

AIH SUPPORT

England & Wales · Charity number 1171952

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-03-08

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF GOOD HEALTH AMONG THOSE SUFFERING FROM AUTOIMMUNE HEPATITIS (AIH) BY:A) THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION, ADVICE AND SUPPORT TO PATIENTS, CARERS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY B) SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING RESEARCH INTO AIH

Activities: Provision of information for people with the medical condition autoimmune hepatitis (AIH) and their families. Helping people with AIH connect to others with the condition. Representing patients with AIH.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£290	£268	-	-
2023-09-30	£699	£285	-	-
2022-09-30	£1,133	£284	-	-
2021-09-30	£1,366	£292	-	-
2020-09-30	£971	£233	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANN BROWNLEE	Chair	2017-03-08
ANNE-MARIE NELSON		2017-03-08
HELEN ORME FCCA		2017-03-08
MAEVE HODGINS		2017-03-08

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Period 1 October 2023 – 30 September 2024

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Trustees:

Ann Brownlee
Maeve Hodgins
Anne-Marie Nelson
Helen Orme

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This will be achieved by providing information, advice and support to patients, carers, health professionals and the public generally. In addition, AIH Support supports and encourages research into AIH.

Summary of Activities

We have continued to support those affected by autoimmune hepatitis (AIH).

Our main area of activity has been our Facebook group. This has now grown to over 4,500 members and roughly 25,000 comments to posts a year. Questions cover all aspects of AIH diagnosis and treatments.

Fund raising remains low after the pandemic but we have been able to manage expenditure to cope. Gift Aid has been claimed on relevant donations.

We continue to represent AIH patients in dealings with researchers supporting grant applications in the year. This support included identifying patients to talk to the researchers and discuss the proposed study so that patient views were taken into account in the proposed study design.

We are also continue to represent patients on work to develop new UK treatment guidelines for AIH and publication is imminent.

During the year we changed bankers. Our bankers are now CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ. The trustees feel that a bank aimed specifically at charities will better suit our needs.

Accounts

Receipts and payment accounts have been prepared and are attached. There was a small surplus in the year.

Reserves Policy

Reserves of 6 months expenditure will be maintained going forward and this policy will be assessed on an annual basis.

In accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (General) Regulations 2012 the two following points are made:

Guarantees

No guarantees have been given by AIH Support where any potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at 30 September 2022.

Debts

There are no debts outstanding at 30 September 2022 owed by AIH Support or secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the published Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties.

Future Plans

We will continue to explore options for holding face to face meetings although the practicalities are proving difficult. We will continue to encourage research by providing the patient perspective and priorities to researchers and clinicians.

We will also explore other options to support AIH patients.

The trustees approved this report on

Signed

Date



8 July 2025

A Brownlee on behalf of Trustees



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Oct-23

To

30-Sep-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	282	-	-	282	699
Bank Interest	8	-	-	8	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	290	-	-	290	699
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	290	-	-	290	699
A3 Payments					
Cost of Activities	268	-	-	268	285
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	268	-	-	268	285
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	268	-	-	268	285
Net of receipts/(payments)	22	-	-	22	414
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10 433	-	-	10 433	10 019
Cash funds this year end	10 455	-	-	10 455	10 433

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	10 455	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10 455	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

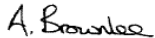
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ANN BROWNLEE	08-Jul-25

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This will be achieved by providing information, advice and support to patients, carers, health professionals and the public generally. In addition, AIH Support supports and encourages research into AIH.

Summary of Activities

We have continued to support those affected by autoimmune hepatitis (AIH).

Our main area of activity has been our Facebook group. This has now grown to over 4,000 members and roughly 30,000 comments to posts a year. Questions cover all aspects of AIH diagnosis and treatments.

We held no face to face events in the year although there are plans to hold such an event next year as we feel that concerns over Covid have reduced to a level to make that possible. We are also exploring how best to offer information via video.

Fund raising remains low after the pandemic but we have been able to manage expenditure to cope. Gift Aid has been claimed on relevant donations.

We continue to represent AIH patients in dealings with researchers supporting one grant application in the year. This support included identifying patients to talk to the researcher and discuss the proposed study so that patient views were taken into account in the study design.

We are also continue to represent patients on work to develop new UK treatment guidelines for AIH and publication is imminent.

Accounts

Receipts and payment accounts have been prepared and are attached. Net receipts in the period were £414.

Reserves Policy

Reserves of 6 months expenditure will be maintained going forward and this policy will be assessed on an annual basis.

In accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (General) Regulations 2012 the two following points are made:

Guarantees

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Debts

There are no debts outstanding at 30 September 2022 owed by AIH Support or secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the published Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties.

Future Plans

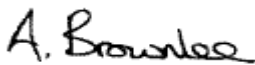
A face to face event is planned for next year. We will continue to encourage research by providing the patient perspective and priorities to researchers and clinicians.

After the year end we began the process of moving to new bankers.

The trustees approved this report on

Signed

Date



16 May 2024

A Brownlee on behalf of Trustees



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1-Oct-22	To	30-Sep-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	699	-	-	699	1,133
Advice Service Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	699	-	-	699	1,133
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	699	-	-	699	1,133
A3 Payments					
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of Activities	285	-	-	285	284
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	285	-	-	285	284
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	285	-	-	285	284
Net of receipts/(payments)	414	-	-	414	849
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,019	-	-	10,019	9,170
Cash funds this year end	10,433	-	-	10,433	10,019

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	10,433	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	10,433	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>A. Brownlee</i>	ANN BROWNLEE	16-May-24

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Summary of Achievements

We have continued to support those affected by autoimmune hepatitis (AIH).

Our main area of activity has been our Facebook group. This has grown to over 3,500 members. A large part of the interactions have involved accessing AIH care during the covid pandemic and the complexities of covid vaccinations, restrictions and emerging treatments. As most people with AIH fall into the group deemed to be at highest risk from covid-19 and therefore eligible for the treatments a lot of the discussions have revolved around accessing these and we have worked closely with other patient bodies to ensure that AIH patients have the knowledge to obtain access.

We held no face to face events due to covid regulations although we hope to resume them in the next year.

Fund raising has been hit by the pandemic but we have been able to manage expenditure to cope. Gift Aid has been claimed on relevant donations.

Despite the pandemic the charity continued to represent AIH patients in dealings with researchers.

We are also continue to represent patients on work to develop new UK treatment guidelines for AIH.

Accounts

Receipts and payment accounts have been prepared and are attached. Net receipts in the period were £849.

Reserves Policy

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Debts

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Public benefit

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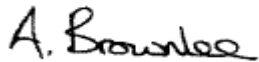
Future Plans

We are looking at how best to support patients now that covid restrictions have ended and hope to hold at least one face to face event next year. We will continue to encourage research by providing the patient perspective and priorities to researchers and clinicians.

The trustees approved this report on

Signed

Date



21 May 2023

A Brownlee on behalf of Trustees



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1-Oct-21	To	30-Sep-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,133	-	-	1,133	1,367
Advice Service Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,133	-	-	1,133	1,367
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,133	-	-	1,133	1,367
A3 Payments					
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of Activities	284	-	-	284	292
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	284	-	-	284	292
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	284	-	-	284	292
Net of receipts/(payments)	849	-	-	849	1,075
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,170	-	-	9,170	8,095
Cash funds this year end	10,019	-	-	10,019	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	10,019	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,019	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>A. Brownlee</i>	ANN BROWNLEE	21-May-23

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Summary of Achievements

We have continued to support those affected by autoimmune hepatitis (AIH) during the covid pandemic although inevitably the impact of that pandemic has been substantial.

Our main area of activity has been our Facebook group. This has grown to over 3,000 members and the ongoing complexities of covid including vaccinations, restrictions and emerging treatments have formed a large part of the interactions on the group.

We held no face to face events due to covid regulations.

Fund raising has been hit by the pandemic but we have been able to manage expenditure to cope. Our planned review of medium term expenditure and activity was again put on hold as the uncertainties created by covid-19 continued.

Gift Aid has been claimed on relevant donations.

Despite the pandemic the charity continued to represent AIH patients in dealings with researchers and we have been able to support several bids for funding by conducting surveys to show the level of support of research amongst AIH patients.

We are also representing patients on work to develop new UK treatment guidelines for AIH.

Accounts

Receipts and payment accounts have been prepared and are attached. Net receipts in the period were £1075.

Reserves Policy

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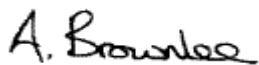
Future Plans

As the covid restrictions ease we will look at how best to support AIH patients going forward. And we will continue to encourage research by providing the patient perspective to researchers and clinicians.

