishing commitment, resolve and hard work throughout the past year.



TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees, who are also the Directors of Magna Vitae for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that:
- So far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware, and
- That Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 4 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Helps, Chairman of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGNA VITAE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Magna Vitae (the 'trust') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGNA VITAE (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the trust through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the trust and sector in which it operates;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the trust, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the trust’s financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- reviewed a sample of grants and other income streams in the year to ensure accurate recognition;
- agreed a sample of employees on the trust payroll to existence and agreed the accuracy of their pay;
- assessed and reviewed the appropriateness and effectiveness of the key systems and controls;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 3 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing any correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the trust's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGNA VITAE (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Robert Anderson (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of
Streets Audit LLP
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor
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20 November 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	**185,481**	**7,847**	**193,328**	*220,825*
Charitable activities	5	**5,886,162**	**266,425**	**6,152,587**	*5,327,217*
Other trading activities	6	**1,622**	**-**	**1,622**	*70,440*
Investments	7	**75,294**	**-**	**75,294**	*1,922*
Total income		**6,148,559**	**274,272**	**6,422,831**	*5,620,404*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	**40,353**	**-**	**40,353**	*103,554*
Charitable activities	9	**5,759,590**	**523,754**	**6,283,344**	*5,307,185*
Total expenditure		**5,799,943**	**523,754**	**6,323,697**	*5,410,739*
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains on investments		**348,616**	**(249,482)**	**99,134**	*209,665*
Net gains on investments	16	**100,000**	**-**	**100,000**	*-*
Net income / (expenditure)		**448,616**	**(249,482)**	**199,134**	*209,665*
Transfers between funds	22	**(75,000)**	**75,000**	**-**	*-*
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		**373,616**	**(174,482)**	**199,134**	*209,665*
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	28	**4,489,000**	**-**	**4,489,000**	*1,854,000*
Defined benefit pension scheme asset not recognised	28	**(3,228,000)**	**-**	**(3,228,000)**	*-*
Net movement in funds		**1,634,616**	**(174,482)**	**1,460,134**	*2,063,665*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**120,433**	**262,915**	**383,348**	*(1,680,317)*
Net movement in funds		**1,634,616**	**(174,482)**	**1,460,134**	*2,063,665*
Total funds carried forward		**1,755,049**	**88,433**	**1,843,482**	*383,348*

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

The notes on pages 37 to 68 form part of these financial statements.

MAGNA VITAE

(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 09078400

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note		2023 £		*2022 £*
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	14		**28,994**		*18,237*
Tangible assets	15		**9,494**		*32,344*
Investments	17		**1**		*1*
Investment property	16		**250,000**		*171,764*
			288,489		*222,346*
Current assets					
Stocks	18	**25,349**		*24,436*	
Debtors	19	**137,173**		*207,620*	
Investments	20	**1,294,520**		*1,274,510*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**2,313,140**		*523,106*	
		3,770,182		*2,029,672*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	**(2,215,189)**		*(900,670)*	
Net current assets			**1,554,993**		*1,129,002*
Total assets less current liabilities			**1,843,482**		*1,351,348*
Net assets excluding pension asset / liability			**1,843,482**		*1,351,348*
Defined benefit pension scheme asset / liability	28		**-**		*(968,000)*
Total net assets			**1,843,482**		*383,348*

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note		2023 £		*2022 £*
Trust funds					
Restricted funds	22		**88,433**		*262,915*
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds excluding pension reserve	22	**1,755,049**		*1,088,433*	
Pension reserve	22	**-**		*(968,000)*	
Total unrestricted funds	22		**1,755,049**		*120,433*
Total funds			**1,843,482**		*383,348*

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 04 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Helps
Chairman of Trustees

The notes on pages 37 to 68 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	25	**1,773,825**	*734,235*
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets		**-**	*5,750*
Purchase of intangible assets		**(19,875)**	*-*
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(6,830)**	*-*
Interest received		**32,798**	*1,922*
Rental income		**30,126**	*-*
Net cash withdrawn from / (placed in) investments		**(20,010)**	*(746,554)*
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**16,209**	*(738,882)*
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**1,790,034**	*(4,647)*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**523,106**	*527,753*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	26	**2,313,140**	*523,106*

The notes on pages 37 to 68 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. General information

Magna Vitae (the Trust) is a limited company by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and a registered charity. The Trust's registered office is at Meridian Leisure Centre, Wood Lane, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 8SA . The Trust's principal activity is the operation of cultural and leisure facilities.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Magna Vitae meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Consolidation

These financial statements represent the figures of the Trust only. Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared on the basis that the subsidiary company is not material to the financial statements.

2.3 Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed its plans and forecasts and remain confident that the Trust will continue to maintain adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

2.4 Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Trust which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Trust's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.7 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

Computer software	-	5 years

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

The estimated useful lives range as follows:

Plant, machinery and fixtures	-	3	-	6 years

2.9 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2.10 Investment property

Investment property is initially recognised at cost and is subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date. Revaluation gains or losses are shown in the heading gains / losses on investment property in the statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Investment property contains a balance in respect of cafe equipment which is initially recognised at cost and subsequently measured cost less an accumulated write-down. The write-down is charged so as to allocate the cost of the assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives on a straight line basis. The estimated useful life of the assets is 2 years.

2.11 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.12 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.13 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents cash held in bank current account and deposit account facilities that the Trust has instant access and cash floats.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.14 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.15 Financial instruments

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

2.16 Pensions

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Trust to the fund in respect of the year.

The Trust operates a defined benefits pension scheme and the pension charge is based on an actuarial valuation dated 31 March 2023.

2.17 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Trust and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Trust for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Intangible, tangible fixed assets and investment property are recognised at cost or valuation, less accumulated depreciation / amortisation and any impairment. Depreciation / amortisation takes place over the estimated useful life, down to the assessed residual value. The carrying amount of the Trust's fixed assets is tested as soon as changed conditions show that a need for impairment has arisen.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 28, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 March 2023. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	**Restricted funds 2023 £**	**Total funds 2023 £**
Donations	231	7,847	**8,078**
Donated Services and Facilities	185,250	-	**185,250**
	185,481	7,847	**193,328**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	*Restricted funds 2022 £*	*Total funds 2022 £*
Donations	*516*	*35,059*	*35,575*
Donated Services and Facilities	*185,250*	-	*185,250*
	185,766	*35,059*	*220,825*

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Culture	17,913	219,657	**237,570**
Health Improvement	(1,760)	-	**(1,760)**
Sports & Leisure	2,761,493	44,368	**2,805,861**
Theatre	1,571,653	400	**1,572,053**
Other	1,536,863	2,000	**1,538,863**
	5,886,162	266,425	**6,152,587**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	*Restricted funds 2022 £*	*Total funds 2022 £*
Culture	*47,282*	*263,429*	*310,711*
Health Improvement	*44,876*	*119,911*	*164,787*
Sports & Leisure	*1,960,610*	*434,550*	*2,395,160*
Theatre	*713,668*	*192,531*	*906,199*
Other	*1,549,108*	*1,252*	*1,550,360*
	4,315,544	*1,011,673*	*5,327,217*

6. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Cafe Income	1,622	**1,622**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	*Restricted funds 2022 £*	*Total funds 2022 £*
Cafe Income	*65,438*	*5,002*	*70,440*

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Rental Income	30,126	**30,126**	-
Bank Interest Receivable	45,168	**45,168**	*1,922*
	75,294	**75,294**	*1,922*

8. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Wages and Salaries	7,725	**7,725**	*7,500*
National Insurance	852	**852**	*806*
Pension Costs	2,505	**2,505**	*2,364*
	11,082	**11,082**	*10,670*

Expenditure for activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Other Costs	6,984	**6,984**	*41,570*
Wages and Salaries	520	**520**	*29,269*
National Insurance	3	**3**	*281*
Depreciation	21,764	**21,764**	*21,764*
	29,271	**29,271**	*92,884*

9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Culture	139,654	296,282	**435,936**
Health Improvement	261,111	1,237	**262,348**
Sports & Leisure	3,658,343	220,835	**3,879,178**
Theatre	1,700,482	3,400	**1,703,882**
Other	-	2,000	**2,000**
	5,759,590	523,754	**6,283,344**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	*Restricted funds 2022 £*	*Total 2022 £*
Culture	*251,005*	*268,204*	*519,209*
Health Improvement	*242,981*	*88,479*	*331,460*
Sports & Leisure	*2,905,090*	*305,591*	*3,210,681*
Theatre	*1,036,136*	*208,447*	*1,244,583*
Other	-	*1,252*	*1,252*
	4,435,212	*871,973*	*5,307,185*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Culture	363,075	72,861	**435,936**
Health Improvement	218,499	43,849	**262,348**
Sports & Leisure	3,230,824	648,354	**3,879,178**
Theatre	1,419,101	284,781	**1,703,882**
Other	2,000	-	**2,000**
	5,233,499	1,049,845	**6,283,344**

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	*Support costs 2022 £*	*Total funds 2022 £*
Culture	*435,229*	*83,980*	*519,209*
Health Improvement	*277,848*	*53,612*	*331,460*
Sports & Leisure	*2,691,367*	*519,314*	*3,210,681*
Theatre	*1,043,277*	*201,306*	*1,244,583*
Other	*1,252*	-	*1,252*
	4,448,973	*858,212*	*5,307,185*

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Culture 2023 £	Health Improvement 2023 £	Sports & Leisure 2023 £	Theatre 2023 £
Pension Finance Cost	1,596	961	14,204	6,239
Staff Costs	117,089	164,921	1,702,066	357,757
Depreciation	893	537	19,826	10,713
Service Provision Costs	77,312	10,558	88,343	44,368
Goods for Resale	35	21	64,776	73,993
Performers and Entertainers	53,295	52	-	533,600
Other Employee Costs	2,995	3,167	28,410	10,588
Rent, Rates and Utilities	1,140	2,343	756,446	118,859
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	417	4,731	254,604	19,634
Insurance	5,198	3,128	46,254	21,787
Travel Costs	37,772	10,297	15,475	4,683
Printing, Postage and Stationery	644	427	5,416	5,712
Advertising and Promotion	18,914	4,701	29,613	17,524
IT, Telephone and Internet	4,364	1,978	34,092	29,881
Other Costs	26,338	8,186	47,400	38,232
Bank Charges	1,107	512	21,605	21,882
Irrecoverable VAT	13,966	1,979	102,294	103,649
	363,075	218,499	3,230,824	1,419,101

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Other 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Pension Finance Cost	-	**23,000**
Staff Costs	2,000	**2,343,833**
Depreciation	-	**31,969**
Service Provision Costs	-	**220,581**
Goods for Resale	-	**138,825**
Performers and Entertainers	-	**586,947**
Other Employee Costs	-	**45,160**
Rent, Rates and Utilities	-	**878,788**
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	-	**279,386**
Insurance	-	**76,367**
Travel Costs	-	**68,227**
Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	**12,199**
Advertising and Promotion	-	**70,752**
IT, Telephone and Internet	-	**70,315**
Other Costs	-	**120,156**
Bank Charges	-	**45,106**
Irrecoverable VAT	-	**221,888**
	2,000	**5,233,499**

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Culture 2022 £	*Health Improvement 2022 £*	*Sports & Leisure 2022 £*	*Theatre 2022 £*
Pension Finance Cost	*4,795*	*3,061*	*29,650*	*11,494*
Staff Costs	*112,409*	*222,135*	*1,485,913*	*356,353*
Depreciation	*1,259*	*1,596*	*32,055*	*11,922*
Service Provision Costs	*196,080*	*11,026*	*50,722*	*20,145*
Goods for Resale	-	-	*29,237*	*39,134*
Performers and Entertainers	*44,609*	*4,844*	-	*321,866*
Other Employee Costs	*4,657*	*3,132*	*31,222*	*10,711*
Rent, Rates and Utilities	*3,839*	*2,301*	*575,060*	*100,348*
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	*1,132*	*5,326*	*207,283*	*57,307*
Insurance	*5,813*	*3,710*	*35,944*	*13,933*
Travel Costs	*23,782*	*11,061*	*16,236*	*3,402*
Printing, Postage and Stationery	*547*	*417*	*4,726*	*4,212*
Advertising and Promotion	*11,227*	*3,175*	*22,489*	*25,966*
IT, Telephone and Internet	*1,154*	*782*	*32,076*	*7,642*
Other Costs	*9,780*	*2,713*	*62,699*	*26,501*
Bank Charges	*965*	*587*	*17,564*	*30,130*
Irrecoverable VAT	*13,181*	*1,982*	*58,491*	*2,211*
	435,229	*277,848*	*2,691,367*	*1,043,277*

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Other 2022 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Pension Finance Cost	-	*49,000*
Staff Costs	*1,252*	*2,178,062*
Depreciation	-	*46,832*
Service Provision Costs	-	*277,973*
Goods for Resale	-	*68,371*
Performers and Entertainers	-	*371,319*
Other Employee Costs	-	*49,722*
Rent, Rates and Utilities	-	*681,548*
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	-	*271,048*
Insurance	-	*59,400*
Travel Costs	-	*54,481*
Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	*9,902*
Advertising and Promotion	-	*62,857*
IT, Telephone and Internet	-	*41,654*
Other Costs	-	*101,693*
Bank Charges	-	*49,246*
Irrecoverable VAT	-	*75,865*
	1,252	*4,448,973*

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Culture 2023 £	Health Improvement 2023 £	Sports & Leisure 2023 £	Theatre 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff Costs	43,511	26,185	387,179	170,064	**626,939**
Other Costs	19,540	11,760	173,878	76,373	**281,551**
Support Service Agreements	2,431	1,463	21,636	9,504	**35,034**
Governance Costs	7,379	4,441	65,661	28,840	**106,321**
	72,861	43,849	648,354	284,781	**1,049,845**

	Culture 2022 £	*Health Improvement 2022 £*	*Sports & Leisure 2022 £*	*Theatre 2022 £*	*Total funds 2022 £*
Staff Costs	*47,097*	*30,067*	*291,236*	*112,895*	*481,295*
Other Costs	*22,666*	*14,469*	*140,166*	*54,333*	*231,634*
Support Service Agreements	*4,092*	*2,612*	*25,302*	*9,808*	*41,814*
Governance Costs	*10,125*	*6,464*	*62,610*	*24,270*	*103,469*
	83,980	*53,612*	*519,314*	*201,306*	*858,212*

11. Auditor's remuneration

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Fees payable to the Trust's auditor for the audit of the Trust's annual accounts	**8,400**	*7,650*

12. Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	**2,422,498**	*2,113,206*
Social security costs	**184,879**	*157,842*
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**38,216**	*28,995*
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	**432,000**	*492,000*
	3,077,593	*2,792,043*

Wages and salaries above include a total of £nil (2022 - £19,670) relating to redundancy, PILON and other exit payments during the year.

The average number of persons employed by the Trust during the year was as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Culture	**4**	*4*
Health Improvement	**6**	*11*
Sports & Leisure	**103**	*76*
Theatre	**20**	*15*
Management	**13**	*13*
	146	*119*

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Culture	**3**	*3*
Health Improvement	**5**	*6*
Sports & Leisure	**65**	*52*
Theatre	**12**	*12*
Management	**13**	*13*
	98	*86*

12. Staff costs (continued)

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2023 No.	*2022 No.*
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	**2**	*-*
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	**-**	*2*
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	**2**	*-*

The key management personnel of the Trust comprise the Employee Trustee and the Senior Leadership Team as included in the Trustees Report. The total amount of employee benefits (including national insurance and employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Trust was £385,750 (2022 - £348,000).

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The Employee Trustee received remuneration in the £0k - £5k (2022 - £25k - £30k) for the period they were a trustee. Retirement benefits accrued to the Employee Trustee during the current and previous year in respect of the defined benefit pension scheme.

Remuneration is received in respect of contracts of employment and not in respect of the role of Employee Trustee.

Other Trustees do not receive any remuneration from the Trust.

During the year ended 31 March 2023, expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to 2 Trustees *(2022 - to 2 Trustees)* broken down as follows:

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Travel	**300**	*260*
Accommodation	**111**	*-*
	411	*260*

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14. Intangible assets

	Computer software £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	**45,593**
Additions	**19,875**
At 31 March 2023	**65,468**
Amortisation	
At 1 April 2022	**27,356**
Charge for the year	**9,118**
At 31 March 2023	**36,474**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2023	**28,994**
At 31 March 2022	*18,237*

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant, machinery and fixtures £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2022	**265,897**
At 31 March 2023	**265,897**
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	**233,553**
Charge for the year	**22,850**
At 31 March 2023	**256,403**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2023	**9,494**
At 31 March 2022	*32,344*

16. Investment property

	Cafe property £	Cafe equipment £	Total £
Valuation			
At 1 April 2022	**150,000**	**21,764**	**171,764**
Surplus on revaluation	**100,000**	**-**	**100,000**
Write-down	**-**	**(21,764)**	**(21,764)**
At 31 March 2023	**250,000**	**-**	**250,000**

Cafe property was initially recorded at cost. The property has subsequently valued at fair value based on an independent valuation prepared by a suitably qualified third party as at 31 March 2023.

Cafe equipment has initially been recorded at cost and is being written down to its residual value over its useful economic life.

17. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2022	**1**
At 31 March 2023	**1**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2023	**1**
At 31 March 2022	*1*

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Trust:

Name	Company number	Principal activity	Class of shares	Holding
Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited	11788244	Dormant	Ordinary	100%

As the subsidiary company is dormant, it has made neither a profit nor loss for the year ended 31 March 2023. Net assets at 31 March 2023 are £nil.

The registered office of the subsidiary company is the same as the Trust as disclosed on page 1.

18. Stocks

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Finished goods and goods for resale	**25,349**	*24,436*

19. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	**39,041**	*33,112*
Other debtors	**2,750**	*32,941*
Prepayments and accrued income	**95,382**	*141,567*
	137,173	*207,620*

20. Current asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash investments in notice accounts	**1,294,520**	*1,274,510*

21. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	**177,016**	*167,302*
Other taxation and social security	**177,125**	*38,851*
Other creditors	**13,511**	*13,021*
Accruals and deferred income	**1,847,537**	*681,496*
	2,215,189	*900,670*

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income at 1 April	**442,688**	*487,732*
Resources deferred during the year	**1,600,188**	*350,664*
Amounts released from previous periods	**(410,819)**	*(395,708)*
Deferred income at 31 March	**1,632,057**	*442,688*

Deferred income represents Grants and Other Income Received in Advance, Box Office Ticket Sales in Advance of Shows and Unspent Gift Vouchers. Deferred income also includes 50% of the 2023/24 service fee which has been invoiced and received in advance.

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22. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Funds						
Cultural and Wellbeing Projects	**50,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**50,000**
General Funds						
Reserves	**1,038,433**	**6,148,559**	**(5,506,943)**	**(75,000)**	**100,000**	**1,705,049**
Pension Reserve	**(968,000)**	**-**	**(293,000)**	**-**	**1,261,000**	**-**
Total Unrestricted Funds	**120,433**	**6,148,559**	**(5,799,943)**	**(75,000)**	**1,361,000**	**1,755,049**
Restricted Funds						
SO Festival	**18,841**	**152,760**	**(263,660)**	**110,900**	**-**	**18,841**
Theatre Grants and Donations	**52,080**	**7,238**	**(3,400)**	**-**	**-**	**55,918**
Cultural / Health Improvement Projects	**5,521**	**67,906**	**(33,859)**	**(35,900)**	**-**	**3,668**
Sports Projects	**10,006**	**44,368**	**(44,368)**	**-**	**-**	**10,006**
Other	**-**	**2,000**	**(2,000)**	**-**	**-**	**-**
National Leisure Recovery Fund	**176,467**	**-**	**(176,467)**	**-**	**-**	**-**
	262,915	**274,272**	**(523,754)**	**75,000**	**-**	**88,433**
Total of Funds	**383,348**	**6,422,831**	**(6,323,697)**	**-**	**1,361,000**	**1,843,482**

22. Statement of funds (continued)

Unrestricted Funds:

General Funds
General Funds are those funds not designated towards any project in particular and can be used towards any of the Trust's objectives.

At the year-end, the Trustees have designated £50,000 for cultural and wellbeing projects where the operational budgets may be insufficient or for the match-funding of any new projects.

Pension Reserve
The Pension Reserve represents the year-end balance on the Trust's pension scheme.

Any deficit is not an immediately crystalising liability and contributions have and will be made in line with the actuary's recommendations. East Lindsey District Council continues to act as a guarantor.

Material Restricted Funds:

SO Festival
SO Festival represents incoming resources (including specific funding from Arts Council England totalling £152,760) received to put on the annual SO Festival in August / September each year.

Theatre Grants and Donations
Theatre Grants and Donations represents grants and donations received towards Big Screen development and theatre recovery following the pandemic.

Cultural / Health Improvement Projects
This includes funding from Without Walls and Lincolnshire Coastal Destination BID which have been applied to the SO Festival. This also includes funding in relation to the People Power Partnership.

Sports Projects
This includes funding from Lincolnshire County Council in relation to the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme.

National Leisure Recovery Fund
The National Leisure Recovery Fund is a grant to support the recovery of leisure facilities following the lifting of pandemic restrictions.

22. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Gains/ (Losses)* £	*Balance at 31 March 2022* £
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated Funds					
Cultural and Wellbeing Projects	*50,000*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*50,000*
General Funds					
Reserves	*641,529*	*4,568,670*	*(4,171,766)*	*-*	*1,038,433*
Pension Reserve	*(2,455,000)*	*-*	*(367,000)*	*1,854,000*	*(968,000)*
Total Unrestricted Funds	*(1,763,471)*	*4,568,670*	*(4,538,766)*	*1,854,000*	*120,433*
Restricted Funds					
SO Festival	*18,841*	*152,760*	*(152,760)*	*-*	*18,841*
Theatre Grants and Donations	*35,492*	*34,002*	*(17,414)*	*-*	*52,080*
Cultural / Health Improvement Projects	*18,815*	*180,144*	*(193,438)*	*-*	*5,521*
Sports Projects	*10,006*	*10,000*	*(10,000)*	*-*	*10,006*
Other	*-*	*65,643*	*(65,643)*	*-*	*-*
COVID Support	*-*	*145,061*	*(145,061)*	*-*	*-*
Cultural Recovery Fund	*-*	*159,557*	*(159,557)*	*-*	*-*
National Leisure Recovery Fund	*-*	*304,567*	*(128,100)*	*-*	*176,467*
	83,154	*1,051,734*	*(871,973)*	*-*	*262,915*
Total of Funds	*(1,680,317)*	*5,620,404*	*(5,410,739)*	*1,854,000*	*383,348*

23. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Designated funds	**50,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**50,000**
General funds	**70,433**	**6,148,559**	**(5,799,943)**	**(75,000)**	**1,361,000**	**1,705,049**
Restricted funds	**262,915**	**274,272**	**(523,754)**	**75,000**	**-**	**88,433**
	383,348	**6,422,831**	**(6,323,697)**	**-**	**1,361,000**	**1,843,482**

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Gains/ (Losses) £*	*Balance at 31 March 2022 £*
Designated funds	*50,000*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*50,000*
General funds	*(1,813,471)*	*4,568,670*	*(4,538,766)*	*1,854,000*	*70,433*
Restricted funds	*83,154*	*1,051,734*	*(871,973)*	*-*	*262,915*
	(1,680,317)	*5,620,404*	*(5,410,739)*	*1,854,000*	*383,348*

24. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	9,494	-	**9,494**
Intangible fixed assets	28,994	-	**28,994**
Fixed asset investments	1	-	**1**
Investment property	250,000	-	**250,000**
Current assets	3,681,749	88,433	**3,770,182**
Creditors due within one year	(2,215,189)	-	**(2,215,189)**
Total	1,755,049	88,433	**1,843,482**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	*Restricted funds 2022 £*	*Total funds 2022 £*
Tangible fixed assets	*32,344*	-	*32,344*
Intangible fixed assets	*18,237*	-	*18,237*
Fixed asset investments	*1*	-	*1*
Investment property	*171,764*	-	*171,764*
Current assets	*1,766,757*	*262,915*	*2,029,672*
Creditors due within one year	*(900,670)*	-	*(900,670)*
Provisions for liabilities and charges	*(968,000)*	-	*(968,000)*
Total	*120,433*	*262,915*	*383,348*

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25. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**199,134**	*209,665*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**22,850**	*37,713*
Amortisation charges	**9,118**	*9,119*
Write down of other investment assets	**21,764**	*21,764*
Investment income	**(75,294)**	*(1,922)*
Loss/(profit) on the sale of fixed assets	**-**	*(953)*
Increase in stocks	**(913)**	*(8,376)*
Decrease in debtors	**82,817**	*33,495*
Increase in creditors	**1,321,349**	*66,730*
Pension scheme FRS102 actuarial adjustments	**293,000**	*367,000*
Gain on revaluation of investment property	**(100,000)**	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	**1,773,825**	*734,235*

26. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Cash in hand	**2,313,140**	*523,106*
Total cash and cash equivalents	**2,313,140**	*523,106*

27. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**523,106**	**1,790,034**	**2,313,140**
Liquid investments	**1,274,510**	**20,010**	**1,294,520**

28. Pension commitments

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Trust in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Trust to the fund and amounted to £38,149 (2022 - £29,415). Total contributions amounting to £9,020 (2022 - £8,156) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date which is included in other creditors.

The Trust operates a defined benefit pension scheme.

The Trust's employees belong to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), which is managed by Lincolnshire County Council. The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The LGPS is subject to a triennial valuation.

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. Details of the total contributions during the year are given in the analysis below. The latest tri-ennual valuation was undertaken to 31 March 2022 which set the agreed contribution rate for the 3 years commencing 1 April 2023 at 10.0% for the Trust. Employee contributions remain at various levels based on bandings with a maximum of 12.5%.

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	At 31 March 2023 **%**	*At 31 March 2022* *%*
Discount Rate	**4.80**	*2.55*
Salary Increase Rate	**3.90**	*1.00*
Pension Increase Rate	**2.90**	*3.05*

	At 31 March 2023 **Years**	*At 31 March 2022* *Years*
Mortality rates (in years)		
- for a male aged 65 now	**19.8**	*21.2*
- at 65 for a male aged 45 now	**21.1**	*22.1*
- for a female aged 65 now	**22.9**	*23.7*
- at 65 for a female aged 45 now	**24.4**	*25.1*

28. Pension commitments (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

	At 31 March 2023 £	*At 31 March 2022 £*
Discount rate +0.1%	**(173,000)**	*(350,000)*
Discount rate -0.1%	**179,000**	*361,000*
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	**209,000**	*443,000*
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	**(203,000)**	*(426,000)*
CPI rate +0.1%	**167,000**	*302,000*
CPI rate -0.1%	**(161,000)**	*(292,000)*

The Trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	At 31 March 2023 £	*At 31 March 2022 £*
Equities	**5,831,000**	*7,540,000*
Bonds	**1,381,000**	*1,323,000*
Property	**787,000**	*1,150,000*
Cash / Temporary Investments	**333,000**	*411,000*
Infrastructure	**394,000**	-
Absolute Return Fund	**1,715,000**	-
Total fair value of assets	**10,441,000**	*10,424,000*

The actual return on scheme assets was £(108,000) *(2022 - £1,010,000)*.

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities are as follows:

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Current service cost	**432,000**	*490,000*
Past service cost	**-**	*2,000*
Interest income	**(267,000)**	*(193,000)*
Interest cost	**290,000**	*242,000*
Administrative expenses	**8,000**	*7,000*
Total amount recognised in the Statement of financial activities	**463,000**	*548,000*

28. Pension commitments (continued)

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were as follows:

	2023 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	**11,392,000**
Current service cost	**432,000**
Interest cost on defined benefit obligation	**290,000**
Contributions by scheme participants	**71,000**
Changes in assumptions	**(4,864,000)**
Benefits paid	**(108,000)**
Past service costs	**-**
Closing defined benefit obligation	**7,213,000**

Movements in the fair value of the Trust's share of scheme assets were as follows:

	2023 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	**10,424,000**
Interest income on plan assets	**267,000**
Return on assets less interest and other actuarial gains / (losses)	**(375,000)**
Contributions by employer	**170,000**
Contributions by scheme participants	**71,000**
Benefits paid	**(108,000)**
Administration expenses	**(8,000)**
Closing fair value of scheme assets	**10,441,000**

The actuarial report valued a pension scheme surplus of £3,228,000 as set out by the disclosures above. This balance has not been recognised on the basis that the balance is not deemed to be recoverable through reduced contributions in the future or through refunds from the plan.

29. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2023 the Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023 £	*2022* *£*
Not later than 1 year	**70,000**	*70,000*
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**280,000**	*280,000*
Later than 5 years	**822,740**	*892,740*
	1,172,740	*1,242,740*

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of financial activities:

	2023 £	*2022* *£*
Operating lease rentals	**70,000**	*70,000*

30. Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

31. Related party transactions

The following transactions and balances have been undertaken whcih require disclosure in line with the requirements of the Charities SORP:

Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited:

Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Magna Vitae. Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited is a dormant company.

The balance previously outstanding was written off during the year and associated provision released. The balance outstanding at the year-end is £nil (2022 - £11,031 with an associated provision of £11,031).

Trustees:

A R Lidgard has significant influence and control over Brackenborough Limited. During the year, the company provided hospitality services at a cost of £697 (2022 - £3,978). There was no balance outstanding at either year-end.

Key Management Personnel:

The spouse of James Brindle runs First Cricket. During the year, the club was invoiced for hire costs of £1,801 (2022 - £2,072). The balance outstanding at the year was £302 (2022 - £769) which is included in trade debtors.

James Brindle is a part owner of Greenwich House School. During the year, the school was invoiced for swimming lessons of £1,068 (2022 - £986). There was no balance outstanding at either year-end.

MAGNA VITAE

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Charity Registration No. 1160156
Company Registration No. 09078400 (England and Wales)

MAGNA VITAE
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Chairman of the Trustees	Peter Helps (Interim Chairman)
Community Trustees	Ian Emmerson OBE (Interim Vice Chairman) Doreen Stephenson (resigned 9th July 2021) Ashley Lidgard Jon Stones Kenneth Ball (resigned 26th July 2021) David Warden (appointed 25th August 2021)
Local Authority Trustees	Cllr Sarah Parkin Cllr Helen Matthews (resigned 20 May 2021) Cllr Steve Kirk (appointed 20 May 2021)
Employee Trustee	Ross Cameron (resigned 13th April 2022)
Executive Directors	James Brindle Aeneas Richardson
Charity number	1160156
Company number	09078400
Registered office	Meridian Leisure Centre Wood Lane Louth, Lincolnshire LN11 8SA
Senior Leadership Team	James Brindle, Executive Director Aeneas Richardson, Executive Director Sally Topham, Director of Finance James Turner, Director of Business Development
Independent Auditors	Streets Audit LLP Tower House Lucy Tower Street Lincoln, Lincolnshire LN1 1XW
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC 1 Churchill Place LONDON E14 5HP



TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING THE STRATEGIC REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees (who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the audited financial statements of Magna Vitae (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.



The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Trust have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the charity qualifies as small, under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.



Objectives and Activities
POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The Trustees confirm that they have considered their duties and have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.



The Trustees are confident that the activities of Magna Vitae are carried out for the benefit of others as is detailed in the rest of the information within the Trustees report.

The charity's revenues and any operating surpluses are re-invested to continually develop and improve outcomes for the people of East Lindsey.

Our Purpose

As a charitable trust our mission is to provide an extraordinary range of cultural, leisure and health related facilities and services that allow local people to lead a great life.

We will develop and sustain a thriving and successful culture and leisure business that encourages innovation and expansion to maximise the opportunities for the community we serve.

Our Vision

Our VISION is to improve the wellbeing of our community, enabling people to live great lives.

Our Mission

Our MISSION is to clearly demonstrate proactive and innovative leadership that will generate positive change in the areas of social and economic inequality. We are committed to empower local people by reaching out with humanity and compassion.

Our Values

- We are in this together
- We embrace change
- We are always learning
- We celebrate differences

Our charitable Objectives

- *To provide or assist in the provision of both indoor and outdoor facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstance or to the public at large with the object of improving their conditions of life; and/or*
- *To promote community participation in healthy recreational activities; and/or*
- *To provide or assist in the provision of community facilities to be available to all sections of the community without distinction, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and/or other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for all who use the facilities; and/or*
- *To promote the education of the public through the provision of facilities for performing arts and/or*
- *Such other charitable purposes as the Trustees in their absolute discretion may determine.*

Magna Vitae has a strategic partnership with East Lindsey District Council (ELDC). During the next five years it is the objective of the Board, Senior Leadership Team and staff of Magna Vitae to strategically develop and grow the business in collaboration following the COVID 19 Pandemic.

The business will seek to achieve this through four key drivers:

1. Ensuring correct structure, systems and people in place;
2. Enabling more people to access our services;
3. Improving customer experiences;
4. Growing our income, supporters, partners and beneficiaries both inside and outside East Lindsey.

MARKET CONDITIONS

April 2021 to March 2022 marked a second successive year of service / business significantly disrupted by COVID 19. Lockdown 3 came to a welcome end on April 12th 2021 for our leisure venues, albeit for a number of the following months access restrictions and regulations negatively affected business performance. The Embassy Theatre felt the effects for longer, not re-opening to the public until mid-May 2021, a significant closure period of 17 months.

According to the Office of National Statistics (ONS) mid-year population estimates for the District in 2015 – the latest available – show the population of East Lindsey is 137,900. The District's population is projected to experience growth of 11.4% by 2037. It has been projected that the 16-64 years age group will reduce from 56.4% of the population in 2015 to 48.8% of the population in 2037, along with a slight reduction in the proportion who are aged 0-15 years, this means that the proportion of the population of East Lindsey that is aged 65 or older will continue to grow.

In terms of deprivation, East Lindsey is ranked the 33rd most deprived local authority district area in England, out of 326. This means that the District is just on the border of being ranked in the top 10% of the most deprived local authority district areas in England.

When compared against figures for England males have an average life expectancy of 0.6 fewer years than the national average, whereas females have an average life expectancy of 0.9 fewer years than the national average.

The success of Magna Vitae's activities is evidence of the community value generated from investment in leisure, sport, culture and physical activity. Magna Vitae has invested in national benchmarking regarding its social value in order to measure community impact/savings generated across four key areas;

1. Wellbeing
2. Education
3. Healthcare
4. Crime



CURRENT PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Physical Activity and Sport

Magna Vitae provides a broad and diverse infrastructure and range of community focused facilities and services, incorporating swimming pools (indoor and outdoor), sports halls, fitness facilities, fitness classes, meeting rooms, conferencing venues, outdoor sports pitches, and multi-use games area.

The Trust operates the leisure venues owned by the District Council comprising:

- Meridian Leisure Centre (MLC), Louth – opened in 2010. This is the flagship leisure facility and welcomed 130,429 visits in 2021/22
- Wood Lane football pitch & Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).
- London Road Pavilion (LRP), Louth – this is the home ground to local football, cricket and hockey clubs. It includes grass pitches and an all-weather full size playing services, all used for training and competitive participation.
- Charles Street Recreation Ground, Louth – provides tennis and community gardens.
- Horncastle Pool & Fitness Suite (HSP) – offers a wide and diverse programme, which saw 45,958 visits in 2021/22
- Skegness Pool & Fitness Suite (SSP) – consists of an indoor pool , attractive seasonal outdoor pool and fitness suite. Annual throughput of 61,312 visits in 2021/22
- Station Sports Centre (SSC), Mablethorpe – this is the least 'fit for purpose' venue in the portfolio. Opened in 1984 and refurbished in 1997. Attracted over just over 28,301 visits in 2021/22
- Sutton-on-Sea Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) – caters for football, tennis, basketball and has a trim trail.
- Altitude44 (A44) – Operated the season with restrictions in place. A total of 2,406 Climbs took place.

Health and Wellbeing

Magna Vitae provides a wide range of programmes, workshops and support to tackle physical inactivity, social isolation and poor health within East Lindsey. Initiatives include nutritional advice, nutrition workshops, mental health support, exercise on prescription programmes and activities for people with dementia, mental health conditions and other life-changing illnesses. Programmes aim to support older people who may have become socially isolated, lonely and with caring responsibilities.



Alongside this, there is also the work taking place in targeted towns and villages where there is no Magna Vitae venue (Spilsby, Alford, Wainfleet, Wragby and Binbrook). This includes the 'Schools Out' activity programme for children and young people alongside community development within these locations.

Culture, Arts and Events

The Trust manages and develops, on behalf of the District Council the arts, culture and events opportunities across the district comprising educational programmes, arts productions, festivals, and arts/sports/cultural events. Examples include:

- Arts and Culture Development and Funding Advice
- Management of the district's flagship cultural event, SO Festival, an Arts Council England, National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) programme
- Management and development of a local, national and international cultural activities and events programme

In terms of economic impact our work has previously succeeded in:

- Bringing an average of £1 million annually as extra benefit to the local economy;
- Attracting single event audiences of up to 20,000 visitors;
- Bringing 'new' media coverage and positive promotion of the area.
- Securing the involvement of key strategic partners including for example Arts Council England; the FA; Sport England; AMCA; The Mighty Creatives; Without Walls; Spirit of 2012; DCMS; Royal Air Force; etc.

Theatre

Embassy Theatre with a seating capacity of 1,027 is situated in a key location on Grand Parade, Skegness. It hosts and promotes in excess of 150 individual live shows each year; a combination of top name celebrity acts, seaside favourites, West End musicals and community productions in the fields of music, comedy, dance, drama, circus and variety. The creative team at The Embassy also produce a professional 2 week Pantomime season of 22 performances each year.

In addition to mainstay theatre productions the Embassy Theatre has the capability to maximise usage into a multi-functional auditorium with hydraulic seating, to house large-scale exhibitions, parties, roller disco, conferences and ballroom dancing etc, as well as installation of a high performing digital big screen system in 2020 and now screens live seasons via Satellite from The National Theatre, Royal Opera House as well as Disney family film favourites.

Café Magna

Café Magna is a purpose-built coffee shop and pizzeria located next door to the A44 climbing facility and Skegness Swimming Pool & Fitness Suite.

It was built in 2019 and was operated until November 2020 by Magna Vitae Enterprises (MVE), a wholly owned trading subsidiary of Magna Vitae. From November 2020 the business operations transferred back to Magna Vitae.



Summary

The Trust aims to operate and develop these activities, facilities and services to achieve the greatest outcomes for the local community. These activities, facilities and services detailed above broadly represent the current scope of Magna Vitae operations and are reviewed regularly to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the local population and attract people who don't currently participate. Some of these activities/programmes/services are subject to partnership funding and their ongoing provision will therefore be dependent upon those partner requirements.

The Trust recognises the importance of developing and improving its activities, facilities and services, and will actively engage in pursuing innovative and dynamic programmes designed to maximise access and opportunity to all ages and demographic groups within the local community.

The Trust will deliver services to the highest standards of professionalism and expertise and will seek to maintain and build quality and increase accessibility. In so doing, it will strive to:

- Continuously improve facilities and satisfy ever increasing service expectation for existing users;
- Generate growth and uptake by introducing new ways of engaging with non-users;
- Provide a wide-ranging, relevant and up-to-date programme that appeals to a broad cross-section of service users;
- Continue to extend and improve the provision of high quality exercise referral services and other health related programmes;
- Work closely with all local schools, sporting clubs, cultural organisations and national governing bodies.



Achievements and Performance

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Corporate

April 2021 to March 2022 marked a second successive year of service / business significantly disrupted by COVID 19. Lockdown 3 came to a welcome end on April 12th 2021 for our leisure venues, albeit for a number of the following months access restrictions and regulations negatively affected business performance. The Embassy Theatre felt the effects for longer, not re-opening to the public until mid-May 2021, a significant closure period of 17 months.

The long-awaited lifting of all COVID restrictions paved the way for Magna Vitae to begin to re-build our business and once again start to provide outstanding service to our customers, patrons and members throughout East Lindsey and the surrounding area.

From a business performance perspective, given the continually challenging operating circumstances, 2021 - 2022 has produced extremely positive and highly encouraging outcomes for the company. The Trust finished the year very strongly indeed and presently finds itself is in a better position than originally estimated at the start of the year.

The complexion of our programme of use has changed beyond recognition in the past 12 months. Customer return regards health & fitness memberships continually rose throughout the year and performed strongly during the traditional "Golden Quarter" New Year period. Swimming lessons growth has exceeded all expectations and we finished the year with over 1,800 learners accessing the WaterWise programme. Across all five leisure sites, the public gradually continued to increase their frequency of use, still utilising our innovative virtual provision but responding extremely positively to the site doors being fully open once again.

Introduced in late Spring, our newly commissioned Sport, Activity & Community "Outreach" team has gradually developed its work and in its first part-year has achieved fabulous community activity results in the five market towns of Spilsby, Wragby, Binbrook, Alford and Wainfleet. These are all East Lindsey towns (inland conurbations), that are not served with purpose-built leisure / sports venues. In these locations, Magna Vitae is now delivering significantly more sport and activity in the community during both term time and school holiday periods.

This was a testing year for the Magna Vitae Community Team. Long standing partnerships with Louth and District Hospice and TED (East Lindsey) came to an end and due the COVID grant landscape no alternative funding could be found to continue to maintain these programmes. Sadly, much of this work has now ceased. Magna Vitae are now considering new partnerships and models that will allow these programmes to be rekindled over time. All at Magna Vitae would want to place on record our thanks to the staff that delivered these very valued schemes and resulted in profound community impact.

2022 marks the final year of the current Arts Council England NPO (SO Festival) programme. Again, even in the most difficult of COVID circumstances the team has continued to innovate and deliver artistic excellence. Magna Vitae has now submitted our application to the 2023-2026 NPO round and we currently await the result of this application.

The Embassy Theatre, having reopened its doors, produced a highly successful pantomime season in December. The post-Christmas season opened in February with "Burn the Floor", which brought with it a diverse audience of theatre lovers. Patrons have since enjoyed a variety of productions including the Circus of Horrors, Comedy Hotspot and Game Show Party Night. The venue staged a

busy Easter holiday period. Huge excitement continues to build regards the proposed £1.43M "Town Fund" Culture House development, with work currently scheduled to commence in January 2023.

In 2022 Magna Vitae partnered with Pan Optikum, an international, professional physical theatre company. A collaborative project with 12 other partners taking part from 11 European countries. Magna Vitae was the only UK partner involved. The first performance delivered in the Grimsby Minster brought together 6 creative agencies, 13 dancers and entertained an audience of 120+.

Throughout the year our customer base has returned strongly. Our year end finances are extremely positive. We continue to work with a significantly smaller staff team than was employed pre-pandemic. Staff have worked incredibly hard, they have adapted, continually innovate and employ a flexible team approach. Magna Vitae has continued to invest significantly in the development of its organisational culture (its DNA), alongside the vocational learning and development of its workforce. This will continue to be a priority. Some staff continue to work primarily from home. Given the circumstantial challenges faced by the Charity, the year 2021/22 has been a marked success and the future, going forward, looks a little bit brighter.

