

**BRITISH FRIENDS OF NEVE SHALOM ~ WAHAT AL-SALAM**

**REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**AND**

**THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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Ms Sima Awad  
Judge Laurence Brass (Chair)  
Sir Andrew Burns KCMG  
Lady Burns JP  
Mr Tony Hyams (Hon Treasurer)  
Mrs Jenny Nemko  
Mr Ghanem Nuseibeh  
Mr Anthony Warshaw (Hon Secretary)  
Dr. Jack Omer-Jackaman  
Liz Silman

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Lady Dyson  
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Tal Arrowsmith

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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## **BRITISH FRIENDS OF NEVE SHALOM ~ WAHAT AL-SALAM**

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Trustees (hereinafter referred to as the Governing Body) submit the annual report and the unaudited financial statements of Oasis of Peace UK (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Governing Body confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the Charities Act 2011, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and with 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The Charity operates under the name of Oasis of Peace UK and British Friends of Neve Shalom ~ Wahat al-Salam.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Constitution and management**

Oasis of Peace UK is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and has a Constitution ("the Constitution") approved by the Charity Commission. It is managed by the Governing Body which meets not less than four times a year.

##### **Method of appointment and recruitment of Trustees**

Under the terms of the Constitution, trustees are nominated and elected at general meeting.

The Constitution allows a minimum of three trustees. In accordance with the Constitution, one third of the trustees (or the number nearest) retire each year but are entitled to stand for re-election.

Trustees may be removed at a general meeting by a majority of two thirds, pursuant to a resolution in accordance with the Constitution and provided that 14 days notice has been given.

##### **Policies adopted for the induction and training of Governing Body members**

Normally, the Chairperson meets or otherwise communicates with the candidate and discusses with them their application or invitation to join the Governing Body. These people are usually already familiar with Oasis of Peace UK, having attended events or by having been introduced by another supporter. If the candidate is in agreement, the Chairperson will recommend the person to the Governing Body and will invite him or her to attend a committee meeting as a guest. The candidate is given a copy of the Constitution and is afforded full access to all financial information. If the candidate expresses the willingness to join, and if a majority of the Governing Body votes affirmatively, the person joins the Governing Body as a co-opted Member, to be presented for election at the next annual general meeting.

New members of the Governing Body are encouraged to visit the village of Neve Shalom / Wahat al-Salam (hereinafter referred to as NSWaS), either by joining one of the annual visits organised by the Charity or by attending the annual meeting of the international Friends' Associations (the counterparts of the Charity in other countries in Europe and North America), which usually takes place at NSWaS.

Alternatively, they can make their own private arrangements to visit if they are in Israel. Relevant emails and other communications are exchanged amongst the Governing Body and the staff, enabling all to participate in deliberations.

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The Charity's office regularly receives information on courses organised by the Directory of Social Change (DSC), Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) and other professional organisations. The Governing Body is circulated on any that are relevant; many of them are created especially for the governing bodies of charities.

The trustees who held office during the year were as follows:

Ms Sima Awad  
Judge Laurence Brass (Chair)  
Sir Andrew Burns KCMG  
Lady Burns JP  
Mr Tony Hyams (Hon Treasurer)  
Mr Michael Mitzman – *Resigned 25/05/2023*  
Mrs Jenny Nemko  
Mr Ghanem Nuseibeh  
Mr Anthony Warshaw (Hon Secretary)  
Dr. Jack Omer-Jackaman – *Appointed 25/05/2023*  
Liz Silman - *Appointed 26/09/2023*

Judge Laurence Brass replaced Sir Andrew Burns as Chair at the AGM on 25th May 2023. Sir Andrew Burns remains a trustee.