The trustees approved this report on

Signed

Date



6 June 2022

A Brownlee on behalf of Trustees



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1-Oct-20	To	30-Sep-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,367	-	-	1,367	971
Advice Service Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,367	-	-	1,367	971
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,367	-	-	1,367	971
A3 Payments					
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-	233
Cost of Activities	292	-	-	292	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	292	-	-	292	233
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	292	-	-	292	233
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,075	-	-	1,075	738
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,095	-	-	8,095	7,357
Cash funds this year end	9,170	-	-	9,170	8,095

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	9,170	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,170	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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Statutory Information

Regulator:

Charity Commission for England & Wales

Registered Charity Number:

1171952

Registered address:

Crispin Cottage
21 Marksbury
BATH
BA2 9HS

Trustees:

Ann Brownlee
Maeve Hodgins
Anne-Marie Nelson
Helen Orme
Sandra O'Toole (until 20th March 2020)*

The trustees were appointed on 8 March 2017 and remained in office throughout the accounting period. No other person served as a trustee in the period.

*Sadly we must report that Sandra O'Toole passed away on 20 March 2020.

Background

AIH Support became a registered charity (charity number 1171952) under a CIO Foundation Constitution on 8 March 2017. It is a volunteer led and run charity with no employees. All decisions are made by the trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of AIH Support are the relief of sickness and the promotion of good health among those suffering from the liver condition known as autoimmune hepatitis (AIH).

This will be achieved by providing information, advice and support to patients, carers, health professionals and the public generally. In addition, AIH Support supports and encourages research into AIH.

Summary of Achievements

During this year we have continued to support those affected by autoimmune hepatitis (AIH) despite remaining a very small charity with minimal income. Like many other organisations the impact of the covid-19 pandemic on our activities has been substantial.

Prior to the start of the pandemic, we were able to hold one face to face Patient information Day in conjunction with PSC Support – another charity for people with a rare autoimmune liver disease. We were grateful for the support of Dr Falk Pharma UK Ltd in facilitating and supporting this event. For the first time such an event was held in Wales, in Newport and there was a great turnout to hear presentations from and ask questions to Dr Andrew Yeoman, consultant hepatologist at the Royal Gwent hospital supported by other colleagues. We then shared the information more widely via our Facebook group. Feedback from attendees was excellent.

The covid-19 pandemic has had a major impact on our work. In March 2020 most AIH patients were identified as extremely vulnerable to the virus owing to the medication they are prescribed to control their condition. As a result they were advised to 'shield'. Detailed information from official sources was initially very sparse. The workload via our Facebook online support group, helping people understand the implications and navigate the situation, increased hugely with over 20,000 interactions in just the first month – a fourfold increase from normal activity. As at 30 September 2020 the group remained very active with over 2,500 members.

There were no further face to face events due to covid regulations.

Fund raising has been hit by the pandemic but we have been able to manage expenditure to cope. Our planned review of medium term expenditure and activity was put on hold given the uncertainties created by covid-19. But is now a key priority as we consider how covid-19 will change our activities going forward.

Gift Aid has been claimed on relevant donations.

The charity continues to represent AIH patients including involvement with UK-AIH the main research ongoing in AIH. In addition, we represent patients on the group looking at re drafting the clinical guidelines for the treatment of AIH and supported researchers in putting together bids for research into AIH. All of these activities have of course been impacted by the covid-19 pandemic but are now picking up.

Accounts

Receipts and payment accounts have been prepared and are attached. Net receipts in the period were £971.

Reserves Policy

Reserves of 6 months expenditure will be maintained going forward and this policy will be assessed on an annual basis.

In accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (General) Regulations 2012 the two following points are made:

Guarantees

No guarantees have been given by AIH Support where any potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at 30 September 2020.

Debts

There are no debts outstanding at 30 September 2020 which is owed by AIH Support and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the published Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties.

Future Plans

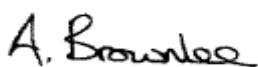
We will continue to develop the support to patients via the online group and will continue to explore options to expand the information about AIH available to people affected by it. All against the backdrop of the ongoing covid-19 pandemic.

We will continue to encourage research by providing the patient perspective to researchers and clinicians.

The trustees approved this report on 19 March 2021.

Signed

Date



22 March 2021

A Brownlee on behalf of Trustees



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Oct-19	To	30-Sep-20
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	971	-	-	971	3,585
Advice Service Fees	-	-	-	-	300
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	971	-	-	971	3,885
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	971	-	-	971	3,885
A3 Payments					
Fundraising Costs	233	-	-	233	177
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	233	-	-	233	177
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	233	-	-	233	177
Net of receipts/(payments)	738	-	-	738	3,708
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,357	-	-	7,357	-
Cash funds this year end	8,095	-	-	8,095	3,708

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
Categories	Details			
	Bank	8,095	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,095	-	-

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>A. Brownlee</i>	ANN BROWNLEE	19.3.2021