

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1183479

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-05-17

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO:TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND TO RELIEVE THOSE SUFFERING FROM OR AFFECTED BY SKIN CANCER, IN PARTICULAR MALIGNANT MELANOMA, IN THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND IN PARTICULAR BY:(A) PROVIDING ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO THOSE AFFECTED BY MALIGNANT MELANOMA AND UNBIASED AND ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISEASE TO THE WIDER PUBLIC;(B) RAISING AWARENESS OF MALIGNANT MELANOMA AND ITS CAUSES AND SYMPTOMS(C) PROVIDING COUNSELLING, SUPPORT AND THERAPIES SUCH AS PODIATRY AND BEAUTY TREATMENTS FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER

Activities: To promote health and wellbeing to patients and their loved ones affect by melanoma and other forms of skin cancer by:(A) Providing counselling, support and holistic therapies for people affected by melanoma and skin cancer.(B) Raising awareness of malignant melanoma and skin cancer.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£161,213	£191,353	-	-
2024-04-30	£157,681	£150,616	-	-
2023-04-30	£227,055	£124,779	-	-
2022-04-30	£96,087	£90,768	-	-
2021-04-30	£123,868	£80,494	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Deborah Dixon		2022-11-11
James Rafferty		2020-07-13
LYNN PRUDHOE		2018-08-08
Ronan Smith		2024-01-24
Shelley Simms		2023-06-01
Susan Wilson		2024-01-24

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Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Foreword

The 2024–2025 period has been one of significant growth, consolidation and ambition for the Melanoma-Me Foundation. What began as a response to lived experience has evolved into a nationally recognised provider of specialist emotional and psychological support for individuals affected by melanoma and other skin cancers.

Throughout the year, the organisation has deepened its impact, strengthened partnerships and supported hundreds of people navigating the emotional complexities of melanoma. Central to our work is the belief that emotional wellbeing is not an optional extra in cancer care — it is fundamental to treatment, recovery and long-term quality of life.

As demand continues to rise, so does our responsibility to grow sustainably, collaboratively and with integrity. This report outlines our achievements and sets out our commitment to expanding high-quality, melanoma-specific support across the UK.

About Melanoma-Me Foundation

Melanoma-Me Foundation is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), founded on 17 May 2019 to promote health and wellbeing for people affected by melanoma and other skin cancers. Our work is shaped by lived experience, professional counselling expertise, evidence-based emotional support practice and strong collaboration across health, voluntary and community sectors.

Melanoma is often a misunderstood and underrepresented type of cancer. In reality, it is one of the most aggressive and psychologically complex cancers, frequently leaving individuals with long-term fear of recurrence, anxiety, trauma and isolation. Many individuals diagnosed with the disease and their loved ones struggle to access melanoma-specific emotional support. Melanoma-Me Foundation exists to close this gap.

Mission, Vision and Values

Our mission is to improve the wellbeing and quality of life of people affected by melanoma and other skin cancers, including patients, families, carers and communities.

Our mission is for anyone living in the UK affected by melanoma has access to timely, specialist emotional support and the resilience to live well — even in the midst of illness.

Our work is guided by the values of **compassion, specialism, collaboration, integrity, inclusion and sustainability.**

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What We Do

Melanoma-Specific Counselling

We provide one-to-one counselling tailored to the unique emotional challenges of melanoma. Support is offered to newly diagnosed patients, individuals in treatment or surveillance, those facing recurrence or advanced disease, families, carers and the bereaved.

Counselling is delivered face-to-face, online and by telephone, ensuring national accessibility and removing geographical barriers.

Support Groups and Holistic Therapies

Recognising that emotional healing is multifaceted, we offer a range of holistic services including support groups, mindfulness, meditation, creative therapies, Havening, hypnotherapy, Reiki and family-focused sessions. These interventions reduce isolation, build resilience and enhance quality of life.

Awareness, Education and Prevention

Melanoma-Me delivers awareness sessions across workplaces, schools, colleges, outdoor worker environments, beauty and health sectors and community groups. These sessions focus on prevention, sun safety, early detection and challenging misconceptions about melanoma.

Supporting People Across the Entire Journey

Our whole-journey model ensures individuals are supported at every emotional stage, including urgent referrals, biopsy and scan waiting periods, diagnosis, treatment, long-term surveillance and bereavement. This approach prevents people from being left unsupported at critical moments.

Public benefit

The Trustees have consulted the guidance made available by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on the Public Benefit requirement of the Charities Act. The Trustees are confident that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act in that they have had due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Achievements and performance

Impact and Reach

Outputs 2024–2025

- **6,589 counselling and emotional support sessions delivered**
- **Hundreds of individuals supported nationwide**
- **Minimal or no waiting lists wherever possible**
- **Support provided at points of highest emotional need**

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Outcomes

Service-user feedback demonstrates:

- **85% report improved emotional wellbeing** – this is highly demonstrative of the effectiveness of our services, which is measurably improving mental health whilst dealing with the complexities of living with cancer
- **90% report reduced isolation** – Cancer can be an incredibly isolating experience. Through our community-led support programmes, we show that bringing people together in a compassionate, supportive environment can significantly strengthen mental health and emotional resilience.
- **High satisfaction with melanoma-specific understanding and expertise** - All of our team are trained not only to understand the complexities of living with malignant melanoma, but also to draw on research and case studies to maintain an exceptionally high level of awareness of the emotional and mental impact of the disease, so we can develop the strongest possible insight into how to best support people affected by the disease.

NHS, GP and Clinical Partnerships

A major achievement this year has been strengthening clinical referral pathways. Melanoma-Me now works directly with GP Alliances, Primary Care Networks and NHS Trusts. Our information leaflets are to be included in **Macmillan** cancer packs for newly diagnosed patients, ensuring early signposting to emotional support and reducing distress at diagnosis.

Partnerships with Spire Healthcare and other clinical providers further integrate emotional and clinical care.

Collaboration and Network Model

Melanoma-Me collaborates with a wide range of organisations across healthcare, community, specialist and corporate sectors. These partnerships reduce duplication, enable shared expertise and ensure patients are signposted to the right support at the right time.

For patients, this means less fragmentation, greater continuity and improved outcomes.

Workforce Development and Social Value

All Melanoma-Me counsellors train within the organisation, gaining qualifications in a melanoma-informed environment. We provide sessional employment following qualification, offering paid specialist experience and contributing to workforce development in the cancer support sector.

With referrals increasing, we plan to train and employ **4–5 additional counsellors** within the next 12 months, expanding national capacity and strengthening the melanoma-specific emotional support workforce.

Community Events and Engagement

Our flagship events — **Tom's Fest** and the **Butterfly Ball** — continue to engage thousands of people, raise awareness, reduce stigma and strengthen community ownership. These events also generate vital funds to sustain our counselling and support services.

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Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

We use session feedback, outcome measurement tools, qualitative testimonials and referral data to continuously refine and improve our services.

Testimonials About the Impact of Melanoma-Me Foundation

Compassionate Support During the Hardest Times

- *"This charity has helped me so much. I don't know what I would do without the counselling service — my weekly sessions have been a lifesaver."*
- *"You have a way of showing up that feels almost otherworldly. I wouldn't be finding my way through this journey the same without your support."*
- *"Thank you for being there, even when you're going through tough times yourself. Your strength helps so many of us keep going."*

A Lifeline for People Living with Melanoma

- *"Melanoma-Me has helped me even from 60 miles away — just knowing you're there and helping me spread awareness has made such a difference."*
- *"As a melanoma survivor, I can say you describe the experience so well. Thank you for everything you've done."*
- *"Your counselling sessions have helped me so much. I'm truly grateful for the support."*

Creating Hope and Community

- *"You've created a fantastic charity. It's helped me so much — happy new year to everyone involved."*
- *"Thank you for everything you do to raise awareness of this horrible disease. Your work means so much to so many."*
- *"You and your team have done so much for us and many families. We can never thank you enough."*

Guidance Through Grief and Fear

- *"My son died from melanoma, and I'm broken. Thank you for the work you do to raise awareness — it means more than you know."*
- *"This disease has taken so much from us, but your support helps us keep moving forward."*
- *"Your kindness and understanding make such a difference to people who are frightened, grieving, or overwhelmed."*

Strength, Kindness, and Emotional Safety

- *"Your words are heartfelt, and your support is incredible. You deserve the world and more."*
- *"You help, guide, and steady people in a way that feels like an angel walking beside them."*