Physical Activity and Sport

Leisure venues recorded 625,577 physical activity visits for the year 21/22. Despite being able to open our doors on April 12th, restrictions were still very much in place. Reduced capacity, nervous custom and no instructor lead sessions for several months meant that our build back was steady. All sites are recovering well and continue to adapt to new ways of working.

Our WaterWise programme, which follows the Swim England Learn to swim framework, comprising of Group lessons, School swimming, 1:1 tution and also intensive sessions delivered during half terms are growing from strength to strength. All venues now have exceeded pre-pandemic enrolment figures for group sessions and income levels matching that. A battle regards recruitment of qualified instructors is now growth of our 1:1 provision but will continue to be an area of focus for the upcoming year.

Our Magna Vitae Gymnastics programme continues to build back and now has 207 members paying a monthly subscription for their weekly class.

Altitude44 re-opened in April 2021, but still operated to some level of restriction. This year, operating under the one complex umbrella at Skegness.





Health and Wellbeing

After devising many new ways to engage with socially isolated individuals throughout the Covid 19 pandemic 2021/22 saw the team resuming face to face contact with participants in the community. When some venues were still inaccessible the team delivered walks within the community which included themed heritage walks and 'seaside safaris', using safe outdoor spaces to help people to reconnect with each other after such a long time apart. Some online contact remained in place for some of the first part of the year with IT support still being provided for some individuals.

The 'Still Me' project continued to successfully support individuals living with a life limiting illness, including dementia, as well as support for their carers and families. During 2021/22, face to face sessions resumed in Louth at the Meridian Leisure Centre and Skegness Tower gardens with the sessions returning to it's original home of Barratt Court in January 2022. Support for those in other locations remained by phone call and with occasional doorstep visits and via online activity such as seated exercise and dance. The project held a 'welcome back' celebration in September 2022 and a Christmas Party at Alford Manor House in December 2022. The project's funding came to an end on 31st October 2021 with sessions continuing until 31st March 2022. Throughout the five years of the project a total number of 723 individuals have been supported by the team.

The project provided 258 opportunities of remote support for individuals with a throughput of 660 within face to face sessions throughout 2021/22.

'Still Me' has also been part of a research programme undertaken by the University of Lincoln looking into the benefits of organised physical activity on those who live with dementia. The findings of this research is to be presented on the 31st March 2022. The team also chairs the Louth & East Lindsey Dementia Action Alliance which brings together local stakeholders to work together to help build dementia friendly communities.

Magna Vitae continued with one TED (Talk, Eat, Drink in East Lindsey) programme projects which are funded by the National Lottery as part of the Ageing Better programme. Fitness Food and Friends was awarded a further year of funding which allowed sessions to continue through until the end of January 2022. Activity throughout the year provided 312 contacts of 'blended support' with a mix of wellbeing calls, virtual and email of support and outdoor activities up to August 2021. Sessions returned to village halls and Magna Vitae venues August onwards with 242 different individuals accessing sessions with a throughput of 428 attendances. The TED project ended with a celebration event which brought together all the stakeholders and many beneficiaries of the programme at an event which was held at the Embassy Theatre on 10th March 2022.

The TED Chaps project was not re-commissioned by the National Lottery Community Fund but the team continued to deliver the 'Sporting Memories' model with the support of some funding through Louth Rotary Club. The virtual and online sessions provided 188 contacts of support for individuals. Face-to-face sessions commencing at Louth Bowls Club in September 2022 and have supported 19 different individuals through the weekly sessions.

The team continue to engage with various support services which include, IT skills, scam awareness, nutritional support and nature, as well as supporting isolated individuals to access statutory services such as NHS Steps2Change mental health service and the support provided by LPFT Windsor House.

The Exercise on Prescription scheme, delivered as part of the Lincolnshire County Council funded integrated lifestyle service through One You Lincolnshire was put on hold for the whole of 2020/21 whilst leisure facilities were closed. The One You Lincolnshire programme recommence in May 2022 with the service being delivered at the Louth, Horncastle and Mablethorpe leisure venues with the

service resuming at Skegness in January 2022. Throughout the period from May 21 – March 2022 435 people were referred or referred themselves to the programme for support from the Lifestyle Consultants within Magna Vitae venues.

Magna Vitae also work with One You Lincolnshire to support the delivery of other One You Lincolnshire programmes including 'Weight Management' sessions to be held at the Meridian Leisure Centre and Station Sports Centre and have also been involved with recruitment of individuals to the Thrive Tribe 'Gloji' virtual weight loss programme between October 21 and March 2022 where over 50 individuals have been able to benefit from a 'holistic' wellbeing programme which not only focuses on weight loss but also provides advice around alcohol, smoking, sleep, mindfulness and physical activity.

The Trust worked with many other partners including Louth & District Hospice Limited, DWP Job Centre Plus, Carers First, YMCA Lincolnshire, Active Lincolnshire, Lincolnshire County Council, Lincoln City Community Foundation, Platform Housing, Age UK Lindsey, LCVS (Lincolnshire Community Voluntary Service), the Admiral nursing team and the Alzheimer's Society.

Sport, Physical Activity and Development

Schools Out

The 'Schools Out' programme was launched back in August with a very successful Football Day at Alford Cricket Club, the programme has developed since with varied activities offered to youngsters which includes Multi Skills days, Dance, Football, Cricket, Zorbing, Skate Park, Fitness to Music, Fairy Doors Adventure as well as educational food classes that many families from East Lindsey would not normally be able to experience.

Part of the Schools Out programme is to create a programme which also offers something for the less sporty types by allowing them to engage in different activities with friends. We have taken groups from the 5 x Areas to Ascend Climbing in Louth and to the Aquapark in Mablethorpe using the Wolds Mini-Bus with more away trips planned.

We have made the conscious effort to develop coaches we have previously used from across East Lindsey. This allows us to create a bank of casual coaches to deliver all MV programmes in the future. It allows us to develop the Schools Out Programme further and to upskill them for the coaching they deliver on behalf of MV and/or in other areas of East Lindsey.

Facilities & Development

Part of my role is to look at club support and development which may from time to time include facility development. In Spilsby we are working with partners to resurrect the old MUGA with a vision to have a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) which could accommodate Tennis, Hockey and Football and have a skate park close by.



In Binbrook we are in the process of driving the set up a constituted community group to drive the offer of activities for people of all ages from the local communities of Binbrook and Brookenby, once formed the group will be able to apply for grant funding and will also then discuss possible facility needs in which to develop further offers.

Culture, Arts and Events

SO Festival

After an extremely difficult year in 2020, the everchanging socio-economic landscape of the past 12 months has provided a rollercoaster ride for the cultural wing of MV, with challenges and opportunities at every turn.

Unfortunately, in June, following the government's announcement concerning COVID-19 and the ongoing uncertainty regarding changing restrictions, we were once again forced to cancel SO Festival in its usual form. A large-scale event, such as the SO Festival, relies heavily on our ability to plan every element and predict every eventuality, whilst the global situation and ever-changing regulations meant this simply was not possible.

We therefore felt a more proactive approach would be to steer away from such events and, instead, use this unusual year as a valuable opportunity to trial new, exciting and more targeted cultural offerings. Members of the SO Festival team planned to pool their resources, utilise their creativity and focus efforts on bringing arts and culture to our local community through a programme of innovative, engaging and accessible activities, delivered over the remaining 9 months of 2021.

To this end, the latter half of 2021 finally provided a welcome glimpse at normality, as venues began to reopen, audiences ventured out, live events made a return and our ambitious programme of activities kicked in.

The SOcials

Throughout the year, in spite of the challenges we faced, The SOcial - our informal, creative networking events – continued to run.

These meetings are free and aim to celebrate the Greater Lincolnshire art scene and provide a platform for local creatives to connect, collaborate and create! We alternate between open discussions/ networking events - where attendees can all share project updates, any commission or work opportunities they know about and generally chat – and workshops, with guest speakers chatting about a specific topic.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we ran events digitally through Zoom once a month. We returned to in person sessions in November, with The SOcial: A Christmas Special forming part of our SOvember Weekender programme.

- Sessions delivered throughout April 21 – March 22: 6
- Total attendees: 67

LCC Cultural Days

From July 2021, SO Festival and Lincolnshire County Council collaborated to deliver a suite of cultural, performance-based activities for adults with learning disabilities and complex needs, in Skegness and Louth.

Over 12 weeks, (July – October) members from Skegness Day Opportunities, along with their carers enjoyed a diverse cultural programme, jam packed with different creative workshops. The cultural days' facilitated by Lizzie Atkin, a drama facilitator working in the Magna Vitae Community Team, were held at the Embassy Theatre and offered workshops from drumming to dance, drama to music technology and music to magic, along with a cinema screening of some of the members most loved musicals.

Over in Louth, Lizzie supported members of the Lincolnshire County Council Day Opportunities, Blackbird Flies Theatre Group, along with their carers, to devise a play over 6 months (August – March). As well as encouraging and supporting the individuals to learn and develop new skills, confidence and freedom of expression, Lizzie supported the carers to develop their creative practice too.

- Skegness: 18 Day Opportunities Members took part in the project, along with 14 carers. Total throughput: 304
- Louth: 12 Day Opportunities members engaged in the project, along with 7 carers. Total throughput: 322

- Feedback from carers:
  - "I have never seen him smile so much"
  - "He never keeps headphones on, they usually get throw off within 2 minutes (Ben had headphones on for over an hour)"
  - "We didn't actually think Michael could hear anything until today"
  - "This is the first time Richard has ever used headphones, I am so impressed with him"
  - "I was so impressed with your session; they love singing and it was so appropriate for them"

  - "I just want to say thank you for how you are with our guys, we all love coming to your sessions and look forward to every week. It's just what the service has needed after a very difficult 18 months"

Eco Centre Programme

In August 2021, as part of SO Festival's Year-round programme, we arranged for 2 Lincolnshire based theatre companies – Tales from the Heartwood and Barmpot Theatre - to provide 3 performances at the Eco Centre in Skegness, as part of their existing Summer Holidays event programme.

These performances received positive feedback from the 75 audience members, with the artists and venue also expressing their gratitude for the opportunity to deliver live performances once more.

- 2 theatre companies – Tales of the Heartwood & Barmpot Theatre
- 3 performances in 1 venue
- 75 audience members

Craft Socials

Between October 2021 – March 2022, Craft SOcials workshops were delivered on a fortnightly basis at Hope House, Mablethorpe and The Storehouse, Skegness, plus additional family-friendly events.

The project was funded by Without Walls and aimed at involving people who were experiencing a range of challenging circumstances. The overall ambition of the project was to stimulate participation by people who typically do not attend SO Festival, by raising awareness and self-confidence and by building relationships with SO Festival staff.

The sessions themselves were positive experiences and generated lots of social interaction as well as creativity. They have created connections for people with SO Festival, with the venues and with each other and we are confident that this will contribute to future success when SO Festival is delivered in Mablethorpe and Skegness in summer 2022.

- 26 sessions (13 in each venue) across 6 months
- 73 individuals attended one or more sessions: 40 in Mablethorpe and 33 in Skegness
- Of these, 26 attended more than once, ranging between 2-10 sessions (av. of 5 sessions)
- Of these, 2 attendees were Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service Social Prescriber staff, who used the sessions as an opportunity to bring clients they were supporting.
- A total of 176 cumulative visits were achieved.

SOvember
November 2021 saw our Cultural Team, Embassy Theatre staff and HelsingØr Teater colleagues collaborating to deliver SOvember Weekender: a weekend of digital arts encounters, experiences and exploration for all!

As Storm Arwen's rage blew across the North Sea, so too did our international creative team's ideas, as they worked to ensure that audiences of all ages and backgrounds - including representatives from Arts Council England, East Lindsey District Council, the Cultural Development Fund and the Mayor of Skegness - were welcomed into the warmth of the Embassy Theatre, ready to experience the weekend's carefully curated programme of thought-provoking art and culture.

Film screenings from mixed heritage filmmakers sparked discussion, dancing digital gravity inspired local creatives and the hotly anticipated headline act – The Third Reich by acclaimed Italian Theatre Director, Romeo Castellucci – left audiences astounded and feeling as though they had "travelled to a different dimension."

- 4 artistic companies from 3 countries
- 6 performances and 1 networking session
- Total audience of 200 plus

People Power Partnership
November also saw the long-awaited auditions for international dance project, People Power Partnership, take place.

Originally planned for March 2021, but delayed due to travel restrictions, the creative team from professional physical theatre company, Pan Optikum, travelled over to Grimsby to recruit our dance team who will represent Grimsby in the European dance project. During these auditions, 11 dancers from all over the UK auditioned with 8 being selected to form our final team.

Skip forward to March 2022, the creative team from Pan Optikum returned to Grimsby with another dance team from Germany. Together with the Grimsby team, they worked hard over an intense 100-day period to create and perform a bespoke physical theatre piece with the overall theme of dilemma. Drawing inspiration from personal experiences and the current situation in Ukraine, this powerful piece showcased the high skill level of all the young dancers.

- Fri 18 March, Preview performance – invited guests from the creative sector in Greater Lincolnshire – 78 total audience
- Sat 19 March, Public performance, as part of the brand-new local festival, Grimsby Creates Noise – sold out but sadly, low turnout at 43 audience
- 4 creative team from Pan Optikum
- 8 dancers from Freiburg team
- 5 dancers from Grimsby team – 1 local dancer from Grimsby, 2 more from Greater Lincolnshire, 2 from London



Metro Boulot Dodo (MBD)

The SO Festival team started 2022 with a bang, working alongside award winning, Leicester based arts organisation, Metro Boulot Dodo (MBD), to bring not just one, but two ambitious, digital projects to our local communities' doorsteps.

The first project was Paint to Pixel: an innovative Virtual Reality experience that took audiences on an immersive tour of UK graffiti and street art. Comprised of original artworks, interviews and archive materials from prominent graffiti artists, past and present, this interactive exhibition toured East Lindsey, astounding audiences of all ages at venues across the county.

The second project was a series of free, expert-led, Digital Skills workshops, aimed at engaging and inspiring young people aged 8-17 years old. Workshops entitled 'Transport Design in Minecraft' and 'Introduction to 3D Modelling & Animation' were delivered at 3 venues in East Lindsey, providing aspiring digital creatives with valuable hands-on experience with cutting-edge software and technology.

- Paint to Pixel Tour - 10 dates, 6 venues. Total audience: 311 (<16: 151, 16-65: 115, 65+: 45)
- Digital Skills Workshops – 10 workshops, 3 venues. Total attendees: 54

Audio Tales

Aside from SO Festival projects and PPP, from February 2022, our cultural team have also been working on Audio Tales: an ambitious audio trail, inviting audiences to explore East Lindsey, scan QR codes and listen to the stories of East Lindsey.

Following a creative call-out and recruitment process involving Writing East Midlands, 22 writers were commissioned to write original audio pieces inspired by a town, village or location of their choice.

Writing workshops were also delivered at North Sea Observatory and Skegness Academy, providing opportunities for locals of all ages to be involved in the creative process and resulting in two collaboratively written pieces for the trail.

- 49 creatives engaged – producers, writers, voice actors, sound engineers, directors, workshop facilitators, graphic designers
- 23 workshop participants - 8 adults at NSO, 15 pupils at Skegness Academy



Embassy Theatre

April 2021 at The Embassy Theatre began with the venue permitted only to operate as C-19 Test centre and for Blood Doning sessions but - planning was now under-way (again) for re-opening with social distancing measures and capacity restrictions in place.

May 21st saw the first pilot event and launch of the STAGE TO SCREEN event Cinema installation take place – this was followed swiftly by a family season of films and in transition "Back to Live!" an in-house production with WestEnd and professional local musicians/performers bringing LIVE Entertainment back to a socially distanced paying audience on The Embassy stage on June 26th 2021 – *what a feeling!*

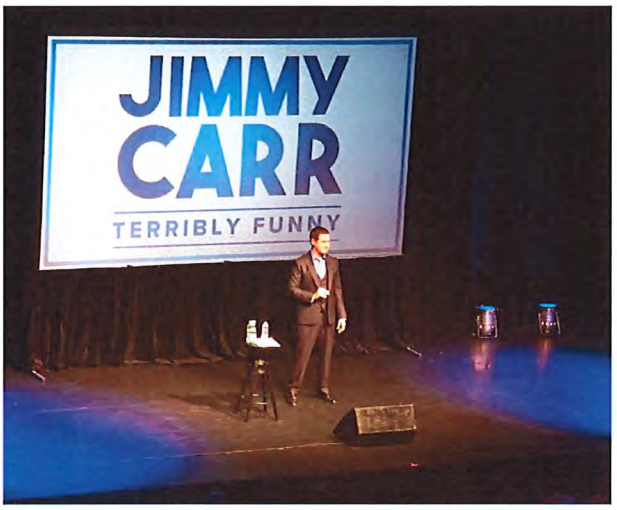
Until capacity restrictions were fully lifted on July 23rd a continuation of smaller events and screening product allowed the building to breathe in new life and the team to get back into re-learning delivery of the Embassy Experience in a still changing landscape.

Summer Season 2021 –
Unlike the majority of Theatres in the UK we operated a relatively normal Summer season seeing majority of those twice/three times postponed shows delivering to customers who had kept their tickets and many more who were clearly very ready for a great night out.

Autumn 2021 season contined in much a similar way seeing great houses return for those shows with transferred customers but the late autumn weeks also brought a new wave of dour media messaging and hesitancy thereafter from both promoters and public.

Despite this "from our slumber we did wake" and so did audience appetite for our Pantomime production – Sleeping Beauty. Through industry support and a significant amount of goodwill from supporters the costs of production were slashed to ensure that even with a slight downturn on attending numbers the company would continue to see the history of significant profit under the strategic planning and delivery of the Embassy Theatre in-house creative team.





Winter/Spring 2022 -
Programming continues to be extremely challenging and due to many knock-on-effects of the Pandemic a significant loss of a week long WestEnd musical has seen a sizable loss of potential earnings for April 2023. This said a full programme now stands through until the end of the calendar year in anticipation of the Summer and Autumn market being as buoyant as demonstrated in 2021 if not more so. New product delivered through March challenged a slight change in audience demographic here at the Embassy – good attendance, secondary spend and a Net Promoter Score of 83 all point to yet another healthy branch of growth for our programme and future audience development.

During the past 12 months we have welcomed in the region of 35,000 paying customers back through our doors – in reality this number has been achieved with the ability to operate in a relatively normal way for just 6 months.

Resourcing:
After 2 years of reduced workforce The Embassy Theatre is now at a point where Customer demand requires a return (in areas) to pre-Covid levels of staffing. This approach is being monitored tightly and previous ways of working/operating have been (and continue to be) under efficient review throughout.

In order to maintain position as the second highest income generator in Magna Vitae's portfolio and also to facilitate new growth and partnerships in the shape of the Culture House development; focused and driven delivery through adequate resourcing must now become a priority.

Financial Review

OVERVIEW INCORPORATING KEY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Full details of our financial performance during the year ended 31st March 2022 are shown in the financial statements and supporting notes. The table below shows the headline income and expenditure for 2021/22 compared to 2020/21 – excluding pension and donated services adjustments.

	31 March 22	31 March 21
Income		
Service Fee (ELDC)	1,527,732	1,668,848
Fees & Charges	257,575	22,778
Grant Income	1,013,725	1,718,276
Gym Membership	704,162	187,062
Hire Fees	234,769	57,376
Other Income	352,647	160,147
Pool Admissions	315,637	36,322
Rental Income	17,097	2,865
Show Income	519,574	1,256
Swimming Lessons	492,236	63,677
Total Income	**5,435,154**	**3,918,607**
Expenditure		
Depreciation	-67,643	-180,007
Employees	-2,542,949	-2,677,865
Premises	-638,646	-371,156
Supplies & Services	-1,532,887	-700,083
Transport	-41,814	-17,214
Support Services	-34,550	-35,149
Total Expenditure	**-4,858,489**	**-3,981,475**
Deficit	**576,665**	**-62,867**

Income

The year was spent recovering from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic with venues reopening after national lockdowns in Spring 2021. Total income was £5.4m, a 39% increase on the prior year.

Expenditure

Expenditure increased in line with our levels of activity. Employee costs remained our largest area of expenditure area at £2.5m, representing 52% of overall expenditure.

The surplus for the year was £576,665 compared to the prior year deficit of £62,867.

The current allocation of reserves is as follows:

	31 March 22	31 March 21
Income	£	£
Income Funds (restricted)	262,915	83,154
Income Funds (unrestricted including designated)	1,088,433	691,529
Pension Reserves (deficit)	-968,000	-2,455,000
Total Reserves	383,348	-1,680,317

The trustees note the positive total reserves position of £383,348 at 31 March 2022. This arises despite the accounting pension deficit of £968,000. In respect of this pension deficit, all payments have and will be made in accordance with the actuary's recommendation.

GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Specific consideration has been given to the impact of inflationary cost pressures particularly in relation to energy costs. Magna Vitae will continue to work alongside our main client East Lindsey District Council to mitigate the impact of these escalating costs.

KEY CHALLENGES

We have agreed our five-year business plan (2022-2027) with East Lindsey District Council including ongoing service fee level, which also includes Community Commissioning works to further support our community. This is in line with our new Corporate Strategy referenced elsewhere in this report.

This partnership and relationship with the Council is key to ensuring that the Trust continues to thrive and support the wellbeing of our communities, residents and customers.