The trustees who were appointed during the year end and who have also resigned during the year are as follows:

Dr Suliman Boulous - *Appointed 25/05/2023 & resigned 03/07/2023*  
Fiyaz Mughal - *Appointed 25/05/2023 & resigned 06/07/2023*

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

The major risks, to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Governing Body, have been reviewed. The Register of Risks and the systems and safeguards established via the Risk Management Plan have been regularly reviewed and updated by the Governing Body. The risks identified under the following headings continue to be:

- The environment in which we operate
- Our premises, records, and equipment
- Our people
- Our operations
- Our finances

The Risk Management Plan document can be obtained by interested parties on request to the Executive Director.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Summary of objectives**

The Charity's objects are to:

- To advance the education of the public in general, but with particular reference to NSWaS in such ways as shall be thought fit but in particular by the provision of the following:
  - (a) Educational projects of both Jews and Arabs about NSWaS and the subjects of social equality, cohesion and unity and diversity;
  - (b) Financial or other support of the maintenance, repair or provision of educational or other activities in NSWaS;
  - (c) Scholarships and other financial assistance for both Jews and Arabs to enable them to attend courses or seminars at NSWaS.
- The promotion of racial and religious harmony for the public benefit by educating the public about NSWaS and how its work has brought together the Jewish and Arab communities in peace and harmony.

**Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit**

The Governing Body confirms that its members have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and that they will continue to ensure that each year they will consider how the members of the Governing Body continues to meet the public benefit objectives outlined in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011. The achievements are set out in more detail on page 7 of this report.

**Mission Statement**

To benefit the public interest, by supporting NSWaS's schools and educational activities financially, and to raise public awareness in the UK of NSWaS and the values for which it stands. To achieve this, the Charity:

- Supports NSWaS's educational institutions financially through donations and bequests from individuals, grants from Trusts and Foundations, and fundraising events;
- Is in regular contact with NSWaS's educational institutions and Secretariat;
- Communicates with Friends associations in other countries to assure that financial support for NSWaS is co-ordinated;
- Raises public awareness by communicating information about NSWaS and its methods to a wide audience in the UK;
- Co-operates with other UK charities in support of the Charity's objectives;
- Organises educational tours in the UK, bringing over representatives from the NSWaS village to speak throughout the country; and
- Arranges accompanied visits to NSWaS

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##### **Main objectives for the year**

The Charity's main goals for 2023 continued to be raising funds (both restricted and unrestricted) in order to support chosen educational programs and projects at NSWaS.

Our efforts continued to focus on raising awareness among the British public about the unique mission of NSWaS (the Village). It is the only place in Israel where Jews and Arabs of Israeli citizenship, including Christians and Muslims, live together harmoniously as friends, neighbours, and equal participants in the Village's governance. The Village aims to demonstrate that in Israel, it is possible for Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs to coexist in the same community as equals and work towards raising their children together.

The Charity has continued to provide support to the School for Peace, the Pluralistic Spiritual Centre, and the Children's Educational System. This support is provided from nursery and pre-school, kindergarten up until primary school sixth grade, in a bilingual, binational, and multicultural environment. It's unique in the country and caters to both Arab and Jewish communities. NSWaS is dedicated to educating the Israeli public about peace and tolerance, regardless of their religious or ethnic background. This is now seen as even more important than ever following the tragic events on 7th October 2023 and the ensuing escalation of the conflict.

During the year the Charity continued to pursue one of its key objectives to manage its outreach events effectively. The aim was to combine fundraising with increasing public awareness of NSWaS's educational programmes that the Charity supports. To achieve this, the Charity continued to research potential new donors, placing particular emphasis on charitable foundations and trusts to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of its activities.

##### **Governing Body's Strategy**

The Charity's strategy for achieving the above objectives continued to focus on its awareness and fundraising programmes.

The awareness programmes are achieved as follows:

- The Charity sends out a regular newsletter to around 2,000 people across the country via email and hard copies where necessary. The newsletter includes news updates about the Village and information related to the Charity. Additionally, MailChimp emails are also sent on a regular basis.
- We have a website that is regularly updated and adheres to industry standards. It is equipped with a variety of features that make it highly functional.
- We have also implemented an expanded social media strategy which has resulted in significantly increased engagement on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- Our fundraising efforts include submitting applications to foundations and trusts, as well as sending personal letters and project reports to all grant donors. We also produce annual reports for trusts and foundations.

