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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1176607

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
FOR
THE NORWEGIAN CHURCH**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Norwegian Church in London dates back to 1692 when the Danish/Norwegian congregation was formed. In 1696 a Danish Norwegian Church was consecrated in Wapping, but from 1868, The Norwegian Seamen's Mission of Bergen, Norway, took over the responsibility for Norwegian seafarers and expatriates in London, under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Bergen, Norway. A new church was built and consecrated in Surrey Docks area in 1872 and finally, St. Olav's Church, the present church, was built and consecrated in 1927.

The purpose of the Church and Charity is to serve Norwegian expatriates and seafarers in London and South East England, even though the church's jurisdiction covers all UK. St. Olav's Church is a Christian, Cultural and Social Centre for Norwegians and has between 20 and 25 thousand visitors each year. In 1996 an extension was built to accommodate the increasing number of people and activities.

Until 31 December 2018 the activities of the charity were undertaken by The Norwegian Church and Seamen's Mission (a trust based charity, charity number 220235). The trustees of that charity, after taking suitable advice, took the decision that the trust based structure would no longer be the most appropriate form for the charity in the future. The Norwegian Church was incorporated in 2017 and registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 10 January 2018. On 1 January 2019 the assets and liabilities of The Norwegian Church and Seamen's Mission were transferred to The Norwegian Church. The trustees of the two charities are the same.

Significant activities

In line with the Basic Rules and Strategy Document of The Norwegian Seamen's Mission/Norwegian Church abroad, as well as our local strategy plans, we have achieved our objectives. Services, baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals are part of the work of the Church, as well as cultural events and social work amongst the target groups.

Social work includes monthly home visits to the elderly, hospital visits to sick Norwegians and prison visits. In addition, during the winter months the charity participates in the Robes Project for homeless.

Cultural events includes the annual Constitution Day Celebrations, Sunday lunch after the Service, weekly toddler song and family lunch, weekly Saturday school and lunch, monthly students dinner and Women Society every fortnight.

The charity's plan for the construction of flats to the rear of the church has commenced through the charity's subsidiary St Olav's House Limited. Once let the flats will generate future income for the charity.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in s17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. This includes the additional guidance for charities on the advancement of religion, in deciding what activities the charity should undertake, in line with its aims and objectives.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

Historically, the biggest fundraiser locally is the annual Christmas Fair selling goods imported from Norway as well as handicraft produced by local parishioners. However the COVID restrictions during 2020 and 2021 have significantly affected the charity's ability to run this event, the trustees believe that this event will return to its previous popularity. The church has continued to provide support to its visitors.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

As noted above the assets and liabilities of The Norwegian Church and Seamen's Mission were transferred to the charity on 1 January 2019.

A summary of the year's results are presented on page 8. Total incoming resources amounted to £1,941,108 (2021: £576,097) and total resources expended amounted to £583,664 (2021: £464,763).

The charity is dependent on voluntary income and income from its other fund raising activities. In 2022 activity levels began to return towards pre-pandemic levels following the COVID restrictions put in place by the UK government during 2020 and 2021 which had severely restricted charity's ability to generate income.

During the year the charity, having obtained the necessary Charity Commission approval, transferred two properties and granted a long lease to its subsidiary St Olav's House Limited for £2,550,000. Consideration for the transfer was settled with a 25 year loan. The £1,270,361 profit generated on the transfer is included within other income.

The trustees remain confident that the charity remains in a strong financial position.

Any shortfall in income against budgeted expenditure can be rectified by calling upon the support of The Norwegian Head Office.

The balance sheet on page 9 shows total funds at the year end of £3,776,862 (2021: £2,419,418). This comprises two unrestricted funds, the general fund and a designated fund (Norwegian Benevolent fund) with a balances of £3,383,344 (2021: £2,023,140) and £68,029 (2021: £70,789) respectively. In addition, during 2020 the charity received a donation specifically towards the project to develop flats. This amount is held in a restricted fund, the balance at the year end was £325,489 (2021: £325,489).

The charity's income is derived from sources in the UK and Norway. The Norwegian Head Office pays the salaries. The Norwegian Head Office guarantees the cash flow requirements of the charity; consequently if there is a cash shortfall caused by reduced activity or a reduction in the income generated locally funding will be made available to ensure the charity can continue its operation.

Annual and monthly accounts, as well as budgets are sent to the Norwegian Seamen's Mission in Bergen, Norway and are subject to their approval.

Reserves policy

It is the trustees' policy is to retain sufficient reserves to ensure that the charity's day to day commitments can be met.

A large proportion of the charity's unrestricted funds are not readily available for spending, consisting of properties and long term debtors. As a result the charity's reserves are £72,437 (2021: £54,827). The reserves are held as primarily as cash balances.