The key financial challenges are continued growth following the Covid-19 pandemic and cost inflationary pressures particularly surrounding energy costs. Gas prices for our venues have increased by 86% in April 2022. These are the most critical financial risks identified on Magna Vitae's risk register. Our utmost focus is to ensure the Trust achieves its charitable objectives in line with community need whilst remaining financially viable & resilient.

These challenges will most effectively be met through partnership and collaboration with strategic partners locally, regionally and nationally through a whole system approach.

RESERVES POLICY

Whilst Magna Vitae is a not-for-profit organisation, it is aware that it needs to hold working surpluses to create a reserve for unforeseen circumstances. The current reserves policy reviewed in May 2022 is to hold at least £500,000 unrestricted reserves. Unrestricted income funds stand at £1,088,433 excluding pension adjustments, Magna Vitae's fixed assets stand at £222k and its current (unrestricted) assets stand at £866k. The reserves will be required to support Magna Vitae during the coming year to cover inflationary cost increases including energy costs.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING

The principal income and funding streams for Magna Vitae were as follows: Service Fee from East Lindsey District Council; grant income from Arts Council England, central government via Sport England National Leisure Recovery Fund, Covid business grants and the Louth and District Hospice. Income from customer's use of leisure venues and theatre income ticket sales.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Magna Vitae's investment policy is driven by four key factors:

- Security;
- Liquidity;
- Rate of return;
- Accessibility.

Investments are restricted to:-

- UK Government investments;
- UK Banks and Building Societies

Investments are permitted in the following instruments:

- Time deposits and deposit accounts with banks in accordance with the above criteria.
- Treasury Bills of 1 month, 3 month or 6 month duration.
- Common Deposit Funds and Money Market Funds

A maximum of £500,000 is to be placed with any one bank/institution excluding day to day working capital accounts. Any figure above this amount requires the agreement of the Finance Sub-Group and will be subsequently reported via minutes of this group to the full Board.

This policy is reviewed by the Finance Sub-Group.

In 2021/22 the income from interest amounted to £1,922.



Structure, Governance and Management

CONSTITUTION

The Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 10th June 2014 and registered as a charity on 26th January 2015. East Lindsey District Council transferred its cultural and leisure services, comprising of sports facilities, arts activities and events, sports development and events, health improvement programmes and a theatre on 1st January 2015.

The Trust was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objectives and powers of the organisation and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Magna Vitae operates, for an agreed service fee, certain culture, arts, recreational and sports activities on behalf of East Lindsey District Council, which leases to Magna Vitae buildings and other assets. The assets are provided at no charge to Magna Vitae on a 25 year lease/licence, which commenced on 1st January 2015 with the exception of Station Sports Centre that is on a 10 year lease.

Magna Vitae operates from 5 main sites throughout East Lindsey and employs over 100 people.

Magna Vitae is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

As a limited company Magna Vitae is governed by its Members. There are three categories of Trustees: Community Trustees, Local Authority Trustees and an Employee Trustee. The Board of Trustees is fixed at a minimum of three and maximum of eleven, with Board composition consisting of up to two Local Authority Trustees, up to eight Community Trustees and one Employee Trustee provided that the Community Trustees are at all times in the majority.

The Local Authority Trustees are selected and appointed by the local authority for such period as the authority determines. Councillor Helen Matthews resigned on 20 May 2021, with Councillor Steve Kirk being appointed on the same date.

The Community Trustees are selected following a rigorous trustee recruitment process. A Community Trustee will be required to retire by rotation whereby one third of the Community Trustees shall be required to retire each year but will be eligible for reappointment. The Community Trustees required to retire will be those who have been longest in office or in the event of the Community Trustees serving the same period of office, those required to retire shall be determined by lot. The rotational retirement requirement for Community Trustees became effective from January 2018. In May 2021 Jonathan Stones, Peter Helps and Ian Emmerson retired by rotation and were subsequently reappointed. Doreen Stephenson and Kenneth Ball resigned as community trustees in July 2021, David Warden was appointed as a community trustee in August 2021.

The Employee Trustee is elected by the employees for a fixed term of 3 years and is eligible for reappointment. Ross Cameron was the Employee Trustee during the year, resigning in April 2022.

Trustees are required to meet at least four times a year to review the management of the organisation. They employ managers to take on the day-to-day running of the activities.

POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

The induction process for Trustees includes an induction programme, supported by in-depth briefings from senior managers where required and visits to our venues. Further training is arranged to meet the specific needs of individual Trustees.

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

Senior Leadership Team salaries are set strictly by the Board of Trustees. These were reviewed effectively following on from the pandemic in October 2021 at the direction of the Board of Trustees.

Trustees do not receive a salary, but are entitled to claim expenses for attending meetings.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Trustees who served during the year and the Senior Leadership Team are listed on Page 2.

RELATED PARTIES

Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team members are asked to complete an annual Disclosure Statement to notify Magna Vitae of any involvement in any other organisations. This was most recently completed in May 2022.

A summary of transactions with related parties are set out in note 31 in the financial statements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for establishing and maintaining the whole system of internal control and reviewing its effectiveness.

The Trustees recognise that no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss or eliminate all risk of failure to achieve the organisation's objectives. The system of internal control is designed to manage key risks and to provide reasonable assurance that planned objectives and outcomes are achieved. This will also give reasonable assurance about the reliability of financial and operational information and the safeguarding of Magna Vitae's assets and reputation. This approach includes the regular evaluation of the nature and extent of risks to which Magna Vitae is exposed.

The Board has developed a culture of strong corporate governance. Key elements of the control framework and the system for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control are as follows:

RISK REGISTER

The Trust's Senior Leadership Team routinely documents, monitors and evaluates identified business risks through the risk register. This "live" document is reviewed quarterly by the Finance Sub Group, who quantify financial impact of risk. Risks deemed to be extreme and high are reviewed at every board meeting and the whole risk register is reviewed annually.



PLANNING APPROVAL

Magna Vitae has adopted a formal process for approval of new projects which identifies risks and controls. This combined with the budget process, which reviews risks and controls in existing processes, generates a comprehensive review of risks.

INTERNAL AUDIT

The Board together with the Senior Leadership Team reviews the major risks and assesses the effectiveness of controls in managing those risks. This includes setting an internal audit programme of activities to assess the effectiveness of controls. During the year this work was undertaken by Assurance Lincolnshire.

MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

Financial reporting procedures include detailed budgets for the year ahead, detailed monthly management accounts, and longer-term financial plans used for strategic/business planning. The Senior Leadership Team reviews the reports in detail and they are considered and approved by the Trustees. Where objectives are not being met, the Senior Leadership Team report on actions being taken to correct performance, and these reports are also considered and approved by the Trustees.

Additionally, the Finance Sub-Group review in more depth the financial performance, forecasting, budgeting, business planning, audit reports and associated policies and procedures. The sub-group which consists of Community Trustees, the Executive Directors and Director of Finance has a Terms of Reference and reports regularly to the Board of Trustees.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Magna Vitae maintains suitable and sufficient management systems and implements operating processes and procedures that ensure a safe environment for all employees, customers and visitors legitimately entering and using our facilities and services. All operations conform to and, in a number of cases, exceed the current standards laid out in relevant UK statute and regulation. This remained the case throughout 2021, with regular reviews, adaptations & developments to all systems being made to account for COVID 19 and the continual changes to operational legislation and regulation following Lockdown 3 ending in April 2021.

As well as directly employing competently qualified and experienced senior managers, Magna Vitae's commitment to Health and Safety establishes a positive organisational health and safety culture throughout the workforce. The Trust continued to be expertly supported by an annually retained external Health & Safety specialist consultancy (Right Directions Ltd). Health and Safety arrangements are also supported and led internally via a robust health and safety Working Group that meets quarterly with the meeting minutes being routinely submitted to the Board (and ELDC Client Officer) for update and information. Magna Vitae health and safety performance data is also routinely collated, monitored and analysed via the STITCH accident, incident and near miss reporting system. This data is also provided to Board and ELDC Client Officer for information, monitoring and review; the data helps the Trust to benchmark its health and safety performance internally (monthly) and nationally (quarterly & annually) against similar leisure / cultural services and facilities. The Trust recorded 51 accidents and 19 incidents in 2021. This data compares and benchmarks positively on a national level.

In 2022, at the time of writing, there were no insurance claims of any type received by Magna Vitae.

As Lockdown 3 came to an end, QUEST quality accreditation processes were re-introduced and accreditations began to take place again from September. Quality inspections took place at all leisure centre venues between September and December. All sites were deemed Health & Safety compliant and gained accreditation. The Embassy Theatre was fire risk assessed (FRA) on a number

of occasions in this year following ongoing issues experienced regards the installation of a new stage fire curtain in 2020. Operational procedures were established in accordance with these assessments.

PSPSL (on behalf of ELDC) conducted a corporate health and safety assurance audit in the latter months of 2021. Magna Vitae received a SUBSTANTIAL ASSURANCE rating. A similar audit will follow in June 2022.

As was the case pre-COVID 19, a comprehensive and detailed external Health & Safety, FRA and QUEST auditing plan has been agreed between Magna Vitae and Right Directions for 2022.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

During March and April 2021, equality and diversity training was undertaken by all trustees, Senior Management and Management Team members. This training will become mandatory for all new Trustees as well as part of existing Trustees ongoing CPD programme. To champion and support our work to become more inclusive and relevant, an Inclusion and Relevance working group has been established that is engaging staff and board members to analyse the results of our diversity surveys, set out our ambitions and develop our policy, action plan, training and education.

TRUSTEES' LIABILITY

Magna Vitae has indemnified the Trustees of Magna Vitae against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision was in force during the year.

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

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Magna Vitae Trustees have approved the Mission, Vision and Values "DNA" document.
The organisation is currently finalising a new Corporate Strategy which will link to Magna Vitae five-year business plan (2022 to 2027). The Corporate Strategy will fully align with Magna Vitae's mission, vision and values and also with the current East Lindsey District Council 10-year Corporate Plan.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

We are committed to providing our employees with information about our activities, consulting with them on major changes and generally developing an open culture in the organisation. Regular meetings are held between managers and staff teams to allow free flow of information, and we hold team briefing and social sessions to update staff on strategy and other major developments on a regular basis.

2021/22 continued the independent organisational workforce consultation through Tensense. This AI technology provides feedback, a business nervous system employed across the organisation to help shape organisational priorities, empower, inform and subsequently motivate the workforce. The workforce being our most valued asset.

STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND TRUSTEES

Finally, I would like to thank the staff, volunteers and Trustees of Magna Vitae for their undiminishing commitment, resolve and hard work under the most testing of circumstances throughout the past year.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees, who are also the Directors of Magna Vitae for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that:

- So far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware, and
- That Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 6th October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Peter Helps, Interim Chairman of Trustees

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGNA VITAE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Magna Vitae (the 'trust') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report including the Strategic report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report and the Strategic report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report including the Strategic report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the trust through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the trust and sector in which it operates;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the trust, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the trust's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- reviewed a sample of grants in the year to ensure accurate recognition;
- reviewed the claims of Government and local authority support to determine accuracy and eligibility;
- agreed a sample of employees on the trust payroll to existence and agreed the accuracy of their pay;
- assessed and reviewed the appropriateness and effectiveness of the key systems and controls;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 3 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing any correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the trust's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGNA VITAE (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Robert Anderson (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of
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Date: 25/10/22

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	**185,766**	**35,059**	**220,825**	*209,433*
Charitable activities	5	**4,315,544**	**1,011,673**	**5,327,217**	*3,891,802*
Other trading activities	6	**65,438**	**5,002**	**70,440**	*75*
Investments	7	**1,922**	**-**	**1,922**	*2,547*
Total income		**4,568,670**	**1,051,734**	**5,620,404**	*4,103,857*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	**103,554**	**-**	**103,554**	*38,266*
Charitable activities	9	**4,435,212**	**871,973**	**5,307,185**	*4,224,499*
Total expenditure		**4,538,766**	**871,973**	**5,410,739**	*4,262,765*
Net income/(expenditure) before net losses on investments		**29,904**	**179,761**	**209,665**	*(158,908)*
Loss on revaluation of investment property		**-**	**-**	**-**	*(102,959)*
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		**29,904**	**179,761**	**209,665**	*(261,867)*
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	28	**1,854,000**	**-**	**1,854,000**	*(1,381,000)*
Net movement in funds		**1,883,904**	**179,761**	**2,063,665**	*(1,642,867)*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**(1,763,471)**	**83,154**	**(1,680,317)**	*(37,450)*
Net movement in funds		**1,883,904**	**179,761**	**2,063,665**	*(1,642,867)*
Total funds carried forward		**120,433**	**262,915**	**383,348**	*(1,680,317)*

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

The notes on pages 35 to 68 form part of these financial statements.

MAGNA VITAE

(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 09078400

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note		2022 £		*2021 £*
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	14		**18,237**		*27,356*
Tangible assets	15		**32,344**		*68,024*
Investments	17		**1**		*1*
Investment property	16		**171,764**		*193,528*
			222,346		*288,909*
Current assets					
Stocks	18	**24,436**		*16,060*	
Debtors	19	**207,620**		*241,115*	
Investments	20	**1,274,510**		*527,956*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**523,106**		*527,753*	
		2,029,672		*1,312,884*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	**(900,670)**		*(827,110)*	
Net current assets			**1,129,002**		*485,774*
Total assets less current liabilities			**1,351,348**		*774,683*
Net assets excluding pension liability			**1,351,348**		*774,683*
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	28		**(968,000)**		*(2,455,000)*
Total net assets			**383,348**		*(1,680,317)*

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note		2022 £		*2021 £*
Trust funds					
Restricted funds	22		**262,915**		*83,154*
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds excluding pension reserve	22	**1,088,433**		*691,529*	
Pension reserve	22	**(968,000)**		*(2,455,000)*	
Total unrestricted funds	22		**120,433**		*(1,763,471)*
Total funds			**383,348**		*(1,680,317)*

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 6/10/22 and signed on their behalf by:

P M Helps, Chairman of Trustees (Interim)

The notes on pages 35 to 68 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022 £	*2021* *£*
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	**734,235**	*26,371*
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	**5,750**	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**-**	*(13,490)*
Interest received	**1,922**	*2,717*
Net cash withdrawn from / (placed in) investments	**(746,554)**	*(251,740)*
Net cash used in investing activities	**(738,882)**	*(262,513)*
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**(4,647)**	*(236,142)*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**527,753**	*763,895*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**523,106**	*527,753*

The notes on pages 35 to 68 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. General information

Magna Vitae (the Trust) is a limited company by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and a registered charity. The Trust's registered office is at Meridian Leisure Centre, Wood Lane, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 8SA . The Trust's principal activity is the operation of cultural and leisure facilities.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Magna Vitae meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Consolidation

These financial statements represent the figures of the Trust only. Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared on the basis that the subsidiary company is not material to the financial statements.

2.3 Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed its plans and forecasts and remain confident that the Trust will continue to maintain adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

2.4 Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Trust which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Trust's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.7 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

Computer software	-	5 years

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

The estimated useful lives range as follows:

Plant, machinery and fixtures - 3 - 6 years

2.9 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2.10 Investment property

Investment property is initially recognised at cost and is subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date. Revaluation gains or losses are shown in the heading gains / losses on investment property in the statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Investment property contains a balance in respect of cafe equipment which is initially recognised at cost and subsequently measured cost less an accumulated write-down. The write-down is charged so as to allocate the cost of the assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives on a straight line basis. The estimated useful life of the assets is 4 years.

2.11 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.12 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.13 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents cash held in bank current account and deposit account facilities that the Trust has instant acceess and cash floats.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.14 Liabilities

Liabilities and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.15 Financial instruments

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

2.16 Pensions

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Trust to the fund in respect of the year.

The Trust operates a defined benefits pension scheme and the pension charge is based on a full actuarial valuation dated 31 March 2022.

2.17 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Trust and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Trust for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Intangible, tangible fixed assets and investment property are recognised at cost or valuation, less accumulated depreciation / amortisation and any impairment. Depreciation / amortisation takes place over the estimated useful life, down to the assessed residual value. The carrying amount of the Trust's fixed assets is tested as soon as changed conditions show that a need for impairment has arisen.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 26, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 March 2022. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	516	35,059	**35,575**
Donated Services and Facilities	185,250	-	**185,250**
	185,766	35,059	**220,825**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	*Restricted funds 2021* £	*Total funds 2021* £
Donations	-	*24,183*	*24,183*
Donated Services and Facilities	*185,250*	-	*185,250*
	185,250	*24,183*	*209,433*

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Culture	47,282	263,429	**310,711**
Health Improvement	44,876	119,911	**164,787**
Sports & Leisure	1,960,610	434,550	**2,395,160**
Theatre	713,668	192,531	**906,199**
Other	1,549,108	1,252	**1,550,360**
	4,315,544	1,011,673	**5,327,217**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	*Restricted funds 2021 £*	*Total funds 2021 £*
Culture	*1,801*	*189,430*	*191,231*
Health Improvement	*74,599*	*152,418*	*227,017*
Sports & Leisure	*399,579*	*902,082*	*1,301,661*
Theatre	*(13,629)*	*405,819*	*392,190*
Other	*1,712,593*	*67,110*	*1,779,703*
	2,174,943	*1,716,859*	*3,891,802*

6. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Cafe Income	65,438	5,002	**70,440**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Cafe Income	*75*	*75*

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Group Interest Receivable	-	-	*261*
Bank Interest Receivable	1,922	**1,922**	*2,286*
	1,922	**1,922**	*2,547*

8. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Wages and Salaries	7,500	**7,500**	*6,080*
National Insurance	806	**806**	*619*
Pension Costs	2,364	**2,364**	*1,157*
	10,670	**10,670**	*7,856*

Expenditure for activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Other Costs	41,570	**41,570**	*8,645*
Wages and Salaries	29,269	**29,269**	-
National Insurance	281	**281**	-
Depreciation	21,764	**21,764**	*21,765*
	92,884	**92,884**	*30,410*

9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Culture	251,005	268,204	**519,209**
Health Improvement	242,981	88,479	**331,460**
Sports & Leisure	2,905,090	305,591	**3,210,681**
Theatre	1,036,136	208,447	**1,244,583**
Other	-	1,252	**1,252**
	4,435,212	871,973	**5,307,185**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	*Restricted funds 2021 £*	*Total funds 2021 £*
Culture	*68,584*	*170,598*	*239,182*
Health Improvement	*211,957*	*132,862*	*344,819*
Sports & Leisure	*1,871,939*	*902,360*	*2,774,299*
Theatre	*408,184*	*390,819*	*799,003*
Other	-	*67,196*	*67,196*
	2,560,664	*1,663,835*	*4,224,499*

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Culture	435,229	83,980	**519,209**
Health Improvement	277,848	53,612	**331,460**
Sports & Leisure	2,691,367	519,314	**3,210,681**
Theatre	1,043,277	201,306	**1,244,583**
Other	1,252	-	**1,252**
	4,448,973	858,212	**5,307,185**

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	*Support costs 2021 £*	*Total funds 2021 £*
Culture	*196,081*	*43,101*	*239,182*
Health Improvement	*282,682*	*62,137*	*344,819*
Sports & Leisure	*2,274,363*	*499,936*	*2,774,299*
Theatre	*655,020*	*143,983*	*799,003*
Other	*67,196*	-	*67,196*
	3,475,342	*749,157*	*4,224,499*

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Culture 2022 £	Health Improvement 2022 £	Sports & Leisure 2022 £	Theatre 2022 £
Pension Finance Cost	4,795	3,061	29,650	11,494
Staff Costs	112,409	222,135	1,485,913	356,353
Depreciation	1,259	1,596	32,055	11,922
Service Provision Costs	196,080	11,026	50,722	20,145
Goods for Resale	-	-	29,237	39,134
Performers and Entertainers	44,609	4,844	-	321,866
Other Employee Costs	4,657	3,132	31,222	10,711
Rent, Rates and Utilities	3,839	2,301	575,060	100,348
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	1,132	5,326	207,283	57,307
Insurance	5,813	3,710	35,944	13,933
Travel Costs	23,782	11,061	16,236	3,402
Printing, Postage and Stationery	547	417	4,726	4,212
Advertising and Promotion	11,227	3,175	22,489	25,966
IT, Telephone and Internet	1,154	782	32,076	7,642
Other Costs	9,780	2,713	62,699	26,501
Bank Charges	965	587	17,564	30,130
Irrecoverable VAT	13,181	1,982	58,491	2,211
	435,229	277,848	2,691,367	1,043,277

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Other 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Pension Finance Cost	-	**49,000**
Staff Costs	1,252	**2,178,062**
Depreciation	-	**46,832**
Service Provision Costs	-	**277,973**
Goods for Resale	-	**68,371**
Performers and Entertainers	-	**371,319**
Other Employee Costs	-	**49,722**
Rent, Rates and Utilities	-	**681,548**
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	-	**271,048**
Insurance	-	**59,400**
Travel Costs	-	**54,481**
Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	**9,902**
Advertising and Promotion	-	**62,857**
IT, Telephone and Internet	-	**41,654**
Other Costs	-	**101,693**
Bank Charges	-	**49,246**
Irrecoverable VAT	-	**75,865**
	1,252	**4,448,973**