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Global Reach and Awareness

- *"I'm following from Australia after having two melanomas. Thank you for bringing awareness — it matters."*
- *"Love sent from Australia — thank you and bless you for everything you do."*

Stories of Survival and Resilience

- *"I've been fighting this disease for 45 years. Thank you for continuing to raise awareness and support people like me."*
- *"My daughter got the all-clear after more than five years — onwards and upwards. Thank you for everything you do."*
- *"I had melanoma while pregnant. I was lucky, but I had no support at the time. What you offer now is incredible."*

Summary of Impact

- **Melanoma-Me provides emotional safety when people feel lost or frightened.**
- **Counselling is described as life-changing and, in some cases, life-saving.**
- **People feel seen, understood, and supported in ways they didn't find elsewhere.**
- **The charity's awareness work reaches far beyond the local community — even internationally.**
- **Families, survivors, and those grieving all find comfort and connection through your work**

Strategic Priorities 2025–2027

Over the next two years, Melanoma-Me will focus on:

- Expanding counselling capacity
- Maintaining rapid access (within seven days)
- Growing GP and NHS referral pathways
- Delivering a collaborative cancer wellness and networking event
- Developing this into a national annual event
- Reaching underserved and high-risk communities
- Securing long-term sustainable funding

Collaborative Cancer Wellness Event

Melanoma-Me will host a multi-organisation cancer wellness and networking event, bringing together cancer charities, mental health organisations and holistic practitioners. The event will focus on emotional resilience, mindfulness, holistic wellbeing and living well alongside illness, laying the foundation for a future national event.

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Extended Collaboration, Community and Events Overview

Our Collaborative Model

We operate on the principle that no single organisation can meet all the needs of someone affected by cancer. Emotional wellbeing, physical health, social support, financial security and prevention education intersect — and patients benefit most when services are joined-up and complementary.

Key Partnerships

Our partnerships, **both previous and current** span NHS Trusts, GP practices, Spire Healthcare, Maggie's, Northern Cancer Voices, Macmillan, the Fishermen's Mission, **Melissa Bus**, Bikers Against Bullies and a wide range of corporate supporters including SSE Renewables, Barclays, Lloyds Bank, John Lewis & Partners, Deal Direct and Hays Travel.

These collaborations enable earlier access to emotional support, improved continuity between clinical and emotional care and reduced pressure on NHS mental health services.

Tom's Fest: Purpose, Impact and Legacy

Tom's Fest has become one of the most powerful awareness-raising events connected to the Melanoma-Me Foundation. While it is a celebration of Tom Linton's life, its deeper impact lies in how it brings melanoma into public consciousness in a way that is accessible, community-driven, and emotionally resonant.

1. Awareness Begins With Tom's Story

The foundation of the event's awareness impact is simple but profound:

- Every ticket listing
- Every event page
- Every social post
- Every performer announcement
- Every conversation about the festival

automatically carries a melanoma awareness message.

People who may never have engaged with skin cancer information are exposed to it through a positive, community-centred event.

This is awareness by *association* — and it is incredibly effective.

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2. A Mainstream Event That Reaches Beyond the Usual Audience

Traditional awareness campaigns often reach people who are already health-aware. Tom's Fest breaks that pattern.

Because it is:

- A **music festival**
 - With **well-known performers**
 - **Family-friendly**
 - Held in a **large, accessible venue**
 - Promoted across mainstream event platforms
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It attracts people who would never normally attend a melanoma-specific event and this dramatically widens the awareness net.

People come for the music — but they leave knowing:

- What melanoma is
- That it can be fatal
- That support services exist
- That early detection matters
- That young people like Tom can be affected

This is awareness delivered in a setting where people are relaxed, open, and receptive.

3. Visibility Through Event Promotion

Tom's Fest generates awareness long before the gates even open.

Event listings

Platforms such as Eventbrite, Trip.com, and other event directories all include the line:

"In memory of Tom Linton who sadly died of melanoma. 100% of profits go to Melanoma-Me Foundation."

This means melanoma awareness is embedded in:

- Search results
- Ticketing pages
- Social media shares
- Local event calendars
- Press listings

Every click becomes an educational moment.

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Social media promotion

Posts from the charity, performers, and attendees amplify the message further. Each share spreads melanoma awareness into new networks.

Local community engagement

Because the event is rooted in Chester-le-Street and the wider North East, it becomes a talking point in:

- Schools
- Local businesses
- Sports clubs
- Community groups

This normalises conversations about melanoma in everyday life.

4. Awareness Through Emotional Connection

People remember facts when they are tied to emotion. Tom's Fest uses this power authentically.

Tom's story:

- Humanises melanoma
- Shows its impact on families
- Demonstrates that it affects young people
- Makes the disease feel real, not abstract

This emotional connection makes people more likely to:

- Check their skin
- Take sun safety seriously
- Seek medical advice sooner
- Share awareness messages with others

Awareness becomes personal — not just informational.

5. Awareness Through Charity Presence at the Event

The Melanoma-Me Foundation's involvement ensures that awareness is not just implied — it is actively delivered.

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At the event, the charity can:

- Provide information on melanoma signs and symptoms
- Share sun-safety guidance
- Offer leaflets and resources
- Speak directly with attendees
- Signpost support services
- Encourage people to check moles or seek GP advice

This transforms the festival into a live awareness hub.

6. Awareness Through Growth and Scale

Tom's Fest is expanding — moving to larger venues and attracting bigger acts. This growth increases:

- Footfall
- Media interest
- Social media reach
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Community visibility

As the festival grows, so does the awareness footprint.

Each year, more people learn about melanoma because of Tom.

7. Summary: Why Tom's Fest Is a Powerful Awareness Tool

Tom's Fest raises melanoma awareness because it:

- Embeds melanoma messaging into every aspect of the event
- Reaches audiences who would never attend a medical or charity event
- Uses Tom's story to create emotional resonance
- Generates widespread online visibility
- Normalises conversations about melanoma in the community
- Provides direct education and resources at the event
- Expands year on year, increasing its awareness impact

It transforms awareness from something clinical into something human, communal, and unforgettable.

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Projects linked to Tom's Fest include:

Schools Programme '*Shine Bright*' promoting sun safety and early detection-

- Melanoma is one of the most common cancers in young adults, yet many students don't realise how serious it can be. Because *Shine Bright* is a school based project. It reaches people **before** harmful habits form, teaching:
 - How to protect skin from UV exposure
 - How to recognise early warning signs
 - Why early detection saves lives
 - This makes the project a powerful preventative tool.
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Tom's Fest was created in memory of **Tom Linton**, who died from melanoma at just 20. When students learn through *Shine Bright*, they're not just studying a topic — they're engaging with a real, local story that makes the message meaningful and memorable.

The name *Shine Bright* encourages students to:

- Celebrate individuality
- "Shine" through healthy choices
- Spread awareness to others
- It avoids fear-based messaging and instead uses positivity to inspire behaviour change.

Young people listen to each other. The *Shine Bright* project empowers students to:

- Lead assemblies
- Create posters, videos, or social media content
- Run awareness stalls
- Share what they've learned with family and friends
- This multiplies the impact far beyond the classroom.

Shine Bright directly supports our mission by:

- Expanding awareness into schools
- Encouraging early detection
- Helping prevent future cases
- Keeping Tom's legacy alive in a meaningful way

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Beauty and Health Industry Engagement supporting early recognition of suspicious skin changes.

Alongside *Shine Bright*, we also run another Tom's Fest campaign within the **beauty and personal-care industry**, where professionals are uniquely positioned to spot early signs of melanoma on clients.

These campaigns play a crucial role in early detection, public education, and community engagement and are specifically aimed at **hairdressers, barbers, beauticians, nail technicians, massage therapists, tattooists and SPMU (semi-permanent makeup) artists**. These professionals regularly see areas of the body that clients may not check themselves, making them valuable partners in melanoma awareness. The purpose of these campaigns is to help train Beauty professionals see what clients can't, such as the scalp, back, ears, and feet are common melanoma sites — and clients rarely inspect them. Beauty workers are often the first to notice changes.

Melanoma is highly treatable when caught early. These campaigns empower beauty professionals to recognise warning signs and encourage clients to seek medical advice.

Melanoma-Me Foundation also offers **specialist training** to help beauty professionals recognise the signs of melanoma. Their campaign materials emphasise that training can help practitioners identify suspicious lesions and guide clients toward medical assessment.