The charity is dependent on donations, legacies and fund raising events for the majority of its income, the timing and amount of which is variable in nature. The trustees therefore consider holding reserves equivalent to 2 - 6 months costs to be appropriate.

During the year the charity used some of its reserve on planning and preparation costs of the development of flats to the rear of the church which will generate a future income stream for the charity.

The charity is able to call upon the support of its head office in Norway to help fund its operations.

FUTURE PLANS

The charity's plans for the construction of flats to the rear of the church, which once rented will generate future income for the charity, are now being realised in the charity's subsidiary St Olav's House Limited and will hopefully be finished by 2024.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity was registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 10 January 2018.

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its articles of association dated 16 March 2017, and constitutes a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Decision making

The trustees meet at least four times a year and are elected on a rotating basis for three year terms.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are given full information on the work of the charity over the last years including minutes, annual reports and accounts. Where appropriate, external training courses for trustees are offered and internal training is also provided. Representatives from the Church of Norway Abroad will occasionally visit the charity and give input to the trustees.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to its operations and finances, and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error, and to mitigate its exposure to major risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

10674059 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1176607

Registered office

1 St Olav's Square
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Trustees

Ms A Marwa
Mr B Bratland
Mrs A M Hovland-Pye
Mr V S Dart
Rev D M H Havgar

Auditors

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Norwegian Church for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Rothmans Audit LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev D M H Havgar - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NORWEGIAN CHURCH

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Norwegian Church (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, 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 (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 December 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 Auditors' 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 UK, including the FRC'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 Report of the Independent Auditors 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 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.

Opinions 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 Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the 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 Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the 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 take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NORWEGIAN CHURCH

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, 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.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Identifying the laws and regulations applicable to the charity, which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements, through discussions with the trustees, and from our knowledge and experience of the wider charity sector.
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management.
- Assessing the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of their procedures for the allocation of income and expenditure to the different funds and how fraud might occur by making enquiries of management. Reviewing management's assessment as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud and their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud.
- Discussing among the engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the Financial Statements and any potential indicators of fraud; and considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Our procedures involved journal entry testing, with a focus on journals indicating large or unusual transactions based upon our understanding of the charity.
- In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:
 - reviewing the allocation of income and expenditure between unrestricted and restricted:
 - * to ensure that income is complete and correctly allocated to the restricted and unrestricted funds; and
 - * to ensure expenditure is only allocated to restricted funds when it is permitted by the restrictions applicable to that fund.
 - reviewing the minutes of the trustees' meetings;
 - enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

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 directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE NORWEGIAN CHURCH**

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 auditors' 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 the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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14 December 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	4	424,417	-	424,417	509,291
Charitable activities	7				
Charitable Activities		41,148	-	41,148	6,311
Other trading activities	5	25,823	-	25,823	6,653
Investment income	6	179,359	-	179,359	53,842
Other income	8	1,270,361	-	1,270,361	-
Total		1,941,108	-	1,941,108	576,097
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	9	57,080	-	57,080	16,024
Charitable activities	10				
Charitable Activities		526,584	-	526,584	448,739
Total		583,664	-	583,664	464,763
NET INCOME		1,357,444	-	1,357,444	111,334
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		2,093,929	325,489	2,419,418	2,308,084
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		3,451,373	325,489	3,776,862	2,419,418

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	17	836,686	-	836,686	1,873,325
Heritage assets	18	349,070	-	349,070	349,070
Investments	19	618	-	618	618
		<u>1,186,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,186,374</u>	<u>2,223,013</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	20	2,926,248	325,489	3,251,737	9,628
Cash at bank and in hand		137,417	-	137,417	190,242
		<u>3,063,665</u>	<u>325,489</u>	<u>3,389,154</u>	<u>199,870</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	21	(9,333)	-	(9,333)	(3,465)
		<u>3,054,332</u>	<u>325,489</u>	<u>3,379,821</u>	<u>196,405</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>3,054,332</u>	<u>325,489</u>	<u>3,379,821</u>	<u>196,405</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>4,240,706</u>	<u>325,489</u>	<u>4,566,195</u>	<u>2,419,418</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	22	(789,333)	-	(789,333)	-
		<u>3,451,373</u>	<u>325,489</u>	<u>3,776,862</u>	<u>2,419,418</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>3,451,373</u>	<u>325,489</u>	<u>3,776,862</u>	<u>2,419,418</u>
FUNDS	23				
Unrestricted funds				3,451,373	2,093,929
Restricted funds				325,489	325,489
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>3,776,862</u>	<u>2,419,418</u>

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Rev D M H Havgar - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(52,825)	115,862
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(52,825)	115,862
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(325,489)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		-	(325,489)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(52,825)	(209,627)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		190,242	399,869
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		137,417	190,242