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Culture 2021 £	*Health Improvement 2021* £	*Sports & Leisure 2021* £	*Theatre 2021* £
Pension Finance Cost	*1,036*	*1,493*	*12,012*	*3,459*
Staff Costs	*124,523*	*232,276*	*1,462,138*	*410,691*
Depreciation	*832*	*1,992*	*36,121*	*16,338*
Service Provision Costs	*17,027*	*6,132*	*21,332*	*20,902*
Goods for Resale	-	-	*6,580*	*1,765*
Performers and Entertainers	*37,784*	-	-	*278*
Other Employee Costs	*485*	*810*	*7,121*	*8,612*
Rent, Rates and Utilities	*665*	*(123)*	*458,644*	*91,991*
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	*1,950*	*11,987*	*101,564*	*51,845*
Insurance	*3,524*	*5,080*	*40,875*	*11,772*
Travel Costs	*834*	*7,024*	*8,430*	*775*
Printing, Postage and Stationery	*183*	*372*	*1,129*	*(564)*
Advertising and Promotion	*2,079*	*3,980*	*14,477*	*6,096*
IT, Telephone and Internet	*489*	*6,755*	*31,222*	*2,845*
Other Costs	*1,075*	*1,677*	*22,061*	*3,270*
Bank Charges	*252*	*316*	*6,072*	*22,263*
Irrecoverable VAT	*3,343*	*2,911*	*44,585*	*2,682*
	196,081	*282,682*	*2,274,363*	*655,020*

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Other 2021 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Pension Finance Cost	-	*18,000*
Staff Costs	*57,360*	*2,286,988*
Depreciation	-	*55,283*
Service Provision Costs	-	*65,393*
Goods for Resale	-	*8,345*
Performers and Entertainers	-	*38,062*
Other Employee Costs	-	*17,028*
Rent, Rates and Utilities	-	*551,177*
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	*2,041*	*169,387*
Insurance	-	*61,251*
Travel Costs	-	*17,063*
Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	*1,120*
Advertising and Promotion	*4*	*26,636*
IT, Telephone and Internet	*1,041*	*42,352*
Other Costs	*6,750*	*34,833*
Bank Charges	-	*28,903*
Irrecoverable VAT	-	*53,521*
	67,196	*3,475,342*

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Culture 2022 £	Health Improvement 2022 £	Sports & Leisure 2022 £	Theatre 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff Costs	47,097	30,067	291,236	112,895	**481,295**
Other Costs	22,666	14,469	140,166	54,333	**231,634**
Support Service Agreements	4,092	2,612	25,302	9,808	**41,814**
Governance Costs	10,125	6,464	62,610	24,270	**103,469**
	83,980	53,612	519,314	201,306	**858,212**

	Culture 2021 £	*Health Improvement 2021 £*	*Sports & Leisure 2021 £*	*Theatre 2021 £*	*Total funds 2021 £*
Staff Costs	*25,992*	*37,473*	*301,489*	*86,829*	*451,783*
Other Costs	*10,743*	*15,486*	*124,600*	*35,886*	*186,715*
Support Service Agreements	*2,022*	*2,915*	*23,457*	*6,755*	*35,149*
Governance Costs	*4,344*	*6,263*	*50,390*	*14,513*	*75,510*
	43,101	*62,137*	*499,936*	*143,983*	*749,157*

11. Auditor's remuneration

	2022 £	*2021 £*
Fees payable to the Trust's auditor for the audit of the Trust's annual accounts	**7,650**	*7,250*

12. Staff costs

	2022 £	*2021* *£*
Wages and salaries	**2,113,206**	*2,254,219*
Social security costs	**157,842**	*145,831*
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**28,995**	*26,317*
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	**492,000**	*387,000*
	2,792,043	*2,813,367*

Wages and salaries above include a total of £19,670 (2021 - £167,624) relating to redundancy, PILON and other exit payments during the year.

The average number of persons employed by the Trust during the year was as follows:

	2022 No.	*2021* *No.*
Culture	**4**	*4*
Health Improvement	**11**	*9*
Sports & Leisure	**76**	*88*
Theatre	**15**	*16*
Management	**13**	*12*
	119	*129*

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2022 No.	*2021* *No.*
Culture	**3**	*3*
Health Improvement	**6**	*6*
Sports & Leisure	**52**	*66*
Theatre	**12**	*11*
Management	**13**	*12*
	86	*98*

12. Staff costs (continued)

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2022 No.	*2021* *No.*
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	-	*2*
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	**2**	-
In the band £160,001 - £170,000	-	*1*

The key management personnel of the Trust comprise the Employee Trustee and the Senior Leadership Team as included in the Trustees Report. The total amount of employee benefits (including national insurance and employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Trust was £348,000 (2021 - £440,750).

The remuneration of key management personnel and disclosure of higher paid employees above include an exceptional one-off exit payment during the previous year.

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The Employee Trustee received remuneration in the following banding for the period they were a trustee:

	2022 **£**	*2021* *£*
R A S Cameron	**£25k - £30k**	*£20k - £25k*

During the year, retirement benefits were accruing to 1 Trustee (2021 - 1 Trustee) in respect of defined benefit pension schemes.

Remuneration is received in respect of contracts of employment and not in respect of the role of Employee Trustee.

Other Trustees do not receive any remuneration from the Trust.

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits *(2021 - £NIL)*.

During the year ended 31 March 2022, expenses totalling £287 were reimbursed or paid directly to 2 Trustees *(2021 - £nil)*. The Trustees claimed for mileage expenses in the year.

14. Intangible assets

	Computer software £
Cost	
At 1 April 2021	**45,593**
At 31 March 2022	**45,593**
Amortisation	
At 1 April 2021	**18,237**
Charge for the year	**9,119**
At 31 March 2022	**27,356**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2022	**18,237**
At 31 March 2021	*27,356*

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant, machinery and fixtures £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2021	**271,162**
Additions	**6,830**
Disposals	**(12,095)**
At 31 March 2022	**265,897**
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2021	**203,138**
Charge for the year	**37,713**
On disposals	**(7,298)**
At 31 March 2022	**233,553**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2022	**32,344**
At 31 March 2021	*68,024*

16. Investment property

	Cafe property £	Cafe equipment £	Total £
Valuation			
At 1 April 2021	**150,000**	**43,528**	**193,528**
Write-down	**-**	**(21,764)**	**(21,764)**
At 31 March 2022	**150,000**	**21,764**	**171,764**

Cafe property was initially recorded at cost. The property has subsequently valued at fair value based on an independent valuation prepared by a suitably qualified third party as at 31 March 2021. The Trustees confirm that the property valuation remains an appropriate estimate of current market value and are not aware of any factors that would suggest impairment of the property.

Cafe equipment has initially been recorded at cost and is being written down to its residual value over its useful economic life.

17. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2021	1
At 31 March 2022	1
Net book value	
At 31 March 2022	1
At 31 March 2021	*1*

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Trust:

Name	Company number	Principal activity	Class of shares	Holding
Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited	11788244	Ceased Trading	Ordinary	100%

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Expenditure £	Profit for the Year £	Net Assets £
Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited	**(36,329)**	**36,329**	**2,495**

The registered office of Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited is the same as the Trust as disclosed on page 1.

18. Stocks

	2022	2021
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	**24,436**	*16,060*

19. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	**33,112**	*81,966*
Amounts owed by group undertakings	**-**	*298*
Other debtors	**32,941**	*11,832*
Prepayments and accrued income	**141,567**	*147,019*
	207,620	*241,115*

20. Current asset investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash investments in notice accounts	**1,274,510**	*527,956*

21. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	*2021 £*
Trade creditors	**167,302**	*111,836*
Other taxation and social security	**38,851**	*29,166*
Other creditors	**13,021**	*20,114*
Accruals and deferred income	**681,496**	*665,994*
	900,670	*827,110*

	2022 £	*2021 £*
Deferred income at 1 April	**487,732**	*470,437*
Resources deferred during the year	**350,664**	*159,427*
Amounts released from previous periods	**(395,708)**	*(142,132)*
Deferred income at 31 March	**442,688**	*487,732*

Deferred income represents Grants and Other Income Received in Advance, Box Office Ticket Sales in Advance of Shows and Unspent Gift Vouchers.

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22. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated Funds					
Cultural and Wellbeing Projects	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
General Funds					
Reserves	641,529	4,568,670	(4,171,766)	-	1,038,433
Pension Reserve	(2,455,000)	-	(367,000)	1,854,000	(968,000)
	(1,813,471)	4,568,670	(4,538,766)	1,854,000	70,433
Total Unrestricted Funds	(1,763,471)	4,568,670	(4,538,766)	1,854,000	120,433
Restricted Funds					
SO Festival	18,841	152,760	(152,760)	-	18,841
Theatre Donations	35,492	34,002	(17,414)	-	52,080
Cultural / Health Improvement Projects	18,815	180,144	(193,438)	-	5,521
Sports Projects	10,006	10,000	(10,000)	-	10,006
Other	-	65,643	(65,643)	-	-
COVID Support	-	145,061	(145,061)	-	-
Cultural Recovery Fund	-	159,557	(159,557)	-	-
National Leisure Recovery Fund	-	304,567	(128,100)	-	176,467
	83,154	1,051,734	(871,973)	-	262,915
Total of Funds	(1,680,317)	5,620,404	(5,410,739)	1,854,000	383,348

22. Statement of funds (continued)

Unrestricted Funds:

General Funds
General Funds are those funds not designated towards any project in particular and can be used towards any of the Trust's objectives.

At the year-end, the Trustees have designated £50,000 for cultural and wellbeing projects where the operational budgets may be insufficient or for the match-funding of any new projects.

Pension Reserve
The Pension Reserve represents the year-end deficit balance on the Trust's pension scheme. Whilst this creates a deficit in unrestricted funds, it is not an immediately crystalising liability and contributions have and will be made in line with the actuary's recommendations. East Lindsey District Council continues to act as a guarantor.

Material Restricted Funds:

SO Festival
SO Festival represents incoming resources (including specific funding from Arts Council England) received to put on the annual SO Festival in August / September each year.

Cultural / Health Improvement Projects
This includes funding from Louth and District Hospice to fund the Still Me dementia support project and the Talk, Eat, Drink in East Lindsey and All Together projects funded by the National Lottery.

COVID Support
COVID Support includes funding from the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) to support the Trust's employees through the pandemic as well as local authority grants available to support the re-opening of facilities.

Cultural Recovery Fund
The Cultural Recovery Fund is a grant to support the recovery of cultural venues and activities following the lifting of pandemic restrictions.

National Leisure Recovery Fund
The National Leisure Recovery Fund is a grant to support the recovery of leisure facilities following the lifting of pandemic restrictions.

22. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Gains/ (Losses)* £	*Balance at 31 March 2021* £
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Funds						
Cultural and Wellbeing Projects	*50,000*	-	-	-	-	*50,000*
General Funds						
Reserves	*775,824*	*2,362,815*	*(2,399,930)*	*5,779*	*(102,959)*	*641,529*
Pension Reserve	*(875,000)*	-	*(199,000)*	-	*(1,381,000)*	*(2,455,000)*
	(99,176)	*2,362,815*	*(2,598,930)*	*5,779*	*(1,483,959)*	*(1,813,471)*
Total Unrestricted Funds	*(49,176)*	*2,362,815*	*(2,598,930)*	*5,779*	*(1,483,959)*	*(1,763,471)*
Restricted Funds						
SO Festival	-	*155,719*	*(136,878)*	-	-	*18,841*
Theatre Donations	-	*35,492*	-	-	-	*35,492*
Cultural / Health Improvement Projects	*1,720*	*150,379*	*(127,419)*	*(5,865)*	-	*18,815*
Sports Projects	*10,006*	*278*	*(278)*	-	-	*10,006*
Other	-	*9,750*	*(9,836)*	*86*	-	-
COVID Support	-	*1,174,731*	*(1,174,731)*	-	-	-
Cultural Recovery Fund	-	*214,693*	*(214,693)*	-	-	-
	11,726	*1,741,042*	*(1,663,835)*	*(5,779)*	-	*83,154*

22. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Gains/ (Losses)* £	*Balance at 31 March 2021* £
Total of Funds	*(37,450)*	*4,103,857*	*(4,262,765)*	-	*(1,483,959)*	*(1,680,317)*

23. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	**Income** £	**Expenditure** £	**Gains/ (Losses)** £	**Balance at 31 March 2022** £
Designated funds	**50,000**	-	-	-	**50,000**
General funds	**(1,813,471)**	**4,568,670**	**(4,538,766)**	**1,854,000**	**70,433**
Restricted funds	**83,154**	**1,051,734**	**(871,973)**	-	**262,915**
	(1,680,317)	**5,620,404**	**(5,410,739)**	**1,854,000**	**383,348**

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Gains/ (Losses)* £	*Balance at 31 March 2021* £
Designated funds	*50,000*	-	-	-	-	*50,000*
General funds	*(99,176)*	*2,362,815*	*(2,598,930)*	*5,779*	*(1,483,959)*	*(1,813,471)*
Restricted funds	*11,726*	*1,741,042*	*(1,663,835)*	*(5,779)*	-	*83,154*
	(37,450)	*4,103,857*	*(4,262,765)*	-	*(1,483,959)*	*(1,680,317)*

24. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	32,344	-	**32,344**
Intangible fixed assets	18,237	-	**18,237**
Fixed asset investments	1	-	**1**
Investment property	171,764	-	**171,764**
Current assets	1,766,757	262,915	**2,029,672**
Creditors due within one year	(900,670)	-	**(900,670)**
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(968,000)	-	**(968,000)**
Total	120,433	262,915	**383,348**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	*Restricted funds 2021 £*	*Total funds 2021 £*
Tangible fixed assets	*68,024*	-	*68,024*
Intangible fixed assets	*27,356*	-	*27,356*
Fixed asset investments	*1*	-	*1*
Investment property	*193,528*	-	*193,528*
Current assets	*1,229,730*	*83,154*	*1,312,884*
Creditors due within one year	*(827,110)*	-	*(827,110)*
Provisions for liabilities and charges	*(2,455,000)*	-	*(2,455,000)*
Total	*(1,763,471)*	*83,154*	*(1,680,317)*

25. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £	*2021 £*
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**209,665**	*(261,867)*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**37,713**	*67,930*
Amortisation charges	**9,119**	*9,118*
Loss on revaluation of investment property	**21,764**	*102,959*
Interest receivable	**(1,922)**	*(2,547)*
Profit on the sale of fixed assets	**(953)**	-
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	**(8,376)**	*6,377*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**33,495**	*(81,823)*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**66,730**	*(12,776)*
Pension scheme FRS102 actuarial adjustments	**367,000**	*199,000*
Net cash provided by operating activities	**734,235**	*26,371*

26. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	*2021 £*
Cash in hand	**523,106**	*527,753*
Total cash and cash equivalents	**523,106**	*527,753*

27. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**527,753**	**(4,647)**	**523,106**
Cash investments	**527,956**	**746,554**	**1,274,510**
	1,055,709	**741,907**	**1,797,616**

28. Pension commitments

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Trust in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Trust to the fund and amounted to £29,415 (2021 - £26,317). Total contributions amounting to £8,156 (2021 - £5,480) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date which is included in other creditors.

The Trust operates a defined benefit pension scheme.

The Trust's employees belong to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), which is managed by Lincolnshire County Council. The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The LGPS is subject to a triennial valuation.

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. Details of the total contributions during the year are given in the analysis below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 16.5% for the Trust and a maximum of 12.5% for employees.

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	At 31 March 2022 %	*At 31 March 2021 %*
Discount Rate	**2.55**	*2.05*
Salary Increase Rate	**1.00**	*1.00*
Pension Increase Rate	**3.05**	*2.80*

	At 31 March 2022 Years	*At 31 March 2021 Years*
Mortality rates (in years)		
- for a male aged 65 now	**21.2**	*21.1*
- at 65 for a male aged 45 now	**22.1**	*22.0*
- for a female aged 65 now	**23.7**	*23.6*
- at 65 for a female aged 45 now	**25.1**	*25.0*

28. Pension commitments (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

	At 31 March 2022 £	*At 31 March 2021 £*
Discount rate +0.1%	**(350,000)**	*(366,000)*
Discount rate -0.1%	**361,000**	*378,000*
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	**443,000**	*480,000*
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	**(426,000)**	*(461,000)*
CPI rate +0.1%	**302,000**	*311,000*
CPI rate -0.1%	**(292,000)**	*(301,000)*

The Trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	At 31 March 2022 £	*At 31 March 2021 £*
Equities	**7,540,000**	*6,753,000*
Bonds	**1,323,000**	*1,297,000*
Property	**1,150,000**	*985,000*
Cash	**411,000**	*383,000*
Total fair value of assets	**10,424,000**	*9,418,000*

The actual return on scheme assets was £1,010,000 *(2021 - £1,717,000)*.

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities are as follows:

	2022 £	*2021 £*
Current service cost	**490,000**	*365,000*
Past service cost	**2,000**	*22,000*
Interest income	**(193,000)**	*(175,000)*
Interest cost	**242,000**	*193,000*
Administrative expenses	**7,000**	*6,000*
Total amount recognised in the Statement of financial activities	**548,000**	*411,000*

28. Pension commitments (continued)

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were as follows:

	2022 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	11,873,000
Current service cost	490,000
Interest cost on defined benefit obligation	242,000
Contributions by scheme participants	71,000
Changes in assumptions	(1,037,000)
Benefits paid	(249,000)
Past service costs	2,000
Closing defined benefit obligation	11,392,000

Movements in the fair value of the Trust's share of scheme assets were as follows:

	2022 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	9,418,000
Interest income on plan assets	193,000
Return on assets excluding amounts included in net interest	817,000
Contributions by employer	181,000
Contributions by scheme participants	71,000
Benefits paid	(249,000)
Administration expenses	(7,000)
Closing fair value of scheme assets	10,424,000

29. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2022 the Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	*2021* *£*
Not later than 1 year	**70,000**	*70,000*
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**280,000**	*280,000*
Later than 5 years	**892,740**	*962,740*
	1,242,740	*1,312,740*

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of financial activities:

	2022 £	*2021* *£*
Operating lease rentals	**70,000**	*70,000*

30. Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

31. Related party transactions

The following transactions and balances have been undertaken whcih require disclosure in line with the requirements of the Charities SORP:

Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited:

Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Magna Vitae. During the year, Magna Vitae continued to provide finance and recharge expenses paid for on behalf of Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited. The balance outstanding at the year-end was £11,031 (2021 - £36,329). Due to continued uncertainty over recoverability, Magna Vitae have included a provision of £11,031 (2021 - £36,031) leaving a balance of £nil (2021 - £298) included in amounts owed by group undertakings.

Trustees:

A R Lidgard has significant influence and control over Brackenborough Limited. During the year, the company provided hospitality services at a cost of £3,978 (2021 - £800). There was no balance outstanding at either year-end.

Key Management Personnel:

The spouse of James Brindle runs First Cricket. During the year, the club has paid hire costs of £2,072 (2021 - £361). The balance outstanding at the year was £769 (2021 - £nil) which is included in trade debtors.

The spouse of James Brindle also runs Greenwich House School. During the year, the school has paid for swimming lessons of £986 (2021 - £nil). There was no balance outstanding at either year-end.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

MAGNA VITAE
(A company limited by guarantee)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE TRUST, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Chairman of Trustees	D A Stephenson (resigned 9 July 2021) P M Helps, Interim
Local Authority Trustees	H A Matthews (resigned 20 May 2021) S R Parkin S R Kirk (appointed 20 May 2021)
Community Trustees	K W Ball (appointed 23 November 2020, resigned 26 July 2021) I R Emmerson OBE R E Goldsmith (resigned 22 September 2020) S L Kitchen (resigned 24 September 2020) A R Lidgard J C Stones D Warden (appointed 25 August 2021)
Employee Trustee	R A S Cameron
Company Registered Number	09078400
Charity Registered Number	1160156
Registered Office	Meridian Leisure Centre Wood Lane Louth Lincolnshire LN11 8SA
Independent Auditors	Streets Audit LLP Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor Tower House Lucy Tower Street Lincoln LN1 1XW
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc 64 Eastgate Louth LN11 9PG

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act) are pleased to present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Magna Vitae (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Trust have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2015) and Update Bulletin 2 (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Trust qualifies as small, under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

Policies and Objectives

The Trustees confirm that they have considered their duties and have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Trustees are confident that the activities of Magna Vitae are carried out for the benefit of others as is detailed in the rest of the information within the Trustees report.

The Trust's revenues and any operating surpluses are re-invested to continually develop and improve outcomes for the people of East Lindsey.

Our Purpose

As a charitable trust, our purpose is to provide an extraordinary range of cultural, leisure and health related facilities and services that allow local people to lead a great life.

We will develop and sustain a thriving and successful culture and leisure business that encourages innovation and expansion to maximise the opportunities for the community we serve.

Our Vision

Our VISION is to improve the wellbeing of our community, enabling people to live great lives.

Our Mission

Our MISSION is to clearly demonstrate proactive and innovative leadership that will generate positive change in the areas of social and economic inequality. We are committed to empowering local people by reaching out with humanity and compassion.

Our Values

- We are in this together.
- We embrace change.
- We are always learning.
- We celebrate differences.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Our Charitable Objectives

- To provide or assist in the provision of both indoor and outdoor facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstance or to the public at large with the object of improving their conditions of life; and/or
- To promote community participation in healthy recreational activities; and/or
- To provide or assist in the provision of community facilities to be available to all sections of the community without distinction, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and/or other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for all who use the facilities; and/or
- To promote the education of the public through the provision of facilities for performing arts and/or
- Such other charitable purposes as the Trustees in their absolute discretion may determine.

Magna Vitae has a strategic partnership with East Lindsey District Council (ELDC). During the next five years it is the objective of the Board, Senior Leadership Team and staff of Magna Vitae to strategically develop and grow the business in collaboration following the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The business will seek to achieve this through four key drivers:

1. Ensuring correct structure, systems and people in place.
2. Enabling more people to access our services.
3. Improving customer experiences.
4. Growing our income, supporters, partners and beneficiaries both inside and outside East Lindsey.

