



Charity number: CE007600

Company number: 1167781

(England and Wales)

Mesopotamia

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 05 April 2021

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Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 05 April 2021

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 05 April 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Mesopotamia is a UK-registered charity that works to provide relief from poverty and hardship worldwide. The Charity aims to support the vulnerable and allow them to rebuild their lives with dignity. Since its inception in 2015, the Charity has fed and clothed thousands provided access to medical care and helped vulnerable refugees in France, Greece and Turkey. While the Charity has several projects abroad, the Charity also provides support to many individuals in the UK. The main goal is to assist those in need, feed those who are hungry, and cloth those who are cold.

Mesopotamia believes the aid they offer should be available to all. This is why we strive to support those in hard-to-reach areas. From refugee camps in war zones to shelters in our local community, we offer assistance to individuals in need. We provide financial, emotional and psychological support for refugees, veterans, the young, the elderly, the hungry and the homeless. Mesopotamia team has in-depth knowledge and connections in the serving areas. This also helps to ensure that resources are delivered to those who need them most.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Volunteers

The Contribution made by volunteers throughout the year has been immense. The Charity is run entirely by volunteers with no paid staff members, so volunteers provide the means to carry out all of Mesopotamia's objectives. This year the value of the volunteers have been evident due to COVID restrictions on movement.

Our volunteers put themselves on the frontline tackling poverty within our neighbourhood and further afield. Whilst the country locked down, the volunteers at Mesopotamia stepped up, increasing their hours and their workload. The Charity has fed 400 people a whole week's worth of food each week, at its greatest, this increase to over 700 people. The Charity supports some of the most vulnerable people within the community and genuinely impact their wellbeing.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Significant activities

This year Mesopotamia has increased its work towards its objectives locally. The COVID pandemic has pushed a more significant proportion of people towards poverty. We have increased the charity projects we run, such as the food bank and clothing bank. We also started new initiatives to tackle the rising issue of lockdowns and isolation. Again those struggling financially were impacted more so due to the inability to fund their welfare. The impact that Covid has had on the need for education and healthcare were paramount when distributing aid and prioritising spending. The Charity has identified deficiencies in the UK and abroad for hygiene items and healthcare aid.

Achievements against objectives

Mesopotamia became one of the largest food banks in Nottinghamshire during this financial period. Our client grew as our network grew. We now take referrals from local authorities, social care, city council and local schools. We also had an increase of referrals from our local NHS Trust asking us to support those affected by poverty and impacted by COVID. Due to COVID restrictions, many foodbanks close their doors. Mesopotamia increased its food distribution and directly saved people from Hunger and food poverty. We brought the community together during this period. We valued people and made them feel less isolated. We focused on the core aims and objectives of the charity, preventing and relief of poverty. Due to travel restrictions, we focused our work on the UK and helping the local community in its time of need.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Significant events

COVID has hit hard, and during the year, the Charity has limited its fundraising and used most of the funds towards the local community Foodbank and spent some aid to Turkey to help refugees.

Going concern

The Charity is in the best position it has ever been. The Charity is now more established within the community and is more certain than ever that they are making a genuine difference in people's lives. COVID is still an uncertainty and has had an enormous effect on how we fundraise and operate. The help is needed more than ever, yet the charity shop has been unable to open its doors, so that income is uncertain in the coming months.

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Report of the Trustees Continued
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Mesopotamia is a Charity staffed entirely by volunteers. The Trustees, in general, play an active role in the running of the Charity. We work closely with other groups in the UK and abroad who share the same ethos, standards, and objectives as Mesopotamia. Although the Charity works closely with other groups in the UK and abroad, they are financially and structurally independent.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	Mesopotamia
Charity registration number	CE007600
Company registration number	1167781
Principal address	557 Valley Road Nottingham NG5 1JE

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Alan Freestone
Maureen Thomas
Rachel Miller
Ibrahim Oktay Emec
Ian Smith
Andrew Thomas

Secretary	Maureen Thomas
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Independent examiners	WIM Consulting Ltd 12B High View Parade Woodford Avenue Ilford IG4 5EP
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

R Miller

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Rachel Miller

29 March 2022

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 05 April 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 05 April 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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29 March 2022

Mesopotamia
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 05 April 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	56,911	20,474	77,385	23,892
Charitable activities	3	30,774	-	30,774	-
Total		87,685	20,474	108,159	23,892
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4/5	(66,834)	(20,474)	(87,308)	(23,705)
Total		(66,834)	(20,474)	(87,308)	(23,705)
Net income/expenditure		20,851	-	20,851	187
Total funds carried forward		20,851	-	20,851	187

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 05 April 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets		480	600
Tangible assets		11,011	-
		11,491	600
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		22,168	994
		22,168	994
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(1,800)	(585)
Net current assets		20,368	409
Total assets less current liabilities		31,859	1,009
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		(10,000)	-
Net assets		21,859	1,009
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds		21,859	1,009
Total funds		21,859	1,009

For the year ended 05 April 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

R Miller

Rachel Miller
Trustee

29 March 2022

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 05 April 2021

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and 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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Mesopotamia 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 note(s).

Going concern

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations received	-	20,474	20,474	23,892
Grants received	46,511	-	46,511	-
Donated goods and services	10,400	-	10,400	-
	56,911	20,474	77,385	23,892

3. Income from charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Income from charitable activities	30,774	-

Donations received are for charitable causes as per Charity's mission statement to relieve poverty. The Charity has a shop and Cafe where free food is served, and donated goods are sold.

The Charity has received COVID Grants from the local council for both shops during the year based on the rateable value.

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4. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	65,034	20,474	85,508	23,705
Support costs	1,800	-	1,800	-
	66,834	20,474	87,308	23,705

5. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	2021	2020
	£	£
Activities undertaken directly		
Charitable activities	85,508	23,705
Governance fee	1,800	-
	87,308	23,705

6. Particulars of employees

	2021	2020
Volunteers	16	16
	16	16

7. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	5,855	18,037	23,892
Total	5,855	18,037	23,892
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	(5,668)	(18,037)	(23,705)
Total	(5,668)	(18,037)	(23,705)
Net income/expenditure	187	-	187
Total funds carried forward	187	-	187

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 05 April 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	20,474	23,892
Grants receivable	46,511	-
Donated goods and services	10,400	-
	77,385	23,892
Charitable activities		
Income from charitable activities (Charitable activities)	30,774	-
	30,774	-
Total incoming resources	108,159	23,892
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Cost of direct charitable activity (Charitable activities)	(85,508)	(23,705)
	(85,508)	(23,705)
SUPPORT COSTS		
Governance costs		
Governance costs (Governance fee)	(1,800)	-
	(1,800)	-
Total resources expended	(87,308)	(23,705)
Net Income	20,851	187

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