To support our fundraising initiatives, we plan events throughout the year.



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##### **Use of volunteers**

The Charity benefits from the services of volunteers to achieve its objectives. Tasks carried out by volunteers include:

- Facilitating introductions
- Helping at the Charity's events
- Policy and fundraising research

##### **Grant policy**

The Governing Body is diligent to ensure that the Charity's funds are used in accordance with its charitable objects. Most programmes and projects supported financially by the Charity are time-limited or one-off grants to named NSWaS educational institutions, for particular projects, rather than grants to the institutions as general budgetary support. The grants are almost always in response to specific budgeted applications from the institutions. The Charity does not make grants which promise continued funding in future years. (The exceptions which arise represent donations to the Charity of restricted funds earmarked for multi-year projects.)

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

##### ***Review of performance against objectives***

During the year the Charity held a number of events which continued to raise awareness of the work of NSWaS. The events included:

- The annual Rueff Lecture was held at Jacksons Lane in Highgate on November 30th 2023. A record 125 in-person attendees tuned in to hear Rob Rinder MBE speak on the topic "How Stories of Humanity Change How We Hear and Move Us Towards Peace".
- The 2023 AGM was held in the prestigious surroundings of the House of Lords which was kindly sponsored by Baroness Janet Whitaker on 25th May 2023 with 45 people in attendance.
- Samah Salame, the Village's communications director, came to the UK in May and met with representatives of the FCDO, parliamentarians, and a number of religious and academic leaders. She was also the keynote speaker at our annual general meeting.

The charity ensured that its supporters were kept well-informed about NSWaS and the progress of the educational programs that it supported. It published an expanded magazine both in hard copy and electronic format, which was circulated to a mailing list of nearly two thousand recipients. Additionally, it frequently sent emails to provide updates about events and make fundraising appeals. The Charity also used social media to reach and engage a wider audience.

Through fundraising and awareness efforts, the Charity gained new members and increased financial resources while promoting NSWaS mission.

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#### *Principal funding sources and how expenditure has supported key objectives*

Nine Trusts and Foundations supported the Charity's work in 2023. Of these, two Trusts and a number of other donors restricted their grants to specific projects to be carried out at NSWaS. These are:

- Primary School: Operational costs
- School for Peace: Rebuilding Project & General Funds

In the customary way, the donors have received reports on the completed projects in the course of 2023. Voluntary donations include resources gained, both restricted and unrestricted, as follows:

	£
• Major Trusts & Family Trusts	65,850
• Legacies	179,786

#### **Financial position**

The results for the year are set out on page 11. The Charity ended the 2023 year with an unrestricted fund balance of £254,156 and a restricted fund balance of £119,384. The Charity provided grants totalling £176,000 to NSWaS (2022: £125,259) for the specific educational projects and programmes listed on Page 21. During the year the Charity raised £214,455 (2022-£52,775) of unrestricted revenues. The Charity also raised £112,942 (2022-£60,806) of restricted revenue which were donated for specific projects and programmes consistent with the Charity's mission. The total funds generated in 2023 were £327,397 compared to £113,581 in the previous year.

The increase in expenditure in the year was mainly due to the increase in grants the Charity provided to NSWaS. The Charity ended 2023 with no long-term liabilities, or with any funds in deficit.

The Governing Body was satisfied with the results and is confident in its capacity to cover its running costs and provide sufficient reserves as well as to provide funding to meet its stated objectives.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The working capital reserve policy projects the amounts required to achieve an orderly winding up of the Charity in the event that its incoming resources were insufficient to continue supporting these projects. This has been estimated by the Committee at six months' worth of administrative and support costs of the current operations, amounting to approximately £35,000. As noted above, the Charity ended 2023 with unrestricted fund reserves in excess of this level.

The resources of the Charity are always kept at a relatively modest level. Hence the Governing Body considers it prudent to keep all funds in low risk interest-bearing bank accounts, primarily at the Charity Aid Foundations Bank. The Charity has no intention to accumulate large reserves by holding on to funds that were donated to support the Charity's mission.