This training supports:

- Nail technicians in spotting acral melanoma
- Hairdressers in identifying scalp or neck lesions
- Beauty therapists in recognising skin changes during treatments

These campaigns contribute to:

- **Increased early detection** of melanoma
- **Greater public awareness** of skin cancer risks
- **Improved confidence** among beauty professionals in raising concerns
- **Financial support** for counselling and wellbeing services
- **A stronger community network** around melanoma awareness

The campaigns also align with the foundation's broader mission to promote health and wellbeing for people affected by melanoma.

The Butterfly Ball

The Butterfly Ball is an event held annually in memory of Amanda Seymour who died from melanoma in 2018 and provides a space for reflection, remembrance and celebration while raising unrestricted funds to sustain core counselling services. It strengthens supporter relationships, engages corporate sponsors and reinforces Melanoma-Me's identity as a trusted, compassionate organisation.

Funders and Sponsors

We are grateful for the support of a diverse range of funders, including the National Lottery Community Fund, Spire Healthcare, the William Webster Charitable Trust, the Clothworkers' Foundation, the Albert Hunt Trust, the Hadrian Trust, LGA Foundation, John Lewis & Partners, First for Apprenticeships, Orchard Home Care Services, SSE Renewables, Deal Direct, Lloyds Bank, Barclays and Hays Travel.

This diversity reflects strong confidence in our governance, impact and delivery.

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Conclusion

Melanoma-Me Foundation's success is rooted in specialist emotional expertise, strong collaboration, community trust, evidence-based delivery and lived experience leadership. Our services, partnerships and events form an interconnected model of care that places the person — not the diagnosis — at the centre.

With continued investment, we will expand access to emotional support, prevent late diagnoses through awareness, strengthen cross-sector collaboration and build a sustainable melanoma-specific support infrastructure across the UK.

This is a model that works. This is impact that matters. This is a charity delivering lasting change.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2024–2025 year has been one of significant growth, strengthened partnerships and deepened impact for the Melanoma-Me Foundation. As a nationally recognised provider of melanoma-specific emotional and psychological support, the charity has continued to meet rising demand while maintaining high-quality, accessible services across the UK.

Over the year, Melanoma-Me delivered **6,589 counselling and emotional support sessions**, supported hundreds of individuals nationwide and maintained minimal waiting times. Service-user feedback demonstrates strong outcomes, with **85% reporting improved emotional wellbeing** and **90% reporting reduced isolation**.

The organisation has expanded its clinical referral pathways, working closely with GP Alliances, Primary Care Networks, NHS Trusts and Spire Healthcare. These partnerships ensure early signposting, reduced distress at diagnosis and improved integration between emotional and clinical care.

Melanoma-Me presented at the annual melanoma patient conference in Solihull in February, where we discussed the mental and emotional impact of melanoma, which had a very positive impact as melanoma as a clinically heavy focus. Mental resilience supports physical healing which is demonstrated throughout all of our objectives and outcomes.

Community engagement has remained a cornerstone of the charity's work. Flagship events such as **Tom's Fest** and the **Butterfly Ball** have engaged thousands, raised awareness, strengthened community ownership and generated vital unrestricted income. Corporate and community partnerships — including SSE Renewables, Barclays, Lloyds Bank, John Lewis & Partners, Deal Direct and Hays Travel — have further enhanced reach and sustainability.

Looking ahead, Melanoma-Me has set clear strategic priorities for 2025–2027, including expanding counselling capacity, maintaining rapid access, strengthening NHS referral pathways, reaching underserved communities and delivering a collaborative cancer wellness event that will evolve into a national annual gathering.

The charity's success continues to be driven by specialist expertise, lived experience leadership, strong collaboration and a commitment to placing emotional wellbeing at the centre of cancer care. With continued investment, Melanoma-Me is well positioned to expand its impact and deliver lasting change for people affected by melanoma across the UK.

Future Collaborations include Crohn's and Colitis, Red Sky Foundation, Live Well with Cancer, Children North East, any other Cancer Charities, Autoimmune organizations', Children North East.

Financial review

Total income for the year was £161,213 (2024: £157,681) and total expenditure for the year was £191,353 (2024: £150,616) leaving an overall deficit of (£30,140) (2024: surplus £7,065).

We would like to thank all of the generous people and organisations who have donated to us over the past 12 months.

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Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that free reserves (unrestricted reserves not tied up in fixed or other long term assets) should be maintained at a level equivalent to between six and nine month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

At the year end the charity had total reserves of £150,365 (2024: £180,505), £22,750 (2024 : £52,500) of which are restricted funds and £127,615 (2024 : £128,005) of which are unrestricted reserves. The free reserve of the charity amount to £102,615 (2024 : £88,005) at the year end. The current level of reserves are slightly above the target of six and nine month's expenditure, however this was due to the charity's concerns with the cost of living crisis and also with building reserves to be able to expand services.

Plans for future periods

Melanoma-Me is in a fantastic position to grow and develop over the next 12 months and we are planning new strategies and projects;

Ambassador programme - We are looking into ways in which we can bring in more volunteers to support the charity and help us to reach out nationally. We will be looking into supporting volunteers with awareness events, campaigns and fundraising activities.

Collaboration with Thomas Pocklington Trust and Check 4 Cancer - The sightless community are at a significantly higher risk of dying from melanoma due to not being able to recognise the initial signs of melanoma - leading to later stage diagnosis. We will be working closely with the Thomas Pocklington Trust who provides support for people with visual impairment and Check 4 Cancer clinics that offer full body skin checks nationally. This is in the preliminary stages and we hope to be rolling out a pilot scheme by mid 2025.

Soundbaths - As part of our holistic programmes we will be offering more therapies including regular soundbaths which have proven essential health benefits including reducing stress, calmer mind, relaxation and a greater feeling of wellbeing.

National counselling provisions - During the Covid Pandemic all of our counsellors retrained to be able to offer online provisions such as telephone and zoom counselling. We are hoping to grow this during 2025-26.

Counselling support Line - We are adding a new provision to our counselling services by introducing a single session support line for people who need immediate support. This helpline will not only help people through anxiety, stress, grief, any other dilemmas a person with cancer or their loved one may face but will also be a triage service for the other provisions we have at Melanoma- Me Foundation. This is planned for February 2025 and we hope to grow this in 2025-26 .

Face to face Melanoma-Me Cafe - Following on from the success of our online Melanoma Cafe, we would like to provide a similar experience face to face and based within the Melanoma-Me Foundation hub. This is planned for mid 2025.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing documented, a deed of trust and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J Rafferty
Mrs L Prudhoe
Mrs D Dixon
Ms S Simms
Mrs S Wilson
Mr R Smith

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

From time to time it is necessary for the Charity to recruit new Trustees to replace those that have either resigned during their term of office, or by way of anticipating planned retirements after the completion of a single term. When a vacancy occurs, the Board will determine the mix of skills and experience needed so as to ensure a fully functioning team of Trustees and will seek to identify individuals who appear to have the qualities and interest in what we do.

Any vacancies on the committee will be advertised locally normally with the Volunteer Centre and further advertising will be placed in charitable organisation publications.

Organisational structure

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees. The Board meets as is required, to deal with any specific issues relating to the running of the charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Mrs D Dixon

Trustee

Date: 21.01.26.....

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Melanoma-me Foundation (the charity) for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	88,245	20,500	108,745	109,464
Other trading activities	3	52,468	-	52,468	48,217
Total income		<u>140,713</u>	<u>20,500</u>	<u>161,213</u>	<u>157,681</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	141,103	50,250	191,353	150,616
Total expenditure		<u>141,103</u>	<u>50,250</u>	<u>191,353</u>	<u>150,616</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(390)	(29,750)	(30,140)	7,065
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 May 2024		<u>128,005</u>	<u>52,500</u>	<u>180,505</u>	<u>173,440</u>
Fund balances at 30 April 2025		<u><u>127,615</u></u>	<u><u>22,750</u></u>	<u><u>150,365</u></u>	<u><u>180,505</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

Prior financial year	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	2	99,464	10,000	109,464
Other trading activities	3	48,217	-	48,217
Total income		147,681	10,000	157,681
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	105,616	45,000	150,616
Total expenditure		105,616	45,000	150,616
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		42,065	(35,000)	7,065
Reconciliation of funds:				
Fund balances at 1 May 2023		85,940	87,500	173,440
Fund balances at 30 April 2024		128,005	52,500	180,505

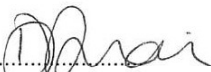
MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	9	31,579		53,912	
Cash at bank and in hand		138,310		128,033	
		<u>169,889</u>		<u>181,945</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(19,524)		(1,440)	
Net current assets			<u>150,365</u>		<u>180,505</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	11		22,750		52,500
Unrestricted funds	12		127,615		128,005
			<u>150,365</u>		<u>180,505</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on ... 21.01.26


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Mrs D Dixon
Trustee

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Melanoma-me Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The principal address is Unit 3 and 4, Waterloo Road, Sulgrave, Washington, Tyne and Wear, NE37 3BJ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 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.