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	1,357,444	111,334
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	645	645
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(1,273,651)	-
Deferred income	(5,333)	-
Interest received	(129,711)	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(2,754)	3,716
Increase in creditors	535	167
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	(52,825)	115,862

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/1/22	Cash flow	At 31/12/22
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	190,242	(52,825)	137,417
	190,242	(52,825)	137,417
Total	190,242	(52,825)	137,417

3. MAJOR NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

During the year the charity disposed of freehold property and granted a 150 year lease to its wholly owned subsidiary St Olav's House Limited. The consideration for the sale of the properties and the premium on the lease were settled by a loan from the charity, therefore there are no cash flows resulting from this transaction.

Interest receivable includes interest accrued on the loan to the year end and rental income includes the release of deferred income provision in respect of the lease premium.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. CHARITY INFORMATION

The Norwegian Church an incorporated charity was incorporated in England and Wales on 16 March 2017 (registration number 10674059) and was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 10 January 2018 (registration number 1176607) .

The registered address is 1 St Olav's Square, Albion Street, London, United Kingdom, SE16 7JB.

The principal activity of The Norwegian Church is religious and social welfare.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 2019)' Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention.

The functional and presentation currency is £ sterling.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The Charity reported a cash outflow of £52,825, however, the Trustees are of the view that the costs incurred during the year in respect of the planned construction of new flats to the rear of the Church will secure the immediate future of the Charity. The Charity also continues to maintain the support of the Head Office in Bergen, Norway. On this basis, there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue and therefore the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Operating lease rental income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Bank interest is recognised as income when it is credited or paid.

Loan interest is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

Investment income is apportioned to the funds in the ratio of capital and unexpended income at the beginning of the year. Income generated on the endowment fund is credited to the corresponding income fund.

Legacies are recognised as income once it is probable that they will be received.

Grants are recognised as income once there is evidence of entitlement to the grant is probable, subject to any terms included in the grant.

Donations are recognised as income once there is evidence of entitlement to the donation is probable.

Other income is recognised once there is evidence of entitlement to receive the income.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include personnel, finance, administrative and governance costs which support the operation of the charity and its activities. These costs are allocated between the costs of charitable activities and raising funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- not provided
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% straight line
Motor vehicles	- 25% straight line

Tangible fixed assets

All tangible fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Properties are included at cost at the time of acquisition and are all functional. No depreciation is provided on freehold property. Depreciation would be immaterial due to the high residual values of the assets. An annual impairment review is undertaken for those tangible fixed assets which are not depreciated. Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost.

Heritage assets

The charity owns a historic Church dating back to 1927, located at 1 St Olav's Square, Rotherhithe, London, SE16. The Church is maintained by the charity for use by the local Norwegian community as a place of worship and culture.

The Church is reported in the balance sheet at the original cost, the Trustees do not consider it appropriate to charge depreciation in respect of the Church. An annual impairment review is undertaken for the Church.

Related party exemption

The charitable company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the Church. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the Church 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 Church's work or for specific projects undertaken by the Church.

3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS

Significant Judgements

In preparing these accounts the trustees have made the following judgements:

Determining whether income is restricted or unrestricted. These decisions depend upon whether the donor has given the income subject to certain terms or conditions which impose a restriction in trust law.

Determining whether the residual values of freehold property are sufficient to result in no depreciation being charged.

Determining whether the church meets the definition of a heritage asset and that the residual values are sufficient to result in no depreciation being charged.

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4. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Regular annual donations	5,610	5,643
Donations	18,649	76,658
Weekly collections	11,424	3,479
Wages and salaries paid by The Norwegian Seamen's Mission in Bergen	232,019	193,608
Other grants	156,715	229,903
	<u>424,417</u>	<u>509,291</u>

5. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Christmas fair	<u>25,823</u>	<u>6,653</u>

6. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Rents received	48,563	53,842
Deposit account interest	1,085	-
Loan interest receivable	129,711	-
	<u>179,359</u>	<u>53,842</u>

7. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2022	2021
		£	£
Events	Charitable Activities	31,694	4,348
Canteen	Charitable Activities	9,454	1,888
Sundry	Charitable Activities	-	75
		<u>41,148</u>	<u>6,311</u>

8. OTHER INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,270,361</u>	<u>-</u>

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9. RAISING FUNDS

Raising funds from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Canteen	17,540	4,275
Events	29,424	10,431
	<u>46,964</u>	<u>14,706</u>

Other trading activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Christmas fair	10,116	547
Church magazine	-	771
	<u>10,116</u>	<u>1,318</u>