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**STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

This report was approved by the Governing Body on 23 August 2024 and signed on its behalf, by:



Mr Tony Hyams (Hon Treasurer and Trustee)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
BRITISH FRIENDS OF NEVE SHALOM ~ WAHAT AL-SALAM**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the British Friends of Neve Shalom ~ Wahat Al-Salam for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 21.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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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Dated: 23 August 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	192,888	112,942	305,830	107,172
Other Trading Activities	3	8,050	-	8,050	4,525
Investment income	4	13,517	-	13,517	1,884
<b>Total</b>		<u>214,455</u>	<u>112,942</u>	<u>327,397</u>	<u>113,581</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising Funds	6	47,730	-	47,730	44,211
Charitable expenditure:	7	33,962	176,000	209,962	160,024
<b>Total</b>		<u>81,692</u>	<u>176,000</u>	<u>257,692</u>	<u>204,235</u>
<b>Net income/ (expenditure) for the year</b>		132,763	(63,058)	69,705	(90,654)
Transfer between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Movement in funds for the year</b>		132,763	(63,058)	69,705	(90,654)
Total funds brought forward		121,393	182,442	303,835	394,489
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<u>£ 254,156</u>	<u>£ 119,384</u>	<u>£ 373,540</u>	<u>£ 303,835</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

		2023		2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	10		1		284
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	11,427		4,928	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>378,258</u>		<u>311,442</u>	
		389,685		316,370	
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>(16,146)</u>		<u>(12,819)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			373,539		303,551
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		£	<u><u>373,540</u></u>	£	<u><u>303,835</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>					
General Fund	15		254,156		121,393
Restricted Fund	15/16		119,384		182,442
		£	<u><u>373,540</u></u>	£	<u><u>303,835</u></u>

Approved on behalf of the Governing Body on 23 August 2024 by:



..... Mr Tony Hyams -Honorary Treasurer and Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements were as follows:

**1.1 Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 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 1st January 2015), The Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

**1.2 Going concern**

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern.

The Trustees have assessed the impact the downturn in the global economy (including the cost of living and energy crisis) may have on its forecast and projections and have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approving these financial statements.

The Charity has concluded that it has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and consequently it appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

**1.3 Income**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies or grants from various individuals, corporations and charitable foundations are recognised where there is entitlement, any conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Such income is only deferred when:

- a) The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods.
- b) The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Income generated from fund raising events is recognised when earned.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under gift aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

All incoming resources are reported gross before expenses.

For Legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy in whole or in part is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent

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**1.4 Donated services and facilities**

Donated services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably by the Governing Body of Trustees using best estimates..

**1.5 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**1.6 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following headings:

Cost of raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes all direct costs incurred to further the purpose of the charity together with associated support costs.

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Grants payable refer to payments made to third parties in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Charity. Grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Governing Body have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the Governing Body.

Provision for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient unless there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of the grant payable.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**1.7 Taxation and Miscellaneous**

As the charity is a registered charity it is not liable to income tax on its charitable activities (and it does not undertake any non-charitable trading). The charity is unable to recover VAT, and all expenditure is thus stated inclusive of VAT where applicable.

Other policies are explained within the notes on specific aspects of the accounts.

**1.8 Allocation of support costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure of charitable activities and the bases on which the support have been allocated are set out in note 5.



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**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1.9 Tangible fixed assets**

All tangible fixed asset expenditure is capitalised at cost. Provision is made for depreciation on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Office equipment and furniture 25%.