1.7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising 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.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	42,856	-	42,856	84,464	-	84,464
Grants	45,389	20,500	65,889	15,000	10,000	25,000
	<u>88,245</u>	<u>20,500</u>	<u>108,745</u>	<u>99,464</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>109,464</u>

3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	<u>52,468</u>	<u>48,217</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Activities 2025 £	Charitable Activities 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	4,936	-
Counselling Costs	74,378	85,143
Direct Costs	33,378	13,233
Rent	23,210	10,583
Repairs and Renewals	7,455	3,177
Meetings, Events and Training Costs	35,836	31,673
Light and Heat	3,976	1,353
Insurance	903	315
Printing and Stationary	1,072	100
Sundry Expenses	2,017	2,525
Travel	323	738
Rates	945	130
	<u>188,429</u>	<u>148,970</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)		
Governance	2,924	1,646
	<u>191,353</u>	<u>150,616</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	141,103	105,616
Restricted funds	50,250	45,000
	<u>191,353</u>	<u>150,616</u>

5 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Governance costs	2,924	1,646
	<u>2,924</u>	<u>1,646</u>
Analysed between:	<u>2,924</u>	<u>1,646</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

5 Support costs allocated to activities (Continued)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Governance costs comprise:		
Legal and professional	824	100
Independent examiners fees	2,100	1,440
Bank charges	-	106
	<u>2,924</u>	<u>1,646</u>

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

Transactions with trustees

During the year the Trustees received counsellor fees totaling £9,415 (2024 : £12,844). All these costs were in relation to the Trustees duties as counsellors rather than in relation to their duties as a Trustee.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>
Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>4,936</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	£	£
Aggregate compensation	<u>3,445</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

9 Debtors	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Other debtors	1,093	-
Prepayments and accrued income	30,486	53,912
	<u>31,579</u>	<u>53,912</u>
	<u><u>31,579</u></u>	<u><u>53,912</u></u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	795	-
Accruals and deferred income	18,729	1,440
	<u>19,524</u>	<u>1,440</u>
	<u><u>19,524</u></u>	<u><u>1,440</u></u>

11 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 30 April 2025
	Balance at 1 May 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 May 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery	87,500	-	(35,000)	52,500	10,500	(40,250)	22,750
National Lottery Awards for All	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-	-
The Clothworkers Foundation	-	-	-	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
	<u>87,500</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>	<u>52,500</u>	<u>20,500</u>	<u>(50,250)</u>	<u>22,750</u>
	<u><u>87,500</u></u>	<u><u>10,000</u></u>	<u><u>(45,000)</u></u>	<u><u>52,500</u></u>	<u><u>20,500</u></u>	<u><u>(50,250)</u></u>	<u><u>22,750</u></u>

National Lottery

Funding received for a three year project to support people affected by malignant melanoma.

National Lottery Awards For All

Funding received towards the running of support groups.

The Clothworkers Foundation

Funding received towards the refurbishment of the outdoor community space.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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12 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 May 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 April 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Events fund	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Development fund	15,000	-	(15,000)	-	-
General funds	88,005	140,713	(126,103)	-	102,615
	<u>128,005</u>	<u>140,713</u>	<u>(141,103)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,615</u>
Previous year:	At 1 May 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Events fund	-	-	-	25,000	25,000
Development fund	-	-	-	15,000	15,000
General funds	85,940	147,681	(105,616)	(40,000)	88,005
	<u>85,940</u>	<u>147,681</u>	<u>(105,616)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,005</u>

Events fund

These are funds allocated for future fundraising events.

Development fund

These are funds allocated for expanding the premises to grow to the services the charity is able to offer.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£
At 30 April 2025:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	127,615	22,750	150,365
	<u>127,615</u>	<u>22,750</u>	<u>150,365</u>

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 30 April 2024:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	128,005	52,500	180,505
	<u>128,005</u>	<u>52,500</u>	<u>180,505</u>

14 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

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:

	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	19,200	-
Between two and five years	14,400	-
	<u>33,600</u>	<u>-</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year Mrs K Rafferty, spouse of trustee Mr J Rafferty, was paid for salary, consultancy and other services to the charity amounting to £33,701. This was provided on a normal commercial basis.

There were no other disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

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England & Wales - Charity number 1183479

Accounts

Charity registration number 1183479

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Mrs L Prudhoe
Mrs D Dixon
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MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to promote health and wellbeing to patients and their loved ones affected by melanoma and other forms of skin cancer.

The charity achieves its objectives through the provision of several services supported by volunteers which includes:

Counselling - Melanoma-Me Foundation is a charity like no other that provides a holistic support programme for people who are emotionally/ mentally or physically affected by the disease. We have a team of 8 counsellors who have helped thousands of people over the past 7 years that are affected by malignant melanoma either by their own diagnosis or their loved ones. Additionally we have supported individuals who have lost their loved ones to the disease. Melanoma is a unique and lonely disease because the very thing that causes the cancer cannot be avoided —the sun. Individuals who are living with the disease fear the sun and anxiety is at an all-time high during the summer months. In addition to this, individuals fear recurrence as there is no all clear as with other cancers. Melanoma can be very aggressive and relentless and we have supported individuals at the end of life to come to terms with death and dying. Identity and trauma can be a prevalent issue for those with melanoma. Effects of treatment and medication can change a person's physical appearance as well as having a lasting mental and emotional impact on an individual. The counselling we provide helps people to come to terms with their diagnosis, process trauma and is helpful towards creating a more positive future by developing strategies to reduce anxiety and loneliness.

Reiki and complementary therapies - In addition to the counselling and support we provide, Melanoma-Me expanded our services to include Reiki and complementary therapies within the foundation. Both Reiki and meditation have been found to have a profoundly positive impact on mental and physical health, reducing stress and anxiety and boosting resilience. We have three members of the team who are Reiki master trained.

Support Groups -

Face to face group - Melanoma-Me now holds weekly support groups at the foundation. Melanoma can be such a lonely disease, so we have found that bringing people together in a safe and supported environment can help to build up strong support networks, to reduce loneliness and isolation and improve mental health. The support groups are all facilitated by a counsellor and are attended by our service users. More recently our groups have grown, showing the increasing need for this service. The many themes for our groups include:

- Art Therapy
- Crafts
- Meditation and Mindfulness

Online support group- We have expanded our support groups to include a national reach by providing our online Melanoma cafe which is open to anyone affected by the disease. This has grown significantly in the past 12 months and is facilitated by 2 counsellors.

Public benefit

The Trustees have consulted the guidance made available by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on the Public Benefit requirement of the Charities Act. The Trustees are confident that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act in that they have had due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

Achievements and performance

Birthday - Although Melanoma-Me set up as a CIC in 2017, Melanoma-Me Foundation registered formally as a charity in 2019. We were delighted to celebrate 7 years of providing support for people affected by malignant melanoma and raising awareness of the disease. In this time our community has grown significantly not only with beneficiaries but also with the wider community who are invested in the charities growth and help through fundraisers and events.

Toms Fest - Tom's Fest is a festival held in memory of a local young man Tom Linton who passed away from malignant melanoma in 2020 at only 20 years old. Melanoma-Me foundation worked closely with Tom's family to host a musical festival for the third year, that was not only a celebration of Tom's life but an awareness campaign targeted towards young people. Malignant melanoma is still a very much misunderstood disease and Tom's story highlights the importance of early detection as Tom's melanoma was diagnosed late, having spread to other organs. Leading up to his diagnosis he had no awareness of melanoma and his last wish was to raise awareness of the disease so that he can prevent other people from going through what he did. He died only 5 months after his diagnosis. Reaching young people has always been a difficult task as they are a demographic that lives in the present moment and don't give attention to potential future risks. Tom's Fest is an ideal awareness campaign that helps us to raise awareness incidentally by hosting a music festival underpinned by melanoma awareness. The numbers of attendees grew significantly in 2024 meaning that we could raise more awareness with the younger demographic. The planning for Tom's Fest 25 is already underway.