Market Conditions

Magna Vitae has been severely affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The provision of facilities, programmes and events effectively ceased for much of the year through a series of National Lockdowns and partial closures. Most venues reopened on 12 April 2021 in line with the government Road Map; the Embassy Theatre reopened on 17 May 2021.

According to the Office of National Statistics (ONS) mid-year population estimates for the District in 2015 – the latest available – show the population of East Lindsey is 137,900. The District's population is projected to experience growth of 11.4% by 2037. It has been projected that the 16-64 years age group will reduce from 56.4% of the population in 2015 to 48.8% of the population in 2037, along with a slight reduction in the proportion who are aged 0-15 years, this means that the proportion of the population of East Lindsey that is aged 65 or older will continue to grow.

In terms of deprivation, East Lindsey is ranked the 33rd most deprived local authority district area in England, out of 326. This means that the District is just on the border of being ranked in the top 10% of the most deprived local authority district areas in England.

When compared against figures for England males have an average life expectancy of 0.6 fewer years than the national average, whereas females have an average life expectancy of 0.9 fewer years than the national average.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The success of Magna Vitae's activities is evidence of the community value generated from investment in leisure, sport, culture and physical activity. Magna Vitae has invested in national benchmarking regarding its social value in order to measure community impact/savings generated across four key areas:

1. Wellbeing
2. Education
3. Healthcare
4. Crime

Current Principal Activities

Physical Activity and Sport:

Magna Vitae provides a broad and diverse infrastructure and range of community focused facilities and services, incorporating swimming pools (indoor and outdoor), sports halls, fitness facilities, fitness classes, meeting rooms, conferencing venues, outdoor sports pitches, and multi-use games area.

The Trust operates the leisure venues owned by the District Council comprising:

– Meridian Leisure Centre (MLC), Louth – opened in 2010. This is the flagship leisure facility and welcomed 45,944 visits in 2020/21.
– Wood Lane football pitch & Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).
– London Road Pavilion (LRP), Louth – this is the home ground to local football, cricket and hockey clubs. Historically it attracts approxmtaely 75,000 visits each year.
– Charles Street Recreation Ground, Louth – provides tennis and community gardens.
– Horncastle Swimming Pool & Fitness Suite (HSP) – offers a wide and diverse programme, which saw 9,812 visits in 2020/21.
– Skegness Swimming Pool & Fitness Suite (SSP) – consists of an indoor pool , attractive seasonal outdoor pool and fitness suite. Annual throughput of 19,375 visits.
– Station Sports Centre (SSC), Mablethorpe – this is the least 'fit for purpose' venue in the portfolio. Opened in 1984 and refurbished in 1997. Attracted over just over 6,000 annual visits.
– Sutton-on-Sea Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) – caters for football, tennis, basketball and has a trim trail.
– Altitude44 (A44) – Opened in August 2019, after £700k District Council investment, this unique and exciting HighWire adventure course is located next to the Skegness Pool & Fitness Suite.

Health and Wellbeing:

Magna Vitae provides a wide range of programmes, workshops and support to tackle physical inactivity, social isolation and poor health within East Lindsey. Initiatives include nutritional advice, diabetes workshops, mental health training, exercise referral programmes and activities for people with dementia, mental health conditions and other life-changing illnesses.

Culture, Arts and Events:

The Trust manages and develops, on behalf of the District Council the arts, culture and events opportunities across the district comprising educational programmes, arts productions, festivals, and arts/sports/cultural events. Examples include:

– Arts and Culture Development and Funding Advice.
– Management of the district's flagship cultural event, SO Festival, an Arts Council England, National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) programme.
– Management and development of a local, national and international cultural activities and events programme.

In terms of economic impact our work has previously succeeded in:

– Bringing an average of £1 million annually as extra benefit to the local economy.
– Attracting single event audiences of up to 20,000 visitors.
– Bringing 'new' media coverage and positive promotion of the area.
– Securing the involvement of key strategic partners including for example Arts Council England; the FA; Sport England; AMCA; The Mighty Creatives; Without Walls; Spirit of 2012; DCMS; Royal Air Force; etc.

Theatre:

Embassy Theatre with a seating capacity of 1,168 is situated in a key location on Grand Parade, Skegness. It usually hosts and promotes over 150 live shows each year; a combination of top name celebrity acts, seaside favourites, West End musicals and community productions in the fields of music, comedy, dance, drama, circus, pantomime and variety.

In addition to mainstay theatre productions the Embassy Theatre has the capability to maximise usage into a multi-functional auditorium with hydraulic seating, to house large-scale exhibitions, parties, roller disco, conferences and ballroom dancing etc, as well as installation of a high performing digital big screen system in 2020.

Café Magna:

Café Magna is a purpose built coffee shop and pizzeria located next door to the A44 climbing facility and Skegness Swimming Pool & Fitness Suite. It was built in 2019 and was operated until November 2020 by Magna Vitae Enterprises (MVE), a wholly owned trading subsidiary of Magna Vitae. From November 2020, the business operations transferred back to Magna Vitae.

Summary:

The Trust aims to operate and develop these activities, facilities and services to achieve the greatest outcomes for the local community. These activities, facilities and services detailed above broadly represent the current scope of Magna Vitae operations and are reviewed regularly to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the local population and attract people who don't currently participate. Some of these activities / programmes / services are subject to partnership funding and their ongoing provision will therefore be dependent upon those partner requirements.

The Trust recognises the importance of developing and improving its activities, facilities and services, and will actively engage in pursuing innovative and dynamic programmes designed to maximise access and opportunity to all ages and demographic groups within the local community.

The Trust will deliver services to the highest standards of professionalism and expertise and will seek to maintain and build quality and increase accessibility. In so doing, it will strive to:

– Continuously improve facilities and satisfy ever increasing service expectation for existing users.
– Generate growth and uptake by introducing new ways of engaging with non-users.
– Provide a wide-ranging, relevant and up-to-date programme that appeals to a broad cross-section of service users.
– Continue to extend and improve the provision of high quality exercise referral services and other health related programmes.
– Work closely with all local schools, sporting clubs, cultural organisations and national governing bodies.

Achievements and Performance

Review of Activities

Corporate:

Magna Vitae has been severely affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The provision of facilities, programmes and events effectively ceased for much of the year through a series of National Lockdowns and partial closures, between March 2020 and June 2021, with 85% of staff members going on to furlough in March 2020. Following a series of openings and closures throughout the year, most venues reopened following Lockdown 3 on 12 April 2021 in line with the Government Roadmap; the Embassy Theatre reopened on 17 May 2021.

To limit the impact of the Pandemic and to work towards a sustainable recovery, the Trust took a number of strategic decisions during 2020, to mitigate the effect of the closure of its facilities during the lockdowns and to manage the corresponding total loss of income. These included the Trust significantly reducing its workforce, with the Chief Executive Officer also leaving the Trust, it seeking the assistance offered by Central Government through schemes such as Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS - Furlough) and through the Retail, Leisure & Hospitality grant. The Trust also submitted successful applications to the Arts Council England's Cultural Recovery Grant programme, being awarded £374,500 through bids to two funding rounds, and a bid with East Lindsey District Council to Sport England's National Leisure Recovery Fund programme, resulted in a further award of £304,500.

Following the impact of COVID-19 on its services, staffing levels and the management of its resources through the pandemic, the Trust closed its 2020/21 financial year without seeking any further financial assistance from the Council, and with a need to draw only minimally on its own reserves. This outcome has proved to be exceptional when compared to many other leisure trusts, who have needed to request financial assistance from their respective local authority partners during the pandemic.

Staff have adapted and continue to adapt with a different model of working, utilising the workforce capabilities through a flexible team approach. At leisure venues for example, Leisure Attendants are also trained to work on Reception or in Café Magna, whilst a central communication team has enabled support to wider leisure teams. Some staff continue to work from home or a hybrid approach, offering consistent high customer service. The gradual lifting of lockdown has seen facilities start to open back up again within a set of "social distancing" restrictions that continue to limit levels of income and service development, however the quality of the services offered to the public by the Trust has been shown to remain high through recent industry benchmarking data collected. The Trust's strategy during the pandemic has subsequently also been picked up by Community Leisure UK and the Local Government Association (LGA) as a national exemplar of a Trust and local authority that have a strong working relationship and have consistently worked in partnership throughout the pandemic.

Over the course of the 2020/21 financial year the Trust also supported East Lindsey District Council to implement a number of Government derived grant aided schemes to support residents and businesses during the pandemic. These included the delivery of the Community Support website “In This Together”, COVID Advisor Team (ELDC & Boston Borough Council) and Community Testing initiatives and provision of vaccination centre staff in Louth, Skegness and Mablethorpe. Collaboration of the Trust's Marketing and Comms staff was also sanctioned for a number of months. All Trust work in supporting the needs of the most dependent and vulnerable in East Lindsey was continually maintained throughout the national pandemic period.

Physical Activity and Sport:

Leisure venues recorded 84,922 physical activity visits for the year 2020/21. This is very low compared to the participation figure reported last year due the Coronavirus restrictions and subsequent closures of all leisure sites for 8 months.

The restrictions also impacted the return of school swimming lessons, with sadly, only the home school groups returning, resulting in 131 visits for the entire year at both Skegness and Louth sites.

WaterWise learn to swim sessions returned in September 2020 but given lockdown restrictions, were placed on hold again in October, returning only for a few weeks in the December period. Meaning only 11 weeks of learn to swim delivery across our three (3) pool venues resulting in only 11,553 lesson visits for 2020/21.

All the pools follow Swim England’s Learn to Swim Programme and offer all 4 frameworks; Foundation framework (Ducklings), Learn to Swim framework (Stages 1-7), Aquatic Skills framework (Competitive Swimming, Synchronised Swimming, Diving and Rookie Lifeguard) and Adult framework. Survive and Save is a RLSS qualification offered alongside the Aquatic Skills framework.

Our Magna Vitae Gymnastics programme was able to be delivered in October 2020 and also December and saw 135 members return promptly to the programme.

Altitude44 was newly opened in August 2019, after £700k District Council investment, in conjunction with Magna Vitae’s investment in Café Magna. Altitude44 is a unique and exciting HighWire adventure course located next to the Skegness Pool & Fitness Suite. Its prominent location on the foreshore positions it well as a new visitor activity attraction where people can safely test their head for heights, whilst completing the fun and challenging climbing and traversing activity course. The attraction was able to operate during the Summer 2020.

Health and Wellbeing:

When COVID-19 hit, the Community Team had to devise ways to support their participants in different ways. Since the Coronavirus pandemic began, the Magna Vitae CommunityTeam have been creating innovative ways to support, entertain and comfort the participants who access community projects, as well as supporting new individuals referred into Magna Vitae through successful partnership working. Virtual exercise classes, cheery wellbeing calls, travelling scrapbooks, surprise doorstep deliveries, telephone sports quiz leagues and funny online natters have acted as a something to look forward to, a comfort blanket, and to some individuals, a lifeline over the last year.

The ’Still Me’ project continued to successfully support individuals living with a life limiting illness, including dementia, as well as support for their carers and families. During 2020/21, 982 wellbeing calls were made to individuals involved in the project and 264 doorstep visits and offers of practical support. 22 people in need were signposted to partners for more specialist advice, for example to the Admiral Nursing team. The award-winning project, funded by Louth and District Hospice Limited provides social, cultural and physical activities through dementia friendly events such as sports days, cinema visits and celebration events. We held some social sessions in Skegness and Louth when restrictions were eased in August and September of 2021 and are working towards a blended approach with both virtual and face to face sessions for 2021/22.

Magna Vitae continued with the two TED (Talk, Eat, Drink in East Lindsey) programme projects which are funded by the National Lottery as part of the Ageing Better programme. These projects were adapted during lockdown providing 2,467 wellbeing calls and 460 doorstep visits were made for individuals aged 50+. In place of face to face, Health and Wellbeing sessions which provide nutritional advice and physical activity through the 'Fitness, Food and Friends' project were taken online over Zoom and Facebook live. The 3-weekly sessions enabled 460 attendances in sessions providing information on a variety of additional subjects including, social support, IT skills, scam awareness and nature. This project also aims to support isolated individuals to access statutory services such as NHS Steps2Change mental health service. The CHAPS project was successfully adapted and by using the 'Sporting Memories' model sessions were delivered using the power of sport to ignite conversation and reduce loneliness and isolation. There were 617 attendances in either online or telephone conference call 'Sporting Memories' sessions which provided support, friendship and entertainment for men aged 50+.

From November to March 2021, Magna Vitae received additional funding from the National Lottery's Coronavirus Community Support Fund for the "All Together" project. This project provided 50 socially isolated people with IT / Digital access and equipment so that they could increase their digital skills, become more connected with their families and take part in Magna Vitae's online activity programme. The fund also supported Magna Vitae's wider online programme through the funding of additional staff and equipment.

The Exercise on Prescription scheme, delivered as part of the Lincolnshire County Council funded integrated lifestyle programme through One You Lincolnshire was put on hold for the whole of 2020/21 whilst leisure facilities were closed. In the short window that the centres were open referrals did not recommence due to staffing restrictions in facilities and the lack of confidence of those being referred. The One You Lincolnshire programme is due to recommence in May 2021/22. Magna Vitae will also work with One You Lincolnshire to support the delivery of other OYL programmes including 'Weight Management' sessions to be held at MLC and SSC.

The Trust worked with many other partners including Louth & District Hospice Limited, DWP Job Centre Plus, Carers First, Community Lincs/YMCA, Active Lincolnshire, Lincolnshire County Council, Platform Housing, Age UK Lindsey, LCVS (Lincolnshire Community Voluntary Service), the Admiral nursing team and the Alzheimer's Society.

Culture, Arts and Events:

The past year has been extremely difficult and challenging for this aspect of MV. Our usual events; SO Festival, Mablethorpe Illuminations and Bowls were all cancelled as a direct result of COVID-19 and National lockdowns.

SO Festival was officially cancelled in the early days of Coronavirus pandemic. The decision was not taken lightly but was ultimately unavoidable. The health of everybody attending SO Festival must always be our first priority and our ability to plan efficiently and with confidence during this pandemic was drastically affected. We were unable to conduct site visits with our artiste production teams, suppliers and key services such as event first aid providers, refocused their business to support the NHS and the wider care sector. Half of our programme would have been international artists, for whom the ability to travel was very uncertain.

As a team we felt it was important that we didn't let this disappointment get us down and with the support of Arts Council England's National Portfolio Funding we refocused our programme of work in 2020:

- We supported Lincolnshire creatives to access emergency funding: 36 individuals or organisations were supported, with 20 being from East Lindsey.
- The SOcial was moved online and featured guest speakers such as Arts Council England's Digital Tech Champions and CEO Darren Henley. Over 50 creatives from across Greater Lincolnshire engaged in weekly sessions until August 2020, which have been monthly sessionseversince. The SOcial has also created new connections and collaborations between creatives which has seen new projects delivered across the district.
- Another outcome of The SOcial is the Lincs Creatives Hub on Facebook. Created in partnership between SO Festival and Barmpot Theatre, over 400 Greater Lincolnshire creatives now help, support and promote each other through this uncertain time.

Aware that lockdown could be here longer than was first thought, our attention also turned to alternative delivery options to engage people during the lockdown and associated isolation.

A host of team members, pencils, paper and a sizeable dollop of artistic licence gave the event a name change but the fun and excitement that you know, and love, remained the same. SOfa Fest 2020 a digital international festival in partnership with Passage Festival was born. We turned our 3-day festival into a virtual event spanning just over a month. SOfa Fest 2020 exclusively commissioned Lincolnshire creatives, to provide a much-needed income during a period uncertainty. £37,000 was spent on 24 commissions which involved over 50 individual artists.

SOfa Fest 2020 was broadcast to the UK, Denmark and Sweden helping Lincolnshire creatives showcase their work internationally and reach a new audience and increase their profile. SOfa Fest 2020 had over 7,500 online views.

Another important development was the facilitation of international projects with Lincolnshire artists as part of SOfa Fest 2020; Vessel Projects with The Envelope / Brev and Sinfonia Viva's community-based SOfa Fest Choir. The SOfa Choir also made another outing in March 2021 with another international collaboration to create Selkie and the Sailor, the choir's first original composition.

Capitalising on our long-standing relationship with PASSAGE Festival in Denmark and Sweden, we deepened and extended the opportunities for artists by holding an online International discussion regarding the future of street theatre festivals as we emerged from the lockdown and grip of the Coronavirus pandemic. Panel members, represented Arts Council England, The British Council and Artistic Directors from several leading festivals across Europe gave their thoughts on what the future holds for street theatre festivals.

We also partnered with Metro Boulot Dodo (MBD) and Rural Media to deliver a series of master classes. MBD explored the possibilities of digital in arts and culture supporting Lincolnshire based artists to explore how their artistic work could benefit from, and use, the latest technologies available. Rural Media provided two master classes for creatives, focusing on improving their application pitching skills and how to self-distribute and market themselves as a creative.

Finally, to help further raise the profile of artists and creatives in Lincolnshire and for them to build relationships with artists in Helsingør and Helsingborg, we held an International SOcial (our very own networking event) with artists from the three countries on Friday 21 August 2020.

Theatre:

During the period of enforced closure the remaining small Embassy Theatre administration team have achieved retention of customers through multiple date changes and constant communication of approximately 70%; this has kept a healthy advance commitment to return in our accounts of approximately £250k – an essential base of custom to be the jump-off point as shows begin to return and recovery begins.

To achieve this regular and multiple national Television opportunities, radio interviews, blog posts, video adverts and an extremely successful Donation campaign “Survive to Thrive” #savemyseat has been crucial in keeping interest in Arts, Theatre and Entertainment at The Embassy in the minds of local people and supporters.

As result of work done through the lockdown period and historic gains in quality of delivery, product and achievement the Embassy Theatre has been awarded to date £45,000+ towards the health and progression of its future by local donors.

In addition to a relentless schedule of programme moving, negotiations and administration - creative ways of providing nourishing content through lockdown to existing supporters and new connections were embraced; examples of which are listed on the timeline below:

Online Streaming – MAGNA VITAE PRODUCTIONS – Legends and Divas Summer Season production 2019 for venue specific content, engagement and a healthy channelling of donations via the website and SMS.

Classroom Panto – Streaming of previous MAGNA VITAE production’s own Pantomime Jack and The Beanstalk 2019 into 34 local primary schools: 5,500 children reached – links made available for those isolating at home too!

Skegness Grammar School Christmas Concert – Delivered and filmed Upstars at the Embassy by student performers for streming to parents, supporters and the DRET community in place of their annual Christmas Concert.

Tales around the Tree – Selection of Festive Stories staged, performed, edited and streamed each Sunday in the run up to Christmas from the central atrium of the Embassy Theatre aside a magnificently lit Christmas display. Supplied to and used by local schools too.

Leicester Comedy Festival – Co-promotion alongside the Big Difference Company of the February festival – online. After school joke-workshops and half term groups all circulated via local primary schools.

Valentines Day Live! – Free Live stream concert from Upstairs at The Embassy featuring local professional performer; generating donations and high engagement.

Word Book Day Live – Free Live stream across the full day – Lincolnshire published author readings with Children’s content also streamed into local schools. In collaboration with Lincolnshire Authors and subsequent songwriting challenge with Hammond House Publishing.

Lockdown Listening – Selection of Classic Stories/Poetry staged, performed, edited and Live Streamed each Sunday from Upstairs at The Embassy. Supplied and used by Schools across their Home Learning platforms too.

WestEnd Weekend Live! – Free Live Stream full concert featuring West End professional artistes currently residing locally. Produced and delivered Upstairs at the Embassy generating engagement and healthy donations.

Stage to Screen - Installation of a full Digital Big Screen Experience supported financially by East Lincs Arts Forum, Arts Council England and a local benefactor. Family entertainment delivered throughout May half term with weekly Junior Movie club and Classic Musical Matinees. Event Cinema pilot launch with additional content following from National Theatre, Cinema Live, Trafalgar and Piece of Magic following later in 2021.

Comeback Comedy Hotspot – First live socially distanced event back in the auditorium supporting local award winning Comedy Promoter. Audience of 130 | 4 Comedians – Cerys Nelms, GerryK, Danny Post Hill, Troy Hawke.

Nevil Holt Schools Operatic Workshop – Working with DRET to host workshops for students with Operatic leads from Nevil Holt.

Comeback Cabaret – Social distanced live Music production featuring 5 professional vocalists and 5 professional musicians with full venue technical support. Playing to a live audience of 130 also filmed for broadcast by local theatrical media company and streamed as live free of charge to those unable to buy tickets due to the capacity restrictions remaining.

These are just some of the achievements of our venue through the enforced closure period and not an exhaustive list; many shaping the way for a new paths of activity and engagement for the future.

Financial Review

Overview Incorporating Key Financial Performance Indicators

Full details of our financial performance during the year ended 31 March 2021 are shown in the financial statements and supporting notes from page 24 onwards. The table below shows the headline income and expenditure for 2020/21 compared to 2019/20 – excluding donated services and facilities and the adjustments of the £1,580,000 deficit (2020 - £286,000 surplus) relating to the defined benefit pension scheme liability.