**1.10 Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

**1.11 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

**1.12 Financial instruments**

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

**1.13 Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

**1.14 Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1.15 *Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**1.16 *Leases***

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**1.17 *Employee benefits***

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

***Retirement benefits***

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

**1.18 *Fund accounting***

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the Trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

**1.19 *Critical accounting estimates and judgements***

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

**1.20 *Foreign exchange***

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

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<b>2</b>	<b>DONATIONS AND LEGACIES</b>	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Donations from individuals, charitable trusts and other institutions	63,102	62,942	126,044	97,172
	Legacies	129,786	50,000	179,786	10,000
		<u>192,888</u>	<u>112,942</u>	<u>305,830</u>	<u>107,172</u>
<b>3</b>	<b>TRADING ACTIVITIES</b>	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Events, concert, visits etc.	8,050	-	8,050	4,525
		<u>8,050</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,050</u>	<u>4,525</u>
<b>4</b>	<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Bank interest	13,517	-	13,517	1,884
		<u>13,517</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,517</u>	<u>1,884</u>

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**5 ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT COSTS (INCLUDING GOVERNANCE COSTS)**

The charity initially identifies the costs of its support functions. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Having identified its governance costs, the remaining support costs are apportioned between charitable activities undertaken in the year. Refer to the table below for the basis of apportionment and the analysis of support and governance costs.

	Basis of allocation	Support Costs £	Governance £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	Time	15,171	7,482	22,653	21,042
Independent examiners fee	usage	-	5,150	5,150	4,830
Trustees meetings	usage	-	766	766	1,111
Communication	usage	5,898	-	5,898	4,955
Printing, postage and stationery	usage	572	-	572	47
Premises costs	usage	4,666	-	4,666	10,463
Depreciation	usage	193	-	193	94
Bookkeeping	usage	2,676	-	2,676	2,370
Travelling costs	usage	388	-	388	142
Other costs	usage	994	-	994	1,043
		<u>30,558</u>	<u>13,398</u>	<u>43,956</u>	<u>46,097</u>

**6 COST OF RAISING FUNDS**

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Direct staff costs	13,469	-	13,469	12,980
Direct costs of events	15,111	-	15,111	11,155
Allocated support costs	19,150	-	19,150	20,076
	<u>47,730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,730</u>	<u>44,211</u>

**7 ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE**

	Grant funded activity £	Information and education £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants -(see note 9)	176,000	-	176,000	125,259
Direct costs - Staff	-	8,043	8,043	7,863
Direct costs- Other	-	1,113	1,113	881
Allocated support costs	-	24,806	24,806	26,021
	<u>176,000</u>	<u>33,962</u>	<u>209,962</u>	<u>160,024</u>

For the year ended 31st December 2023, charitable expenditure was £209,962 (2022: £160,024) of which £176,000 (2022: £125,259) was expenditure from restricted funds.

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**8 ANALYSIS OF GRANTS FUNDED**

	Restricted Funds £	General Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>School for Peace</u>				
SFP General	-	-	-	21,673
<u>Primary school</u>				
Teachers Salaries	35,000	-	35,000	35,043
PS General	141,000	-	141,000	68,543
<u>Pluarlistic Spiritual Centre</u>				
Pluarlistic Spiritual Centre	-	-	-	-
	<u>176,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,000</u>	<u>125,259</u>

**9 ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS**

	2023 £	2022 £
Salary	42,120	40,791
Recruitment costs	-	199
Training costs	1,140	-
Pension contributions	906	894
	<u>44,166</u>	<u>41,884</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2022: 2). No member of staff earned more than £60,000. The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or benefits in kind (2022: £Nil). Reimbursement of trustees expenses is disclosed in note 17.

**10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Office Equipment £
<b>Cost:</b>	
Balance brought forward 1st January 2023	3,496
Additions in the year	-
Disposals	(2,613)
At 31st December 2022	<u>883</u>
<b>Depreciation:</b>	
Balance brought forward 1st January 2023	3,212
Disposals in the year	(2,330)
Charge for year	-
At 31st December 2022	<u>882</u>
Net book value at 31st December 2023	<u>1</u>
Net book value at 31st December 2022	<u>284</u>