Tom's Fest media campaign - Leading up to Tom's Fest, we work very closely with the media to help us to highlight the cause and raise awareness of the disease. We were invited to talk about both on ITV news and this was also shared by local and national newspapers. The public reaction was outstanding and we received hundreds of messages from people who were now getting skin checks as a result of hearing about Tom's story which inevitably led to melanoma diagnoses thankfully at an early stage. This reach led to a gentleman who was already aware of a changing lesion (but was not forthcoming in getting a skin check) getting it assessed and received an early diagnosis. Our own media campaign through our social media reached over 143,000 individuals and highlights our goal of raising awareness.

School Sun Safety Campaign - In the run up to Tom's Fest we held a competition in 10 local schools, who all took part in raising awareness by creating posters, sun safety kits and presentations to show what they had learned about sun safety thanks to our resources. The winners of this competition received tickets to Tom's Fest and we had an 80% attendance of the winning tickets, showing the awareness we created had an impact on young people.

Beauty Campaigns - In the run up to Melanoma Awareness Month we created three campaigns to be rolled throughout the beauty industry; Get Your Socks Off, Tanathon and Eyes in the Back of Your Head. These campaigns focused on professionals who have close access to clients bodies that they may not be able to see for themselves. Melanoma-Me trained the individuals involved in helping to identify the features of suspicious lesions.

Skydive - We hosted our second annual skydive, with members of our community raising funds and awareness for Melanoma-Me. This day was such a success it was decided it would become an annual event, where 14 participants signed up for 2024.

Butterfly Ball - In November 2023 we held our 6th Butterfly Ball in memory of Amanda Seymour. Amanda was due to attend our first Butterfly Ball in 2017 but tragically passed away before the event. We have since dedicated the ball to her memory. The first ball was attended by 67 people and 2023's ball was a sell out of 350 people with a reserve list. The growth of the ball coincides with the growth of the charity and the public support behind us. Amanda was diagnosed as an early-stage melanoma which sadly returned after 5 years of being NED (No Evidence of Disease) and her story is incredibly important with encouraging people to be vigilant. During the evening we share Amanda's story and raise awareness of the disease. During the event we use the platform to acknowledge individuals who are navigating the disease by carrying out an award presentation.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

Awareness training - Melanoma-Me Foundation created the first awareness campaign of its kind, designed to raise awareness of malignant melanoma with people who work in close contact with other people (nurses, hairdressers, beauty therapists etc). The purpose of the training was to share information with the delegate to help them to be able to identify a suspicious lesion and to communicate this with the service user so that they can get it medically examined. The course was delivered face to face but during the pandemic we converted to online training and we were able to reach out to people nationally. The course has helped (over) 70 people to receive a malignant melanoma diagnosis early and has been truly lifesaving. We work directly with barbering academies who are in a prime position to recognise anything suspicious on their clients. Men are notoriously late at receiving a malignant melanoma diagnosis and one of the reasons for this is because they are more likely to have a melanoma in areas that they cannot see for themselves. It is therefore imperative that they are made aware of anything suspicious so that they can have it medically assessed. In early 2024 we decided to rebrand the training to 'TIME' an acronym for Training Information Melanoma Education making it more accessible and prevalent for close contact melanoma awareness.

Working with the Cancer Network - Melanoma-Me are proud to be part of the Cancer Network which is a VCSE organisation covering the North East of England that bring cancer charities and organisations together to create a holistic approach for people affected by cancer.

SSE - We began a hugely impactful collaboration with SSE who employ a vast amount of outdoor workers. The collaboration began with the purchase of 4 thousand of our UV colour change wristbands which were distributed to their outdoor workers to help them to recognise when to wear sunscreen and PPE. SSE are very passionate in supporting the cause and have since decided to sponsor our various campaigns such as Tom's Fest and the Butterfly Ball and we are hopeful to continue this meaningful relationship.

Collaboration with Hays Travel - For many years we have considered the impact melanoma awareness could have by collaborating with holiday companies. We were delighted to be approached as a charity partner for Hay's Travel Washington who have completed several fundraisers and distributed our flyers and mole monitoring cards throughout their branch, thus raising awareness with people who will be travelling to hotter countries and encouraging vigilance and preventative measures.

Spire Hospital Washington - We collaborated with the Spire Hospital Washington to help support a health event where Melanoma-Me was nominated as their chosen charity. The premise was to hold a fundraising and awareness national event amongst the many hospitals in the UK 'a thousand mile challenge' . We were delighted that Spire Washington won the whole competition and raised essential funds for Melanoma-Me.

GNR - We had 10 charity spaces for GNR and had a large uptake in people who wanted to run for Melanoma-Me to not only raise funds but valuable awareness of the disease.

New Hub for the charity - As we ended the year 2023 it became apparent that the hub we were currently in was quickly being outgrown. In early February we found a new building that was perfectly placed to support the growth and development of the charity. At over twice the size of the previous hub we are now able to provide more support and counselling as well as a ready made training room where we can host awareness sessions and groups with a growing number of delegates. We also have a therapy suite and a family room for group counselling sessions.

Financial review

Total income for the year was £157,681 (2023: £227,055) and total expenditure for the year was £150,616 (2023: £124,779) leaving an overall surplus of £7,065 (2023: £102,276).

We would like to thank all of the generous people and organisations who have donated to us over the past 12 months.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that free reserves (unrestricted reserves not tied up in fixed or other long term assets) should be maintained at a level equivalent to between six and nine month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

At the year end the charity had total reserves of £180,505 (2023 £173,440), £52,500 (2023 : £87,500) of which are restricted funds and £128,005 (2023 : £85,940) of which are unrestricted reserves. The free reserve of the charity amount to £88,005 (2023 : £85,940) at the year end. The current level of reserves are slightly above the target of six and none month's expenditure, however this was due to the charity's concerns with the cost of living crisis and also with building reserves to be able to expand services.

Plans for future periods

Melanoma-Me is in a fantastic position to grow and develop over the next 12 months and we are planning new strategies and projects;

Ambassador programme - We are looking into ways in which we can bring in more volunteers to support the charity and help us to reach out nationally. We will be looking into supporting volunteers with awareness events, campaigns and fundraising activities.

Collaboration with Thomas Pocklington Trust and Check 4 Cancer - The sightless community are at a significantly higher risk of dying from melanoma due to not being able to recognise the initial signs of melanoma - leading to later stage diagnosis. We will be working closely with the Thomas Pocklington Trust who provides support for people with visual impairment and Check 4 Cancer clinics that offer full body skin checks nationally. This is in the preliminary stages and we hope to be rolling out a pilot scheme by mid 2025

Newcastle Airport Campaign - We will be rolling out an awareness campaign during August 2024 at Newcastle Airport on their large billboards. This is an initiative to help to peak the interest of holidaymakers and encourage healthier behaviours in the sun as well as vigilance of their skin while on holiday.

SSE - We will be looking into collaborating again with SSE during 2024-2025 and developing the awareness we are already raising with their outdoor workforce.

Soundbaths - As part of our holistic programmes we will be offering more therapies including regular soundbaths which have proven essential health benefits including reducing stress, calmer mind, relaxation and a greater feeling of wellbeing.

National counselling provisions - During the Covid Pandemic all of our counsellors retrained to be able to offer online provisions such as telephone and zoom counselling. We are hoping to grow this during 2024- 2025

Counselling support Line - We are adding a new provision to our counselling services by introducing a single session support line for people who need immediate support. This helpline will not only help people through anxiety, stress, grief, any other dilemmas a person with cancer or their loved one may face but will also be a triage service for the other provisions we have at Melanoma- Me Foundation. This is planned for February 2025

Face to face Melanoma-Me Cafe - Following on from the success of our online Melanoma Cafe, we would like to provide a similar experience face to face and based within the Melanoma-Me Foundation hub. This is planned for mid 2025.

Melanoma Patient Conference - Melanoma-Me Foundation will be presenting at the MPC in February 2025 showcasing the work that the charity does as well as promoting the provisions and giving the patients a voice to share their experiences with melanoma.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing documented, a deed of trust and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J Rafferty

Mrs L Prudhoe

Mrs D Dixon

Ms S Simms

(Appointed 1 June 2023)

Mrs S Wilson

(Appointed 24 January 2024)

Mr R Smith

(Appointed 24 January 2024)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

From time to time it is necessary for the Charity to recruit new Trustees to replace those that have either resigned during their term of office, or by way of anticipating planned retirements after the completion of a single term. When a vacancy occurs, the Board will determine the mix of skills and experience needed so as to ensure a fully functioning team of Trustees and will seek to identify individuals who appear to have the qualities and interest in what we do.

Any vacancies on the committee will be advertised locally normally with the Volunteer Centre and further advertising will be placed in charitable organisation publications.