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	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
	£	£
Service Fee (ELDC)	**1,668,848**	1,733,655
Fees and Charges	**22,778**	431,606
Grant Income	**1,718,276**	384,295
Gym Membership	**187,062**	1,109,832
Hire Fees	**57,376**	267,973
Other Income	**160,147**	448,130
Pool Admissions	**36,322**	446,400
Rental Income	**2,865**	32,894
Show Income	**1,256**	898,985
Swimming Lessons	**63,677**	484,116
Total Income	**3,918,607**	6,237,885
Depreciation and Property Revaluation	**180,007**	74,350
Employee Costs	**2,677,865**	3,285,849
Premises Costs	**371,156**	665,669
Suppliers and Services	**700,083**	2,140,657
Transport	**17,149**	53,170
Support Services	**35,149**	81,461
Total Expenditure	**3,981,474**	6,301,156
Deficit	**(62,867)**	(63,225)

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The deficit for the year was £62,867 against an original budget of nil.

Income:

The COVID-19 pandemic had a huge impact on our income during the year. All of our venues were closed due to National Lockdown for 8 months in the period. This, and social distancing measures upon reopening, which limited capacity in our venues, meant that our income is much lower than the previous year. Total income was £3.9m of which 86% related to Service Fee from ELDC and emergency / recovery grant income, including furlough.

Expenditure:

Due to the venue closures and lower income streams, our expenditure was also lower in many areas, representing 63% of the previous year total. Employee costs remained our largest area of expenditure area at £2.68m.

Reserves:

The current allocation of reserves is as follows:

	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
	£	£
Income funds (restricted)	**83,154**	11,726
Income funds (unrestricted)	**691,529**	825,824
Pension reserve (deficit)	**(2,455,000)**	(875,000)
Total Reserves	**(1,680,317)**	(37,450)

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Specific consideration of the ongoing impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the assurances given formally by ELDC as the main client combined with ongoing government support measures, have all been taken into account.

Key Challenges

We continue to work with ELDC to implement the necessary changes, as agreed in our five-year business plan (2018-2023), whilst improving and diversifying to safeguard as far as possible the facilities and services provided. The business plan has been prepared to support the Council in achieving its transformation programme requirement to secure ongoing reduction in future Service Fee.

This partnership and relationship with the Council is key to ensuring that the Trust emerges in a stable and solid position post Coronavirus pandemic; and that the health and wellbeing of our communities, residents and customers was the upper most priority for 2020/21 and the following years.

The challenges of emergence after Coronavirus are most significant to ensure the Trust achieves its charitable objectives in line with community need whilst remaining financially viable & resilient.

These challenges will most effectively be met through partnership and collaboration with strategic partners locally, regionally and nationally through a whole system approach.

Reserves Policy

Whilst Magna Vitae is a not for profit organisation, it is aware that it needs to hold working surpluses in order to create a reserve for unforeseen circumstances. The aim by April 2016 was to establish a reserve of £200,000, which was achieved, with the medium term plan of increasing reserves to £500,000 by April 2020. Unrestricted reserves stand at £691,529 excluding pension adjustments, Magna Vitae's fixed assets stand at £289k and its current (unrestricted) assets stand at £403k. The reserves will be required to support Magna Vitae during the coming year due to the ongoing impact of coronavirus.

Principal Funding

The principal income and funding streams for Magna Vitae were as follows: Service Fee from East Lindsey District Council; grant income from Arts Council England, central government via Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough), COVID business grants and the Louth and District Hospice. Income from customer's use of leisure venues and theatre income ticket sales were lower during the period due to national lockdown.

Investment Policy

Magna Vitae's investment policy is driven by four key factors:

– Security.
– Liquidity.
– Rate of return.
– Accessibility.

Investments are restricted to:-

– UK Government investments.
– UK Banks and Building Societies

Investments are permitted in the following instruments:

– Time deposits and deposit accounts with banks in accordance with the above criteria.
– Treasury Bills of 1 month, 3 month or 6 month duration.
– Common Deposit Funds and Money Market Funds

A maximum of £500,000 is to be placed with any one bank / institution excluding day to day working capital accounts. Any figure above this amount requires the agreement of the Finance Sub-Group.

This policy is reviewed by the Finance Sub-Group.

In 2020/21, the income from interest amounted to £2,546.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 10 June 2014 and registered as a charity on 26 January 2015. East Lindsey District Council transferred its cultural and leisure services, comprising of sports facilities, arts activities and events, sports development and events, health improvement programmes and a theatre on 1 January 2015.

The Trust was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objectives and powers of the organisation and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Magna Vitae operates, for an agreed service fee, certain culture, arts, recreational and sports activities on behalf of East Lindsey District Council, which leases to Magna Vitae buildings and other assets. The assets are provided at no charge to Magna Vitae on a 25 year lease/licence, which commenced on 1 January 2015 with the exception of Station Sports Centre that is on a 10 year lease.

Magna Vitae operates from 5 main sites throughout East Lindsey and employs over 100 people.

Magna Vitae is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital.

Method of Appointment or Election of Trustees

As a limited company Magna Vitae is governed by its Members. There are three categories of Trustees: Community Trustees, Local Authority Trustees and an Employee Trustee. The Board of Trustees is fixed at a minimum of three and maximum of eleven, with Board composition consisting of up to two Local Authority Trustees, up to eight Community Trustees and one Employee Trustee provided that the Community Trustees are at all times in the majority.

The Local Authority Trustees are selected and appointed by the local authority for such period as the authority determines. Councillor Helen Matthews resigned on 20 May 2021, with Councillor Steve Kirk being appointed on the same date.

The Community Trustees are selected following a rigorous trustee recruitment process. A Community Trustee will be required to retire by rotation whereby one third of the Community Trustees shall be required to retire each year but will be eligible for reappointment. The Community Trustees required to retire will be those who have been longest in office or in the event of the Community Trustees serving the same period of office, those required to retire shall be determined by lot. The rotational retirement requirement for Community Trustees became effective from January 2018. In May 2021, Jonathan Stones, Peter Helps and Ian Emmerson retired by rotation and were and subsequently reappointed. During the year, Roger Goldsmith and Sue Kitchen resigned as community trustees, and Ken Ball was appointed as a new community trustee.

The Employee Trustee is elected by the employees for a fixed term of 3 years and is eligible for reappointment. Ross Cameron was the Employee Trustee during the year, having been appointed in February 2020.

Trustees are required to meet at least four times a year to review the management of the organisation. They employ managers to take on the day-to-day running of the activities.

Policies Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The induction process for Trustees includes an induction programme, supported by in-depth briefings from senior managers where required and visits to our venues. Further training is arranged to meet the specific needs of individual Trustees.

Pay Policy for Senior Staff

Senior Leadership Team salaries are set strictly by the Board of Trustees. These were established during the company inception and subsequently reviewed and confirmed as part of the wider company employment terms and conditions review completed in April 2017. Any subsequent review would be undertaken only at the direction of the Board of Trustees.

Trustees do not receive a salary, but are entitled to claim expenses for attending meetings.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees who served during the year are listed on Page 1. The Senior Leadership Team consisted of the following:

Mark Humphreys, Chief Executive Officer (to 10 November 2020)
Aeneas Richardson, Executive Director
James Brindle, Executive Director
James Turner, Business Transformation Manager (from 1 January 2021)
Sally Topham, Finance Manager

Related Parties

Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team members are asked to complete an annual Disclosure Statement to notify Magna Vitae of any involvement in any other organisations. This was most recently completed in March 2021.

A summary of transactions with related parties are set out in note 31 in the financial statements.

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for establishing and maintaining the whole system of internal control and reviewing its effectiveness.

The Trustees recognise that no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss or eliminate all risk of failure to achieve the organisation's objectives. The system of internal control is designed to manage key risks and to provide reasonable assurance that planned objectives and outcomes are achieved. This will also give reasonable assurance about the reliability of financial and operational information and the safeguarding of Magna Vitae's assets and reputation. This approach includes the regular evaluation of the nature and extent of risks to which Magna Vitae is exposed.

A major risk to Magna Vitae is a significant reduction in the Service Fee paid by East Lindsey District Council. The Business Plan agreed with the Council for 2018-2023 provides for a managed programme of measures, including 'invest to save' initiatives, to mitigate the Council's need for reduced direct investment in its culture and leisure services. Work is underway to develop a financial plan beyond 2023.

The Board has developed a culture of strong corporate governance. Key elements of the control framework and the system for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control are as follows:

Risk Register:
The Trust's Senior Leadership Team routinely documents, monitors and evaluates identified business risks through The Risk Register. This "live" document is reviewed at least annually.

Planning and Approval:
Magna Vitae has adopted a formal process for approval of new projects which identifies risks and controls. This combined with the budget process, which reviews risks and controls in existing processes, generates a comprehensive review of risks.

Internal Audit:
The Board together with the Senior Leadership Team reviews the major risks and assesses the effectiveness of controls in managing those risks. This includes setting an internal audit programme of activities to assess the effectiveness of controls with the work being independently undertaken by Audit Lincolnshire whose findings are actioned as appropriate.

Monitoring and Corrective Action:
Financial reporting procedures include detailed budgets for the year ahead, detailed monthly management accounts, and longer-term financial plans used for strategic/business planning. The Senior Leadership Team reviews the reports in detail and they are considered and approved by the Trustees. Where objectives are not being met, the Senior Leadership Team report on actions being taken to correct performance, and these reports are also considered and approved by the Trustees.

Additionally, the Finance Sub-Group review in more depth the financial performance, forecasting, budgeting, business planning, audit reports and associated policies and procedures. The sub-group which consists of Community Trustees, the Chief Executive and Finance Manager has a Terms of Reference and reports regularly to the Board of Trustees.

Health and Safety:
Magna Vitae maintains suitable and sufficient management systems and implements operating procedures that ensure a safe environment for all employees, customers and others legitimately entering and using our facilities. All operations conform to and, in a number of cases, exceed the current standards laid out in relevant UK statute and regulation. This remained the case throughout 2020, with further reviews, adaptations & developments to all systems were made to account for the COVID-19 global pandemic.

As well as directly employing competently qualified and experienced senior managers, Magna Vitae's commitment to Health and Safety establishes a positive health and safety culture throughout the workforce. The Trust is supported by an annually retained external Health & Safety specialist consultancy (Right Directions Ltd). Health and Safety arrangements are also supported internally via a robust health and safety Working Group that meets quarterly with the meeting minutes being routinely submitted to the Board for update and information. Magna Vitae health and safety performance data is also routinely collated, monitored and analysed via the STITCH accident, incident and near miss reporting system. This data is also provided to Board for information; the data helps the trust benchmark health and safety performance internally (monthly) and nationally (quarterly & annually) against similar leisure facilities.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent business lockdowns the QUEST quality accreditation processes were temporarily suspended. All MV QUEST accredited sites are now scheduled to resume accreditation processes in the latter half of 2021. Having reopened Meridian LC following Lockdown 2 in December 2020 an external H&S audit was undertaken by Right Directions. The audit report record was deemed satisfactory. A 92% compliance rating was awarded. This audit scrutinised and accounted for all COVID safe arrangements implemented on site. Similar safety arrangements were put in place at all other operating venues and service areas. An external H&S auditing plan has been drafted and will restart in earnest from June 2021.

Equality and Diversity

During March and April 2021, equality and diversity training was undertaken by all trustees, Senior Management and Management Team members. This training will become mandatory for all new Trustees as well as part of existing Trustees ongoing CPD programme.

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Trustees' Liability

Magna Vitae has indemnified the Trustees of Magna Vitae against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision was in force during the year.

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

Future Developments

Magna Vitae Trustees have approved a Future Direction document which sets out Magna Vitae's direction of travel in the short, medium and long term. This includes achieving the company's objectives via the concept of "Commerciality with a Conscience". The organisation is currently developing a new Corporate Strategy which will account for a new Magna Vitae five-year business plan (2022/23 to 2027/28). This business plan will fully align with Magna Vitae's mission, vision and values and also with the current East Lindsey District Council 10-year Corporate Plan.

Employee Involvement

We are committed to providing our employees with information about our activities, consulting with them on major changes and generally developing an open culture in the organisation. Regular meetings are held between managers and staff teams to allow free flow of information, and we hold team briefing and social sessions to update staff on strategy and other major developments on a regular basis.

2020/21 saw the introduction of independent organisational workforce consultation through Tensense. This AI technology provides feedback, a business nervous system employed across the organisation to help shape organisational priorities, empower, inform and subsequently motivate the workforce. The workforce being our most valued asset.

Staff, Volunteers and Trustees

Finally, I would like to thank the staff, volunteers and Trustees of Magna Vitae for their undiminishing commitment, resolve and hard work under the most testing of circumstances throughout the past year.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees, who are also the Directors of Magna Vitae for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

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

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

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 22 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

P M Helps
Chairman of Trustees (Interim)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGNA VITAE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Magna Vitae (the 'trust') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report including the Strategic report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report and the Strategic report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report including the Strategic report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the trust through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the trust and sector in which it operates;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the trust, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the trust’s financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- reviewed a sample of grants in the year to ensure accurate recognition;
- reviewed the claims of Government and local authority support to determine accuracy and eligibility;
- agreed a sample of employees on the trust payroll to existence and agreed the accuracy of their pay;
- assessed and reviewed the appropriateness and effectiveness of the key systems and controls;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 3 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing any correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the trust’s legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGNA VITAE (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Robert Anderson (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of
Streets Audit LLP
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

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4 October 2021

MAGNA VITAE

(A company limited by guarantee)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	**185,250**	**24,183**	**209,433**	*191,484*
Charitable activities	5	**2,174,943**	**1,716,859**	**3,891,802**	*6,221,763*
Other trading activities	6	**75**	**-**	**75**	*-*
Investments	7	**2,547**	**-**	**2,547**	*9,934*
Total income		**2,362,815**	**1,741,042**	**4,103,857**	*6,423,181*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	**38,266**	**-**	**38,266**	*59,992*
Charitable activities	9	**2,560,664**	**1,663,835**	**4,224,499**	*6,911,414*
Total expenditure		**2,598,930**	**1,663,835**	**4,262,765**	*6,971,406*
Net (expenditure)/income before net losses on investments		**(236,115)**	**77,207**	**(158,908)**	*(548,225)*
Loss on revaluation of investment property		**(102,959)**	**-**	**(102,959)**	*-*
Net (expenditure)/income		**(339,074)**	**77,207**	**(261,867)**	*(548,225)*
Transfers between funds	22	**5,779**	**(5,779)**	**-**	*-*
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		**(333,295)**	**71,428**	**(261,867)**	*(548,225)*
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Actuarial (losses)/gains on defined benefit pension schemes	28	**(1,381,000)**	**-**	**(1,381,000)**	*771,000*
Net movement in funds		**(1,714,295)**	**71,428**	**(1,642,867)**	*222,775*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**(49,176)**	**11,726**	**(37,450)**	*(260,225)*
Net movement in funds		**(1,714,295)**	**71,428**	**(1,642,867)**	*222,775*
Total funds carried forward		**(1,763,471)**	**83,154**	**(1,680,317)**	*(37,450)*

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

The notes on pages 29 to 62 form part of these financial statements.

MAGNA VITAE

(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 09078400

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note		2021 £		*2020 £*
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	14		**27,356**		*36,474*
Tangible assets	15		**68,024**		*100,698*
Investments	17		**1**		*1*
Investment property	16		**193,528**		*318,253*
			288,909		*455,426*
Current assets					
Stocks	18	**16,060**		*22,437*	
Debtors	19	**241,115**		*159,462*	
Investments	20	**527,956**		*276,216*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**527,753**		*763,895*	
		1,312,884		*1,222,010*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	**(827,110)**		*(839,886)*	
Net current assets			**485,774**		*382,124*
Total assets less current liabilities			**774,683**		*837,550*
Net assets excluding pension liability			**774,683**		*837,550*
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	28		**(2,455,000)**		*(875,000)*
Total net assets			**(1,680,317)**		*(37,450)*

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note		2021 £		*2020 £*
Trust funds					
Restricted funds	22		**83,154**		*11,726*
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds excluding pension reserve	22	**691,529**		*825,824*	
Pension reserve	22	**(2,455,000)**		*(875,000)*	
Total unrestricted funds	22		**(1,763,471)**		*(49,176)*
Total funds			**(1,680,317)**		*(37,450)*

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 22 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

P M Helps
Chairman of Trustees (Interim)

The notes on pages 29 to 62 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	**26,371**	*139,525*
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of intangible assets	**-**	*(12,642)*
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**(13,490)**	*(95,054)*
Purchase of investment property	**-**	*(149,998)*
Interest received	**2,717**	*9,390*
Net cash withdrawn from / (placed in) investments	**(251,740)**	*643,871*
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	**(262,513)**	*395,567*
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**(236,142)**	*535,092*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**763,895**	*228,803*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**527,753**	*763,895*

The notes on pages 29 to 62 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. General information

Magna Vitae (the Trust) is a limited company by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and a registered charity. The Trust's registered office is at Meridian Leisure Centre, Wood Lane, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 8SA . The Trust's principal activity is the operation of cultural and leisure facilities.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Magna Vitae meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Consolidation

These financial statements represent the figures of the Trust only. Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared on the basis that the subsidiary company is not material to the financial statements.

2.3 Going concern

At the year-end, the balance sheet shows an overall deficit because of the defined benefit pension scheme but demonstrates a strong net current assets position. The defined benefit pension scheme is not an immediately crystalising liability and amounts continue to be paid in line with the agreed current contribution rates.

Furthermore, the Trustees have reviewed its plans and forecasts created by the continued uncertainty and disruption to its activities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and under that basis remain confident that the Trust will continue to maintain adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Trust which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Trust's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

Amortisation is provided on the following basis:

Computer software	-	5 years

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

The estimated useful lives range as follows:

Plant, machinery and fixtures	-	3 - 6 years

2.9 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as ‘Gains/(Losses) on investments’ in the Statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Investment property

Investment property is initially recognised at cost and is subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date. Revaluation gains or losses are shown in the heading gains / losses on investment property in the statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Investment property contains a balance in respect of cafe equipment which is initially recognised at cost and subsequently measured cost less an accumulated write-down. The write-down is charged so as to allocate the cost of the assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives on a straight line basis. The estimated useful life of the assets is 4 years.

2.11 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.12 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.13 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents cash held in bank current account and deposit account facilities that the Trust has instant acceess and cash floats.

2.14 Liabilities

Liabilities and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.15 Financial instruments

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

2.16 Pensions

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Trust to the fund in respect of the year.

The Trust operates a defined benefits pension scheme and the pension charge is based on a full actuarial valuation dated 31 March 2021.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.17 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Trust and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Trust for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Intangible, tangible fixed assets and investment property are recognised at cost or valuation, less accumulated depreciation / amortisation and any impairment. Depreciation / amortisation takes place over the estimated useful life, down to the assessed residual value. The carrying amount of the Trust's fixed assets is tested as soon as changed conditions show that a need for impairment has arisen.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 26, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 March 2021. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations	-	24,183	**24,183**
Donated Services and Facilities	185,250	-	**185,250**
	185,250	24,183	**209,433**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	*Restricted funds 2020 £*	*Total funds 2020 £*
Donations	*4,487*	*1,747*	*6,234*
Donated Services and Facilities	*185,250*	-	*185,250*
	189,737	*1,747*	*191,484*

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Culture	1,801	189,430	**191,231**
Health Improvement	74,599	152,418	**227,017**
Sports & Leisure	399,579	902,082	**1,301,661**
Theatre	(13,629)	405,819	**392,190**
Other	1,712,593	67,110	**1,779,703**
	2,174,943	1,716,859	**3,891,802**

5. Income from charitable activities (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	*Restricted funds 2020 £*	*Total funds 2020 £*
Culture	*11,028*	*167,000*	*178,028*
Health Improvement	*28,010*	*187,284*	*215,294*
Sports & Leisure	*2,651,413*	*22,830*	*2,674,243*
Theatre	*1,304,996*	*4,843*	*1,309,839*
Other	*1,840,859*	*3,500*	*1,844,359*
	5,836,306	*385,457*	*6,221,763*

6. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	**Total funds 2021 £**	*Total funds 2020 £*
Cafe Income	75	**75**	-

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	**Total funds 2021 £**
Group Interest Receivable	261	**261**
Bank Interest Receivable	2,286	**2,286**
	2,547	**2,547**

7. Investment income (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
Group Interest Receivable	*473*	*473*
Bank Interest Receivable	*9,461*	*9,461*
	9,934	*9,934*

8. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	**Total funds 2021 £**
Wages and Salaries	6,080	**6,080**
National Insurance	619	**619**
Pension Costs	1,157	**1,157**
	7,856	**7,856**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
Wages and Salaries	*6,086*	*6,086*
National Insurance	*479*	*479*
Pension Costs	*2,142*	*2,142*
	8,707	*8,707*

8. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

Expenditure for activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Other Costs	8,645	**8,645**
Depreciation	21,765	**21,765**
	30,410	**30,410**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
Other Costs	*29,520*	*29,520*
Depreciation	*21,765*	*21,765*
	51,285	*51,285*

9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Culture	68,584	170,598	**239,182**
Health Improvement	211,957	132,862	**344,819**
Sports & Leisure	1,871,939	902,360	**2,774,299**
Theatre	408,184	390,819	**799,003**
Other	-	67,196	**67,196**
	2,560,664	1,663,835	**4,224,499**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	*Restricted funds 2020 £*	*Total funds 2020 £*
Culture	*202,096*	*242,000*	*444,096*
Health Improvement	*200,886*	*188,297*	*389,183*
Sports & Leisure	*4,101,694*	*22,830*	*4,124,524*
Theatre	*1,845,935*	*4,843*	*1,850,778*
Other	*99,333*	*3,500*	*102,833*
	6,449,944	*461,470*	*6,911,414*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Culture	196,081	43,101	**239,182**
Health Improvement	282,682	62,137	**344,819**
Sports & Leisure	2,274,363	499,936	**2,774,299**
Theatre	655,020	143,983	**799,003**
Other	67,196	-	**67,196**
	3,475,342	749,157	**4,224,499**