Aggregate amounts	<u>57,080</u>	<u>16,024</u>
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10. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 11) £	Support costs (see note 12) £	Totals £
Charitable Activities	<u>511,683</u>	<u>14,901</u>	<u>526,584</u>

11. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	274,144	243,591
Rent rates and insurance	68,813	64,987
Light and heat	21,138	29,054
Telephone	10,130	12,115
Postage and stationery	1,273	1,607
Sundries	50,243	16,086
Catering equipment	984	18
Repairs and renewals	65,041	48,012
Motor and travel	8,408	5,055
Bank charges	2,117	1,714
Foreign exchange (gain)/loss	5,987	4,559
Payments from designated funds	2,760	3,300
Depreciation	645	645
	<u>511,683</u>	<u>430,743</u>

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12. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Charitable Activities	<u>14,901</u>

13. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Auditors' remuneration	4,000	3,270
Depreciation - owned assets	645	645
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	<u>(1,270,361)</u>	<u>-</u>

14. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Revd. Dag Magnus Hopstock Havgar the rector & senior chaplain is also a trustee. He receives remuneration in respect of his employment as rector & senior chaplain, no remuneration is paid for services as trustee. The remuneration is paid by the charity's head office in Norway.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

15. STAFF COSTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	<u>274,144</u>	<u>243,591</u>
	<u>274,144</u>	<u>243,591</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022 11	2021 15
Staff	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

During the year key management personnel received remuneration of £51,856 (2021: £49,649) and rent free accommodation at a property owned by the charity.

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16. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	509,291	-	509,291
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	6,311	-	6,311
Other trading activities	6,653	-	6,653
Investment income	53,842	-	53,842
Total	576,097	-	576,097
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	16,024	-	16,024
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	448,739	-	448,739
Total	464,763	-	464,763
NET INCOME	111,334	-	111,334
Transfers between funds	(15,091)	15,091	-
Net movement in funds	96,243	15,091	111,334
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,997,686	310,398	2,308,084
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,093,929	325,489	2,419,418

17. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2022	1,872,035	125,381	1,400	1,998,816
Disposals	(1,035,994)	(122,156)	-	(1,158,150)
At 31 December 2022	836,041	3,225	1,400	840,666
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2022	-	124,091	1,400	125,491
Charge for year	-	645	-	645
Eliminated on disposal	-	(122,156)	-	(122,156)
At 31 December 2022	-	2,580	1,400	3,980
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2022	836,041	645	-	836,686
At 31 December 2021	1,872,035	1,290	-	1,873,325

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18. HERITAGE ASSETS

	Total £
COST	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	349,070
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	349,070
At 31 December 2021	349,070

Heritage assets are comprised of the church buildings.

19. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings £
COST	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	618
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	618
At 31 December 2021	618

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

20. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	559,644	-
Other debtors	12,382	9,628
	572,026	9,628
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	2,679,711	-
Aggregate amounts	3,251,737	9,628

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21. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	-	195
Accruals and deferred income	9,333	3,270
	<u>9,333</u>	<u>3,465</u>

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

22. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	789,333	-
	<u>789,333</u>	<u>-</u>

23. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,023,140	1,360,204	3,383,344
Benevolent fund	70,789	(2,760)	68,029
	<u>2,093,929</u>	<u>1,357,444</u>	<u>3,451,373</u>
Restricted funds			
St Olavs House	325,489	-	325,489
	<u>325,489</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>325,489</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,419,418</u>	<u>1,357,444</u>	<u>3,776,862</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,941,108	(580,904)	1,360,204
Benevolent fund	-	(2,760)	(2,760)
	<u>1,941,108</u>	<u>(583,664)</u>	<u>1,357,444</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,941,108</u>	<u>(583,664)</u>	<u>1,357,444</u>

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23. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,923,597	114,634	(15,091)	2,023,140
Benevolent fund	74,089	(3,300)	-	70,789
	<u>1,997,686</u>	<u>111,334</u>	<u>(15,091)</u>	<u>2,093,929</u>
Restricted funds				
St Olavs House	310,398	-	15,091	325,489
	<u>310,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,091</u>	<u>325,489</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,308,084</u>	<u>111,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,419,418</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	576,097	(461,463)	114,634
Benevolent fund	-	(3,300)	(3,300)
	<u>576,097</u>	<u>(464,763)</u>	<u>111,334</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>576,097</u>	<u>(464,763)</u>	<u>111,334</u>

Norwegian Benevolent Fund

The Scandinavian Benevolent Fund ended its activities in 2006. Assets were donated to the Norwegian and the Danish church in January 2007. The Norwegian Church continues to support the Norwegian citizens that were supported in 2006 with a similar amount of money. The Benevolent fund is a designated fund.

24. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions during the year (2021: £nil) other than those with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.