Organisational structure

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees. The Board meets as is required, to deal with any specific issues relating to the running of the charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mrs D Dixon

Trustee

Date: 22.01.25

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Melanoma-me Foundation (the charity) for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 27.11.2025

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	99,464	10,000	109,464	176,288
Other trading activities	3	48,217	-	48,217	50,767
Total income		<u>147,681</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>157,681</u>	<u>227,055</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	105,616	45,000	150,616	124,779
Total expenditure		<u>105,616</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>150,616</u>	<u>124,779</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		42,065	(35,000)	7,065	102,276
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 May 2023		85,940	87,500	173,440	71,164
Fund balances at 30 April 2024		<u>128,005</u>	<u>52,500</u>	<u>180,505</u>	<u>173,440</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes			
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	2	71,288	105,000	176,288
Other trading activities	3	50,767	-	50,767
Total income		<u>122,055</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>227,055</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	107,279	17,500	124,779
Total expenditure		<u>107,279</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>124,779</u>
Net income and movement in funds		14,776	87,500	102,276
Reconciliation of funds:				
Fund balances at 1 May 2022		71,164	-	71,164
Fund balances at 30 April 2023		<u>85,940</u>	<u>87,500</u>	<u>173,440</u>

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	8	53,912		87,680	
Cash at bank and in hand		128,033		87,200	
		<u>181,945</u>		<u>174,880</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,440)		(1,440)	
Net current assets			<u>180,505</u>		<u>173,440</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	10		52,500		87,500
Unrestricted funds	11		128,005		85,940
			<u>180,505</u>		<u>173,440</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 22.01.25


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Mrs D Dixon
Trustee

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Melanoma-me Foundation is a Charitable Trust.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 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.

1.7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising 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.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	84,464	-	84,464	71,288	-	71,288
Grants	15,000	10,000	25,000	-	105,000	105,000
	<u>99,464</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>109,464</u>	<u>71,288</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>176,288</u>
Grants						
National Lottery	-	10,000	10,000	-	105,000	105,000
The Albert Hunt Trust	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-
L.G.A. Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>105,000</u>

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3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Melanoma-me CIC income	-	362
Fundraising events	48,217	50,405
	<u>48,217</u>	<u>50,767</u>
Other trading activities	48,217	50,767
	<u>48,217</u>	<u>50,767</u>

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Activities 2024 £	Charitable Activities 2023 £
Direct costs		
Counselling Costs	85,143	56,365
Direct Costs	13,233	21,283
Rent	10,583	9,720
Repairs and Renewals	3,177	675
Meetings, Events and Training Costs	31,673	31,700
Light and Heat	1,353	589
Insurance	315	671
Printing and Stationary	100	155
Sundry Expenses	2,525	1,058
Travel	738	825
Rates	130	-
	<u>148,970</u>	<u>123,041</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)		
Governance	1,646	1,738
	<u>150,616</u>	<u>124,779</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	105,616	107,279
Restricted funds	45,000	17,500
	<u>150,616</u>	<u>124,779</u>

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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5 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Governance costs	1,646	1,738
	<u>1,646</u>	<u>1,738</u>
Analysed between:		
	1,646	1,738
	<u>1,646</u>	<u>1,738</u>
	2024	2023
	£	£
Governance costs comprise:		
Legal and professional	100	224
Independent examiners fees	1,440	1,514
Bank charges	106	-
	<u>1,646</u>	<u>1,738</u>

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

Transactions with trustees

During the year the Trustees received counsellor fees totaling £12,844 (2023 : £24,839). All these costs were in relation to the Trustees duties as counsellors rather than in relation to their duties as a Trustee.

7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	53,912	87,680
	<u>53,912</u>	<u>87,680</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,440	1,440
	<u>1,440</u>	<u>1,440</u>

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10 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds		
	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 1 May 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 April 2024 £
National Lottery	105,000	(17,500)	87,500	-	(35,000)	52,500
National Lottery Awards for All	-	-	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
	<u>105,000</u>	<u>(17,500)</u>	<u>87,500</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>	<u>52,500</u>

National Lottery

Funding received for a three year project to support people affected by malignant melanoma.

National Lottery Awards For All

Funding received towards the running of support groups.

11 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 May 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2024 £
Events fund	-	-	-	25,000	25,000
Development fund	-	-	-	15,000	15,000
General funds	85,940	147,681	(105,616)	(40,000)	88,005
	<u>85,940</u>	<u>147,681</u>	<u>(105,616)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,005</u>
Previous year:	At 1 May 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	71,164	122,055	(107,279)	-	85,940
	<u>71,164</u>	<u>122,055</u>	<u>(107,279)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,940</u>

Events fund

These are funds allocated for future fundraising events.

Development fund

These are funds allocated for expanding the premises to grow to the services the charity is able to offer.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 30 April 2024:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	128,005	52,500	180,505
	<u>128,005</u>	<u>52,500</u>	<u>180,505</u>
	<u><u>128,005</u></u>	<u><u>52,500</u></u>	<u><u>180,505</u></u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 30 April 2023:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	85,940	87,500	173,440
	<u>85,940</u>	<u>87,500</u>	<u>173,440</u>
	<u><u>85,940</u></u>	<u><u>87,500</u></u>	<u><u>173,440</u></u>

13 Related party transactions

During the year Mrs K Rafferty, spouse of trustee Mr J Rafferty, provided consultancy and other services to the charity amounting to £29,424. This was provided on a normal commercial basis.

There were no other disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1183479

Accounts

Charity registration number 1183479

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MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J Rafferty Mrs L Prudhoe Mrs D Dixon Ms S Simms	(Appointed 11 November 2022) (Appointed 1 June 2023)
Charity number	1183479	
Principal address	Unit 3 Newtown Industrial Estate Birtley Gateshead DH3 2QW	
Independent examiner	Robson Laidler Accountants Limited Fernwood House Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear England NE2 1TJ	

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MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to promote health and wellbeing to patients and their loved ones affected by melanoma and other forms of skin cancer.

The charity achieves its objectives through the provision of several services supported by volunteers which includes:

Counselling - Melanoma-Me Foundation is a charity like no other that supports people who are emotionally/mentally/physically affected by the disease. We have a team of 8 counsellors who have helped thousands of people affected by malignant melanoma live with and supported individuals who have lost their loved ones to the disease. Melanoma is a unique and lonely disease because the very thing that causes the cancer cannot be avoided —the sun. Individuals who are living with the disease fear the sun and anxiety is at an all-time high during the summer months. In addition to this, individuals fear recurrence as there is no all clear as with other cancers. Melanoma can be very aggressive and relentless and we have supported individuals at end of life to come to terms with death and dying. Identity and trauma can be a prevalent issue for those with melanoma. Effects of treatment and medication can change a persons physical appearance as well as having a lasting mental and emotional impact on an individual. The counselling we provide helps people to come to terms with their diagnosis, process trauma and is helpful towards creating a more positive future by developing strategies to reduce anxiety and loneliness.

Reiki and complimentary therapies - In addition to the counselling and support we provide, Melanoma-Me expanded our services to include Reiki and complementary therapies within the foundation. Both Reiki and meditation have been found to have a profoundly positive impact on mental and physical health, reducing stress and anxiety and boosting resilience. We have two members of staff who are Reiki master trained.

Support Groups - Melanoma-Me now holds weekly support groups at the foundation. Melanoma can be such a lonely disease, so we have found that bringing people together in a safe and supported environment can help to build up strong support networks, to reduce loneliness and isolation and improve mental health. The support groups are all facilitated by a counsellor and are attended by our service users. More recently our groups have grown, showing the increasing need for this service. The many themes for our groups include:

- Art Therapy
- Crafts
- Meditation and Mindfulness

Public benefit

The Trustees have consulted the guidance made available by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on the Public Benefit requirement of the Charities Act. The Trustees are confident that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act in that they have had due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Achievements and performance

Birthday - Although Melanoma-Me, Set up as a CIC in 2017, Melanoma-Me Foundation registered formally as a charity in 2019. We were delighted to celebrate 6 years of providing support for people affected by malignant melanoma and raising awareness of the disease.