	Activities undertaken directly 2020 £	*Support costs 2020 £*	*Total funds 2020 £*
Culture	*402,153*	*41,943*	*444,096*
Health Improvement	*335,230*	*53,953*	*389,183*
Sports & Leisure	*3,586,232*	*538,292*	*4,124,524*
Theatre	*1,606,834*	*243,944*	*1,850,778*
Other	*102,833*	-	*102,833*
	6,033,282	*878,132*	*6,911,414*

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Culture 2021 £	Health Improvement 2021 £	Sports & Leisure 2021 £	Theatre 2021 £
Pension Finance Cost	1,036	1,493	12,012	3,459
Staff Costs	124,523	232,276	1,462,138	410,691
Depreciation	832	1,992	36,121	16,338
Service Provision Costs	17,027	6,132	21,332	20,902
Goods for Resale	-	-	6,580	1,765
Performers and Entertainers	37,784	-	-	278
Other Employee Costs	485	810	7,121	8,612
Rent, Rates and Utilities	665	(123)	408,852	92,707
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	1,950	11,987	81,356	51,129
Insurance	3,524	5,080	40,875	11,772
Travel Costs	834	7,024	8,430	775
Printing, Postage and Stationery	183	372	1,129	(564)
Advertising and Promotion	2,079	3,980	14,477	6,096
IT, Telephone and Internet	489	6,755	31,222	2,845
Other Costs	1,075	1,677	92,061	3,270
Bank Charges	252	316	6,072	22,263
Irrecoverable VAT	3,343	2,911	44,585	2,682
	196,081	282,682	2,274,363	655,020

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Other 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Pension Finance Cost	-	**18,000**
Staff Costs	57,360	**2,286,988**
Depreciation	-	**55,283**
Service Provision Costs	-	**65,393**
Goods for Resale	-	**8,345**
Performers and Entertainers	-	**38,062**
Other Employee Costs	-	**17,028**
Rent, Rates and Utilities	-	**502,101**
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	2,041	**148,463**
Insurance	-	**61,251**
Travel Costs	-	**17,063**
Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	**1,120**
Advertising and Promotion	4	**26,636**
IT, Telephone and Internet	1,041	**42,352**
Other Costs	6,750	**104,833**
Bank Charges	-	**28,903**
Irrecoverable VAT	-	**53,521**
	67,196	**3,475,342**

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Culture 2020 £	*Health Improvement 2020 £*	*Sports & Leisure 2020 £*	*Theatre 2020 £*
Pension Finance Cost	*20,907*	*1,237*	*8,654*	*4,202*
Staff Costs	*139,174*	*256,753*	*2,179,459*	*489,772*
Depreciation	*935*	*1,612*	*32,548*	*17,490*
Service Provision Costs	*58,524*	*21,609*	*87,668*	*61,793*
Goods for Resale	-	-	*65,281*	*59,244*
Performers and Entertainers	*56,135*	*3,815*	-	*665,565*
Other Employee Costs	*2,498*	*3,775*	*25,636*	*9,634*
Rent, Rates and Utilities	*4,032*	*6,721*	*642,269*	*99,342*
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	*16,432*	*9,143*	*183,990*	*45,270*
Insurance	*4,435*	*3,885*	*41,620*	*18,644*
Travel Costs	*32,258*	*13,342*	*26,917*	*4,688*
Printing, Postage and Stationery	*1,114*	*2,088*	*14,857*	*20,264*
Advertising and Promotion	*15,027*	*5,439*	*85,811*	*53,783*
IT, Telephone and Internet	*967*	*708*	*45,316*	*5,872*
Other Costs	*36,888*	*1,809*	*60,117*	*10,786*
Bank Charges	*945*	*696*	*21,125*	*36,512*
Irrecoverable VAT	*11,882*	*2,598*	*64,964*	*3,973*
	402,153	*335,230*	*3,586,232*	*1,606,834*

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Other 2020 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
Pension Finance Cost	*-*	*35,000*
Staff Costs	*77,282*	*3,142,440*
Depreciation	*-*	*52,585*
Service Provision Costs	*3,500*	*233,094*
Goods for Resale	*-*	*124,525*
Performers and Entertainers	*-*	*725,515*
Other Employee Costs	*-*	*41,543*
Rent, Rates and Utilities	*-*	*752,364*
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	*17,271*	*272,106*
Insurance	*-*	*68,584*
Travel Costs	*-*	*77,205*
Printing, Postage and Stationery	*-*	*38,323*
Advertising and Promotion	*-*	*160,060*
IT, Telephone and Internet	*3,484*	*56,347*
Other Costs	*-*	*109,600*
Bank Charges	*-*	*59,278*
Irrecoverable VAT	*1,296*	*84,713*
	102,833	*6,033,282*

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Culture 2021 £	Health Improvement 2021 £	Sports & Leisure 2021 £	Theatre 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff Costs	25,992	37,473	301,489	86,829	**451,783**
Other Costs	10,743	15,486	124,600	35,886	**186,715**
Support Service Agreements	2,022	2,915	23,457	6,755	**35,149**
Governance Costs	4,344	6,263	50,390	14,513	**75,510**
	43,101	62,137	499,936	143,983	**749,157**

	Culture 2020 £	*Health Improvement 2020 £*	*Sports & Leisure 2020 £*	*Theatre 2020 £*	*Total funds 2020 £*
Staff Costs	*28,083*	*24,604*	*263,547*	*118,060*	*434,294*
Other Costs	*16,048*	*14,060*	*150,606*	*67,466*	*248,180*
Support Service Agreements	*5,268*	*4,615*	*49,434*	*22,144*	*81,461*
Governance Costs	*(7,456)*	*10,674*	*74,705*	*36,274*	*114,197*
	41,943	*53,953*	*538,292*	*243,944*	*878,132*

11. Auditor's remuneration

	2021 £	*2020 £*
Fees payable to the Trust's auditor for the audit of the Trust's annual accounts	**7,250**	*7,250*
Fees payable to the Trust's auditor in respect of:		
All taxation advisory services not included above	**-**	*2,000*

12. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	**2,254,219**	*2,786,868*
Social security costs	**145,831**	*171,994*
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**26,317**	*30,315*
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	**387,000**	*700,000*
	2,813,367	*3,689,177*

Wages and salaries above include a total of £167,624 (2020 - £31,022) relating to redundancy, PILON and other exit payments during the year.

The average number of persons employed by the Trust during the year was as follows:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Culture	**4**	*6*
Health Improvement	**9**	*8*
Sports & Leisure	**88**	*132*
Theatre	**16**	*28*
Management	**12**	*12*
	129	*186*

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Culture	**3**	*4*
Health Improvement	**6**	*6*
Sports & Leisure	**66**	*87*
Theatre	**11**	*20*
Management	**12**	*12*
	98	*129*

12. Staff costs (continued)

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2021 No.	*2020* *No.*
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	**2**	*2*
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	**-**	*1*
In the band £160,001 - £170,000	**1**	-

The key management personnel of the Trust comprise the Employee Trustee(s) and the Senior Leadership Team as included in the Report to Trustees. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Trust was £440,750 (2020 - £336,500).

The remuneration of key management personnel and disclosure of higher paid employees above include an exceptional one-off exit payment during the year.

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The Employee Trustee(s) received remuneration in the following bandings for the period they were a trustee:

	2021 £	*2020* *£*
R A S Cameron	**£20k - £25k**	*£0k - £5k*
H Field	**£nil**	*£20k - £25k*

During the year, retirement benefits were accruing to 1 trustee (2020 - 2 trustees) in respect of defined benefit pension schemes.

Remuneration is received in respect of their contracts of employment and not in respect of their role as a trustee.

Other trustees do not receive any remuneration from the Trust.

During the year ended 31 March 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred *(2020 - £686)*.

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14. Intangible assets

	Computer software £
Cost	
At 1 April 2020	**45,593**
At 31 March 2021	**45,593**
Amortisation	
At 1 April 2020	**9,119**
Charge for the year	**9,118**
At 31 March 2021	**18,237**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2021	**27,356**
At 31 March 2020	*36,474*

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant, machinery and fixtures £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2020	**257,672**
Additions	**13,490**
At 31 March 2021	**271,162**
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2020	**156,974**
Charge for the year	**46,164**
At 31 March 2021	**203,138**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2021	**68,024**
At 31 March 2020	*100,698*

16. Investment property

	Cafe property £	Cafe equipment £	Total £
Valuation			
At 1 April 2020	**252,959**	**65,294**	**318,253**
Loss on revaluation	**(102,959)**	**-**	**(102,959)**
Write-down	**-**	**(21,766)**	**(21,766)**
At 31 March 2021	**150,000**	**43,528**	**193,528**

Cafe property was initially recorded at cost. The property has subsequently valued at fair value based on an independent valuation prepared by a suitably qualified third party.

Cafe equipment has initially been recorded at cost and is being written down to its residual value over its useful economic life.

17. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2020	**1**
At 31 March 2021	**1**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2021	**1**
At 31 March 2020	*1*

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Trust:

Name	Company number	Principal activity	Class of shares	Holding
Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited	11788244	Operation of Cafe	Ordinary	100%

17. Fixed asset investments (continued)

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Income £	Expenditure £	Profit/(Loss) / Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year £	Net liabilities £
Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited	**34,182**	**(33,838)**	**344**	**(33,833)**

The registered office of Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited is the same as the Trust as disclosed on page 1.

During the year, as a result of the pandemic, an agreement was made to transfer the operations of the subsidiary to the Trust. As a result, at the year-end, the subsidiary company was dormant.

18. Stocks

	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Finished goods and goods for resale	**16,060**	*22,437*

19. Debtors

	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	**81,966**	*46,274*
Amounts owed by group undertakings	**298**	*17*
Other debtors	**11,832**	*104*
Prepayments and accrued income	**147,019**	*113,067*
	241,115	*159,462*

20. Current asset investments

	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Cash investments in notice accounts	**527,956**	*276,216*

21. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	*2020 £*
Trade creditors	**111,836**	*106,958*
Other taxation and social security	**29,166**	*64,550*
Other creditors	**20,114**	*49,469*
Accruals and deferred income	**665,994**	*618,909*
	827,110	*839,886*

	2021 £	*2020 £*
Deferred income at 1 April	**470,437**	*471,852*
Resources deferred during the year	**159,427**	*458,307*
Amounts released from previous periods	**(142,132)**	*(459,722)*
Deferred income at 31 March	**487,732**	*470,437*

Deferred income represents Grants and Other Income Received in Advance, Box Office Ticket Sales in Advance of Shows and Unspent Gift Vouchers.

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22. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Cultural and Wellbeing Projects	**50,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**50,000**
General funds						
Reserves	**775,824**	**2,362,815**	**(2,399,930)**	**5,779**	**(102,959)**	**641,529**
Pension Reserve	**(875,000)**	**-**	**(199,000)**	**-**	**(1,381,000)**	**(2,455,000)**
	(99,176)	**2,362,815**	**(2,598,930)**	**5,779**	**(1,483,959)**	**(1,813,471)**
Total Unrestricted funds	**(49,176)**	**2,362,815**	**(2,598,930)**	**5,779**	**(1,483,959)**	**(1,763,471)**
Restricted funds						
SO Festival	**-**	**155,719**	**(136,878)**	**-**	**-**	**18,841**
Theatre Donations	**-**	**35,492**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**35,492**
Cultural / Health Improvement Projects	**1,720**	**150,379**	**(127,419)**	**(5,865)**	**-**	**18,815**
Sports Projects	**10,006**	**278**	**(278)**	**-**	**-**	**10,006**
Other	**-**	**9,750**	**(9,836)**	**86**	**-**	**-**
COVID Support	**-**	**1,174,731**	**(1,174,731)**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Cultural Recovery Fund	**-**	**214,693**	**(214,693)**	**-**	**-**	**-**
	11,726	**1,741,042**	**(1,663,835)**	**(5,779)**	**-**	**83,154**

22. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Total of funds	**(37,450)**	**4,103,857**	**(4,262,765)**	**-**	**(1,483,959)**	**(1,680,317)**

Unrestricted Funds:

General Funds
General Funds are those funds not designated towards any project in particular and can be used towards any of the Trust's objectives.

At the year-end, the Trustees have designated £50,000 for cultural and wellbeing projects where the operational budgets may be insufficient or for the match-funding of any new projects.

Pension Reserve
The Pension Reserve represents the year-end deficit balance on the Trust's pension scheme. Whilst this creates a deficit in unrestricted funds, it is not an immediately crystalising liability and contributions have and will be made in line with the actuary's recommendations. East Lindsey District Council continues to act as a guarantor.

Material Restricted Funds:

SO Festival
SO Festival represents incoming resources (including specific funding from Arts Council England) received to put on the annual SO Festival in August / September each year.

Cultural / Health Improvement Projects
This includes funding from Louth and District Hospice to fund the Still Me dementia support project and Talk, Eat, Drink in East Lindsey projects funded by the National Lottery as part of the Aging Better programme.

COVID Support
COVID Support includes funding from the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) to support the Trust's employees through the pandemic as well as local authority grants available. In the analysis of income, the grant funding has been split between activities.

Cultural Recovery Fund
The Cultural Recovery Fund is a grant to support the recovery of cultural venues and activities due to the pandemic.

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22. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Gains/ (Losses)* £	*Balance at 31 March 2020* £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Capital Funds Projects	*300,000*	-	-	*(300,000)*	-	-
Cultural and Wellbeing Projects	*50,000*	-	-	-	-	*50,000*
	350,000	-	-	*(300,000)*	-	*50,000*
General funds						
Reserves	*539,783*	*6,035,977*	*(6,024,936)*	*225,000*	-	*775,824*
Pension Reserve	*(1,161,000)*	-	*(485,000)*	-	*771,000*	*(875,000)*
	(621,217)	6,035,977	(6,509,936)	*225,000*	*771,000*	*(99,176)*
Total Unrestricted funds	(271,217)	6,035,977	(6,509,936)	*(75,000)*	*771,000*	*(49,176)*
Restricted funds						
SO Festival	-	*167,000*	*(242,000)*	*75,000*	-	-
Cultural / Health Improvement Projects	*986*	*188,704*	*(187,970)*	-	-	*1,720*
Sports Projects	*10,006*	-	-	-	-	*10,006*
Other	-	*3,500*	*(3,500)*	-	-	-
COVID Support	-	*28,000*	*(28,000)*	-	-	-
	10,992	387,204	(461,470)	*75,000*	-	*11,726*

22. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Gains/ (Losses)* £	*Balance at 31 March 2020* £
Total of funds	*(260,225)*	*6,423,181*	*(6,971,406)*	*-*	*771,000*	*(37,450)*

23. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	**Income** £	**Expenditure** £	**Transfers in/out** £	**Gains/ (Losses)** £	**Balance at 31 March 2021** £
Designated funds	**50,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**50,000**
General funds	**(99,176)**	**2,362,815**	**(2,598,930)**	**5,779**	**(1,483,959)**	**(1,813,471)**
Restricted funds	**11,726**	**1,741,042**	**(1,663,835)**	**(5,779)**	**-**	**83,154**
	(37,450)	**4,103,857**	**(4,262,765)**	**-**	**(1,483,959)**	**(1,680,317)**

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Gains/ (Losses)* £	*Balance at 31 March 2020* £
Designated funds	*350,000*	*-*	*-*	*(300,000)*	*-*	*50,000*
General funds	*(621,217)*	*6,035,977*	*(6,509,936)*	*225,000*	*771,000*	*(99,176)*
Restricted funds	*10,992*	*387,204*	*(461,470)*	*75,000*	*-*	*11,726*
	(260,225)	*6,423,181*	*(6,971,406)*	*-*	*771,000*	*(37,450)*

24. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	68,024	-	**68,024**
Intangible fixed assets	27,356	-	**27,356**
Fixed asset investments	1	-	**1**
Investment property	193,528	-	**193,528**
Current assets	1,229,730	83,154	**1,312,884**
Creditors due within one year	(827,110)	-	**(827,110)**
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(2,455,000)	-	**(2,455,000)**
Total	(1,763,471)	83,154	**(1,680,317)**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	*Restricted funds 2020 £*	*Total funds 2020 £*
Tangible fixed assets	100,698	-	*100,698*
Intangible fixed assets	36,474	-	*36,474*
Fixed asset investments	1	-	*1*
Investment property	318,253	-	*318,253*
Current assets	1,210,284	11,726	*1,222,010*
Creditors due within one year	(839,886)	-	*(839,886)*
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(875,000)	-	*(875,000)*
Total	(49,176)	11,726	*(37,450)*

25. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**(261,867)**	*(548,225)*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**67,930**	*65,231*
Amortisation charges	**9,118**	*9,119*
Loss on revaluation of investment property	**102,959**	*-*
Interest receivable	**(2,547)**	*(9,934)*
Decrease in stocks	**6,377**	*1,962*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**(81,823)**	*15,193*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**(12,776)**	*121,179*
Pension scheme FRS102 actuarial adjustments	**199,000**	*485,000*
Net cash provided by operating activities	**26,371**	*139,525*

26. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	**527,753**	*763,895*
Total cash and cash equivalents	**527,753**	*763,895*

27. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**763,895**	**(236,142)**	**527,753**
Cash investments	**276,216**	**251,740**	**527,956**
	1,040,111	**15,598**	**1,055,709**

28. Pension commitments

The Trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Trust in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Trust to the fund and amounted to £26,317 (2020 - £30,315). Total contributions amounting to £5,480 (2020 - £8,212) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date which is included in other creditors.

The Trust operates a defined benefit pension scheme.

The Trust's employees belong to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), which is managed by Lincolnshire County Council. The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The LGPS is subject to a triennial valuation.

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. Details of the total contributions during the year are given in the analysis below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 14.9% for the Trust and a maximum of 12.5% for employees.

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	At 31 March 2021 %	*At 31 March 2020 %*
Discount Rate	**2.05**	*2.30*
Salary Increase Rate	**1.00**	*1.00*
Pension Increase Rate	**2.80**	*1.80*

	At 31 March 2021 Years	*At 31 March 2020 Years*
Mortality rates (in years)		
- for a male aged 65 now	**21.1**	*21.4*
- at 65 for a male aged 45 now	**22.0**	*22.4*
- for a female aged 65 now	**23.6**	*23.7*
- at 65 for a female aged 45 now	**25.0**	*25.2*

Sensitivity analysis

	At 31 March 2021 £	*At 31 March 2020 £*
0.5% Decrease in Discount Rate	**1,890,000**	*1,364,000*
0.5% Increase in Salary Increase Rate	**320,000**	*185,000*
0.5% Increase in Pension Increase Rate	**1,555,000**	*1,168,000*

28. Pension commitments (continued)

The Trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	At 31 March 2021 £	*At 31 March 2020 £*
Equities	**6,753,000**	*4,905,000*
Bonds	**1,297,000**	*1,736,000*
Property	**985,000**	*830,000*
Cash	**383,000**	*75,000*
Total fair value of assets	**9,418,000**	*7,546,000*

The actual return on scheme assets was £1,717,000 *(2020 - £(938,000))*.

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities are as follows:

	2021 £	*2020 £*
Current service cost	**365,000**	*698,000*
Past service cost	**22,000**	*2,000*
Interest income	**(175,000)**	*(209,000)*
Interest cost	**193,000**	*244,000*
Administrative expenses	**6,000**	-
Total amount recognised in the Statement of financial activities	**411,000**	*735,000*

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were as follows:

	2021 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	**8,421,000**
Current service cost	**365,000**
Interest cost on defined benefit obligation	**193,000**
Contributions by scheme participants	**77,000**
Changes in assumptions	**2,923,000**
Benefits paid	**(128,000)**
Past service costs	**22,000**
Closing defined benefit obligation	**11,873,000**

28. Pension commitments (continued)

Movements in the fair value of the Trust's share of scheme assets were as follows:

	2021 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	**7,546,000**
Interest income on plan assets	**175,000**
Return on assets excluding amounts included in net interest	**1,542,000**
Contributions by employer	**212,000**
Contributions by scheme participants	**77,000**
Benefits paid	**(128,000)**
Administration expenses	**(6,000)**
Closing fair value of scheme assets	**9,418,000**

29. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2021 the Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Not later than 1 year	**70,000**	*70,000*
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**280,000**	*280,000*
Later than 5 years	**962,740**	*1,032,740*
	1,312,740	*1,382,740*

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of financial activities:

	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Operating lease rentals	**70,000**	*46,027*

30. Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

31. Related party transactions

The following transactions and balances have been undertaken whcih require disclosure in line with the requirements of the Charities SORP:

Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited:

Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Magna Vitae. During the year, Magna Vitae continued to provide finance and recharge expenses paid for on behalf of Magna Vitae Enterprises Limited. The balance outstanding at the year-end was £36,329 (2020 - £38,702). Due to uncertainty over recoverability, Magna Vitae have included a provision of £36,031 (2020 - £38,685) leaving a balance of £298 (2020 - £17) included in amounts owed by group undertakings.

Trustees:

A R Lidgard has significant influence and control over Brackenborough Limited. During the year, the company provided catering services at a cost of £800 (2020 - £800). There was no balance outstanding at either year-end.

P Helps has significant influence over Viva Chamber Orchestra Ltd and Sinfonia Viva Events Limited. During the year, the companies provided production services at a cost of £3,801 (2020 - £18,825). There was no balance outstanding at either year-end. This relationship ceased during the year.

Key Management Personnel:

The spouse of James Brindle runs First Cricket. During the year, the club has paid hire costs of £361 (2020 - £1,076). There was no balance outstanding at either year-end.