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11	<b>DEBTORS</b> Taxation recoverable Sundry debtors and prepayments	2023	2022				
		£	£				
		7,016	890				
		4,411	4,038				
		<u>11,427</u>	<u>4,928</u>				
12	<b>CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b> Social security costs payable Other creditors and accruals	2023	2022				
		£	£				
		2,019	2,063				
		14,127	10,756				
		<u>16,146</u>	<u>12,819</u>				
13	<b>OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS</b> At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:	2023	2022				
		£	£				
		111	2,400				
		111	2,400				
14	<b>ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total			
		£	£	£			
		1	-	1			
		270,301	119,384	389,685			
		<u>(16,146)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,146)</u>			
	<u>254,156</u>	<u>119,384</u>	<u>373,540</u>				
15	<b>FUNDS</b>	As at 1.1.2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Inter-Fund Transfers	As at 31.12.2023	
		£	£	£	£	£	
		General funds	121,393	214,455	(81,692)	-	254,156
		Restricted					
		<u>School For Peace</u>					
		General	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
		Graduates	5	-	-	(5)	-
		Rebuild	-	2,300	-	-	2,300
		<u>Pluarlistic Spiritual Centre</u>					
		Programme for Religious Leaders	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>Primary School</u>					
		Home teacher's salary	729	35,000	(35,000)	6	735
		General	181,457	50,550	(121,000)	-	111,007
		Playground	250	-	-	-	250
		Transportation	1	-	-	(1)	-
		Psych Support	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
		PS 2023 Schorarships	-	2,592	-	-	2,592
			<u>303,835</u>	<u>327,397</u>	<u>(257,692)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>373,540</u>

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**16 RESTRICTED FUNDS**

**School For Peace**

*General SFP Fund*

This fund relates to donations restricted to the School for Peace but for no specific programme.

*Rebuild Fund*

The fund relates to monies specifically donated to aid the rebuild following the suspected arson attacks at Neve Shalom/Wahat-al-Salam in 2020.

**Pluarlistic Spiritual Centre**

This relates to the monies donated and expended towards the Programme for Religious Leaders.

**Primary School**

*Primary school teacher's salary*

The fund relates to monies specifically donated towards the cost of teacher's salaries at the primary school in Neve Shalom - Wahat Al~Salam.

*General PS Fund*

This fund relates to donations restricted to the Primary School but for no specific programme. During the year the Charity expended £121,000 of the funding.

*Playground*

The fund relates to monies received towards the cost of building a new playground.

*Psychological Support*

The fund relates to monies received from the Tolkien Trust towards psychological support for staff and parents at the primary school following the 7th October brutalities.

*PS 2023 Scholarships*

The primary school secures basic funding from the Israeli Ministry of Education; however, we conduct targeted fundraising efforts to specifically support the bilingual education programme and the unique educational initiatives.

**17 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year the charity paid £Nil (2022: £Nil) for travel and accommodation expenses.

Donations received from related parties (Trustees and connected parties) for the year totalled £2,620 (2022: £1,142).

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**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
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	2023		2022	
	General Funds	Restricted Funds	General Funds	Restricted Funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Donations	63,102	62,942	36,366	60,806
Legacies	129,786	50,000	10,000	---
Other trading activities	8,050	-	4,525	-
Investment income	13,517	-	1,884	-
Other income	-	-	-	-
	<u>214,455</u>	<u>112,942</u>	<u>52,775</u>	<u>60,806</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Grants to NSWAS	-	176,000	-	125,259
Special Event Costs	8,780	-	3,365	-
NSWAS visits	1,328	-	516	3,400
Advertising, Gifts & PR	119	-	679	-
Staff costs	44,166	-	41,884	-
Rent, rates & maintenance	3,868	-	9,600	-
Premises Insurance	798	-	863	-
Printing, postage & stationery	2,101	-	326	-
Telephone- Fax-Broadband	1,394	-	1,611	-
Computer Software and IT Support	8,667	-	6,915	-
Independent examiners' fees	5,150	-	4,830	-
Professional Fees	2,676	-	2,927	-
Governance Cost	766	-	1,111	-
Bank and Credit charges	1,119	-	713	-
Travelling	388	-	142	-
Sundries	179	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	94	-
Loss on disposal of assets	193	-	-	-
	<u>(81,692)</u>	<u>(176,000)</u>	<u>(75,576)</u>	<u>(128,659)</u>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<u>132,763</u>	<u>(63,058)</u>	<u>(22,801)</u>	<u>(67,853)</u>