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

Achievements and performance (continued)

Toms Fest - Tom's Fest was held in memory of a local young man Tom Linton who passed away to malignant melanoma in 2020 at only 20 years old. Melanoma-Me foundation worked closely with Tom's family to host a musical festival that was not only a celebration of Tom's life but an awareness campaign targeted towards young people. Malignant melanoma is still a very much misunderstood disease and Tom's story highlights the importance of early detection as Tom's melanoma was diagnosed late, having spread to other organs. Leading up to his diagnosis he had no awareness of melanoma and his last wish was to raise awareness of the disease so that he can prevent other people from going through what he did. He died only 5 months after his diagnosis. This year we held our second annual Tom's Fest which was considered a huge success, with numbers of attendees growing significantly than last year meaning we could raise more awareness with the younger demographic. The planning for Tom's Fest 24 is already underway.

Tom's Fest media campaign - Leading up to Tom's Fest, the media became very interested in the festival and Tom's story and, we were invited to talk about both on ITV news, Lad Bible, BBC News and local and national newspapers covered the story. The public reaction was outstanding and we received hundreds of messages from people who were now getting skin checks as a result of hearing about Tom's story which inevitably led to melanoma diagnoses thankfully at an early stage. Our own media campaign through our social media reached over 143,000 individuals and highlights our goal of raising awareness.

School Sun Safety Campaign - In the run up to Tom's Fest we held a competition in 12 local schools, who all took part in raising awareness by creating posters, sun safety kits and presentations to show what they had learned about sun safety thanks to our resources. The winners of this competition received tickets to Tom's Fest and we had an 80% attendance of the winning tickets, showing the awareness we created had an impact on young people.

Beauty Campaigns - In the run up to Melanoma Awareness Month we created three campaigns to be rolled throughout the beauty industry; Get Your Socks Off, Tanathon and Eyes in the Back of Your Head. These campaigns focused on professionals who have close access to clients bodies that they may not be able to see for themselves. Melanoma-Me trained the individuals involved in helping to identify the features of suspicious lesions

These campaigns were a huge success and allowed us to cement our partnership with the beauty industry too.

Skydive - We hosted our first annual skydive, with members of our community raising funds and awareness for Melanoma-Me. This day was such a success it was decided it would become an annual event, where participants for 2023 was also 14, and grew to 28 planned for 2024.

Butterfly Ball - In November 2022 we held our 5th Butterfly Ball in memory of Amanda Seymour. Amanda was due to attend our first Butterfly Ball in 2017 but tragically passed away before the event. We have since dedicated the ball to her memory. The first ball was attended by 67 people and 2022's ball was a sell out of 350 people with a reserve list. The growth of the ball coincides with the growth of the charity and the public support behind us. Amanda was diagnosed as an early-stage melanoma which sadly returned after 5 years of being NED (No Evidence of Disease) and her story is incredibly important with encouraging people to be vigilant. During the evening we share Amanda's story and raise awareness of the disease.

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

Awareness training - Melanoma-Me Foundation created the first awareness campaign of its kind, designed to raise awareness of malignant melanoma with people who work in close contact with other people (nurses, hairdressers, beauty therapists etc). The purpose of the training was to share information with the delegate to help them to be able to identify a suspicious lesion and to communicate this with the service user so that they can get it medically examined. The course was delivered face to face but during the pandemic we converted to online training and we were able to reach out to people nationally. The course has helped (over) 67 people to receive a malignant melanoma diagnosis early and has been truly lifesaving. We work directly with barbering academies who are in a prime position to recognise anything suspicious on their clients. Men are notoriously late at receiving a malignant melanoma diagnosis and one of the reasons for this is because they are more likely to have a melanoma in areas that they cannot see for themselves. It is therefore imperative that they are made aware of anything suspicious so that they can have it medically assessed.

Summer fayre - The summer fayre was held at the foundation and through music and entertainment we were able to bring our community together. It was important not just to raise awareness of the disease, but also to make the local community aware of who and what we are, so that if anyone affected by melanoma needed support, they knew that we were there and gave them an opportunity to connect with us. It was attended by hundreds of people from the local community. We had music and entertainment all day.

Achievements and performance (continued)

Football Tournament - The football tournament was held in memory of Julie Goring who was a service user of Melanoma-Me Foundation and passed away to malignant melanoma in July 2021. Julie asked us to continue her wish of raising awareness of the disease before she passed away and we have been doing this through sharing a video that the Foundation made on behalf of Julie to highlight her story. Julie was aware that she had a suspicious lesion on her ankle but due to a busy life she failed to get it medically assessed. She was very passionate about encouraging people to not wait and to get things checked as early as possible to save lives.

Presented at the Melanoma Patient conference - We were invited to attend and present at the Melanoma Patient Conference on behalf of Melanoma-Me Foundation and the impact that malignant melanoma has on mental health. Melanoma. Our counsellor Claire presented in front of hundreds of people diagnosed with malignant melanoma, showing understanding for the impact of the disease and encouraging people to reach out and gain support from Melanoma-Me.

Joined the Cancer Network - Melanoma-Me are proud to be part of the Cancer Network which is a VCSE organisation covering the North east of England.

Financial review

Total income for the year was £227,055 (2022: £96,087) and total expenditure for the year was £124,779 (2022: £90,768) leaving an overall surplus of £102,276 (2022: £5,319).

We would like to thank all of the generous people and organisations who have donated to us over the past 12 months.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that free reserves (unrestricted reserves not tied up in fixed or other long term assets) should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

At the year end the charity had total reserves of £173,440 (2022 £71,164), £87,500 (2022 : £nil) of which are restricted funds and £85,940 (2022 : £71,164) of which are free reserves. The current level of reserves are above the target of three and six month's expenditure, however this was due to the charity's concerns with the cost of living crisis and also with building reserves to be able to expand services.

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

Plans for future periods

Due to the expansions of the services and a large increase in new referrals, the charity will be moving premises during February 2024. This will have a financial impact, not only from the increase in rent but also from the removal costs and new essential equipment (such as fridge freezer and renovation costs).

In addition to the the increase in demand of the services, the cost of living crisis is also impacting the charities financial forecast and funds are needed to pay for the extra cost of the new premises, as-well as to recover the reduction in donations.

Once settled, we expect the move to have a positive impact on the charity because the services can expand further. We can increase our training and awareness sessions which have so far led to around 67 cases of melanoma being discovered (and treated early for the best possible outcome). We will be able on increase our peer group support, which will help people to alleviate the loneliness of the disease by being supported by other people with lived experience. We can also offer counselling and support to new referrals without having the restraint of a waiting list.

With additional funding to help us fulfil our charitable objectives we could employ another counsellor to help people receive mental health support as and when needed. We could also employ a trainer to conduct the lifesaving awareness sessions as aforementioned.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing documented, a deed of trust and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J Rafferty	
Mrs K Rafferty	(Resigned 12 December 2022)
Ms K Forster	(Resigned 24 July 2022)
Mrs L Prudhoe	
Mr MT Ternent	(Appointed 11 October 2022 and resigned 27 November 2022)
Mrs D Dixon	(Appointed 11 November 2022)
Ms S Simms	(Appointed 1 June 2023)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

From time to time it is necessary for the Charity to recruit new Trustees to replace those that have either resigned during their term of office, or by way of anticipating planned retirements after the completion of a single term. When a vacancy occurs, the Board will determine the mix of skills and experience needed so as to ensure a fully functioning team of Trustees and will seek to identify individuals who appear to have the qualities and interest in what we do.

Any vacancies on the committee will be advertised locally normally with the Volunteer Centre and further advertising will be placed in charitable organisation publications.

Organisational structure

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees. The Board meets as is required, to deal with any specific issues relating to the running of the charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


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Mrs D Dixon

Trustee

Date: 26.01.2024

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Melanoma-me Foundation (the charity) for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 11-1-2024.....

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2023 £	2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	71,288	105,000	176,288	62,128
Other trading activities	3	50,767	-	50,767	33,959
Total income		<u>122,055</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>227,055</u>	<u>96,087</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	107,279	17,500	124,779	90,768
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		<u>14,776</u>	<u>87,500</u>	<u>102,276</u>	<u>5,319</u>
Fund balances at 1 May 2022		<u>71,164</u>	-	<u>71,164</u>	<u>65,845</u>
Fund balances at 30 April 2023		<u><u>85,940</u></u>	<u><u>87,500</u></u>	<u><u>173,440</u></u>	<u><u>71,164</u></u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.


MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	9	87,680		195	
Cash at bank and in hand		87,200		72,409	
		<u>174,880</u>		<u>72,604</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	10	<u>(1,440)</u>		<u>(1,440)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>173,440</u>		<u>71,164</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	11		87,500		-
Unrestricted funds			85,940		71,164
			<u>173,440</u>		<u>71,164</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26.01.2024


Mrs D Dixon
Trustee

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Melanoma-me Foundation is a Charitable Trust.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 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.

1.7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising 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.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds	
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	71,288	-	71,288	62,128
Grants received	-	105,000	105,000	-
	<u>71,288</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>176,288</u>	<u>62,128</u>
Grants receivable for core activities				
National Lottery	-	105,000	105,000	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>-</u>

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Melanoma-Me CIC income	362	2,459
Fundraising and events	50,405	31,500
	<u>50,767</u>	<u>33,959</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable activities	Charitable activities
	2023	2022
	£	£
Counselling costs	56,365	49,258
Direct costs	21,283	8,911
Rent	9,720	8,460
Repairs and renewals	675	1,501
Meetings, events and training costs	31,700	17,747
Light and heat	589	1,949
Insurance	671	385
Printing and stationery	155	221
Sundry expenses	1,058	596
Travel	825	-
	<u>123,041</u>	<u>89,028</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	1,738	1,740
	<u>124,779</u>	<u>90,768</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	107,279	90,768
Restricted funds	17,500	-
	<u>124,779</u>	<u>90,768</u>

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Legal and professional	-	224	224	-
Independent examination fees	-	1,514	1,514	1,740
	-	1,738	1,738	1,740
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	-	1,738	1,738	1,740

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

Transactions with trustees

During the year the Trustees received counsellor fees totalling £24,839. All these costs were in relation to the Trustees duties as counsellors rather than in relation to their duties as a Trustee.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

9 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	87,680	195

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,440	1,440

11 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Balance at 30 April 2023 £
	Balance at 1 May 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	
National Lottery	-	105,000	(17,500)	87,500

National Lottery

Funding received for a three year project to support people affected by malignant melanoma.

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fund balances at 30 April 2023 are represented by:				
Current assets/(liabilities)	85,940	87,500	173,440	71,164
	85,940	87,500	173,440	71,164

13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1183479

Accounts

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Mr J Rafferty
Mrs K Rafferty
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Mr MT Ternent

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MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

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MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to promote health and wellbeing to patients and their loved ones affected by melanoma and other forms of skin cancer.

The charity achieves its objectives through the provision of several services supported by volunteers which includes:

Counselling - Melanoma-Me Foundation is a charity like no other that supports people who are emotionally/mentally/physically affected by the disease. We have a team of 7 counsellors and a support worker who have helped thousands of people affected by malignant melanoma live with and supported individuals who have lost their loved ones to the disease. Melanoma is a unique and lonely disease because the very thing that causes the cancer cannot be avoided – the sun. Individuals who are living with the disease fear the sun and anxiety is at an all-time high during the summer months. In addition to this, individuals fear recurrence as there is no all clear with other cancers. Melanoma can be very aggressive and relentless and we have supported individuals at end of life to come to terms with death and dying.

Reiki and complimentary therapies - In addition to the counselling and support we provide, Melanoma-Me expanded our services to include Reiki and complimentary therapies within the foundation. Both Reiki and meditation have been found to have a profoundly positive impact on mental and physical health, reducing stress and anxiety and boosting resilience.

Support Groups - Melanoma-Me now holds weekly support groups at the foundation. Melanoma can be such a lonely disease, so we have found that bringing people together in a safe and supported environment can help to build up strong support networks, reduce loneliness and isolation and improve mental health. The support groups are all attended by a counsellor and service users and occasionally outside contractors. We have held groups with different themes including;

- Art Therapy
- Crafts
- Meditation and Mindfulness
- Self-Love

Public benefit

The Trustees have consulted the guidance made available by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on the Public Benefit requirement of the Charities Act. The Trustees are confident that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act in that they have had due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Achievements and performance

Birthday - Although Melanoma-Me. Set up as a CIC in 2017, Melanoma-Me Foundation registered formally as a charity in 2019. We were delighted to celebrate 5 years of providing support for people affected by malignant melanoma and raising awareness of the disease.

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

Achievements and performance (continued)

Toms Fest - Tom's Fest was held in memory of a local young man Tom Linton who passed away to malignant melanoma in 2020 at only 20 years old. Melanoma-Me foundation worked closely with tom's family to host a musical festival that was not only a celebration of Tom's life but an awareness campaign targeted towards young people. Malignant melanoma is still a very much misunderstood disease and Tom's story highlights the importance of early detection as Tom's melanoma was diagnosed late, having spread to other organs. Leading up to his diagnosis he had no awareness of melanoma and his last wish was to raise awareness of the disease so that he can prevent other people from going through what he did. He died only 5 months following diagnosis.

Tom's Fest media campaign - Leading up to Tom's Fest, the media became very interested in the festival and Tom's story and we were invited to talk about both on ITV news. Lad Bible, BBC News and local and national newspapers covered the story. The public reaction was outstanding and we received hundreds of messages from people who were now getting skin checks as a result of hearing about Tom's story which inevitably led to melanoma diagnoses thankfully at an early stage.

Park View awareness - The festival was held at Park View Academy which is the school that Tom attended. We raised awareness with the whole of the school and the children were all entered into a competition to win Tom's Fest tickets. The children were invited to make sun awareness campaigns that Melanoma-Me could use in future campaigns. The work produced was incredible and showed a fantastic understanding of prevention and early detection as well as sun safety. 30 pupils won the competition and attended Tom's Fest.

Butterfly Ball - In November 2022 we held our 5th Butterfly Ball in memory of Amanda Seymour. Amanda was due to attend our first Butterfly Ball in 2017 but tragically passed away before the event. We have since dedicated the ball to her memory. The first ball was attended by 67 people and 2022's ball was a sell out of 350 people with a reserve list. The growth of the ball coincides with the growth of the charity and the public support behind us. Amanda was diagnosed as an early-stage melanoma which sadly returned after 5 years of being NED (No Evidence of Disease) and her story is incredibly important with encouraging people to be vigilant. During the evening we share Amanda's story and raise awareness of the disease.

Awareness training - Melanoma-Me Foundation created the first awareness campaign of its kind, designed to raise awareness of malignant melanoma with people who work in close contact with other people (nurses, hairdressers, beauty therapists etc). The purpose of the training was to share information with the delegate to help them to be able to identify a suspicious lesion and to communicate this with the service user so that they can get it medically examined. The course was delivered face to face but during the pandemic we converted to online training and we were able to reach out to people nationally. The course has helped (over) 67 people to receive a malignant melanoma diagnosis early and has been truly lifesaving. We work directly with barbering academies who are in a prime position to recognise anything suspicious on their clients. Men are notoriously late at receiving a malignant melanoma diagnosis and one of the reasons for this is because they are more likely to have a melanoma in areas that they cannot see for themselves. It's therefore imperative that they are made aware of anything suspicious so that they can have it medically assessed.

Summer fayre - The summer fayre was held at the foundation and through music and entertainment we were able to bring community together. It was important not just to raise awareness of the disease, but also to make the local community aware of who and what we are, so that if anyone affected by melanoma needed support, they knew that we were there and gave them an opportunity to connect with us. It was attended by hundreds of people from the local community. We had music and entertainment all day.

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

Achievements and performance (continued)

Football Tournament - The football tournament was held in memory of Julie Goring who was a service user of Melanoma-Me Foundation and passed away to malignant melanoma in July 2021. Julie asked us to continue her wish of raising awareness of the disease before she passed away and we have been doing this through sharing a video that the Foundation made on behalf of Julie to highlight her story. Julie was aware that she had a suspicious lesion on her ankle but due to a busy life she failed to get it medically assessed. She was very passionate about encouraging people to not wait and to get things checked as early as possible to save lives.

Presented at the Melanoma Patient conference - We were invited to attend and present at the Melanoma Patient Conference on behalf of Melanoma-Me Foundation and the impact that malignant melanoma has on mental health. Melanoma. Our counsellor Claire presented in front of hundreds of people diagnosed with malignant melanoma, showing understanding for the impact of the disease and encouraging people to reach out and gain support from Melanoma-Me.

Joined the Cancer Network - Melanoma-Me are proud to be part of the Cancer Network which is a VCSE organisation covering the North east of England.

Financial review

Total income for the year was £96,087 (2021: £123,826) and total expenditure for the year was £90,768 (2021: £80,494) leaving an overall surplus of £5,319 (2021: £43,374).

We would like to thank all of the generous people and organisations who have donated to us over the past 12 months.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that free reserves (unrestricted reserves not tied up in fixed or other long term assets) should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

At the year end the charity had total reserves of £71,164 (2021: £65,845) all of which are free reserves. The current level of reserves are above the target of three and six month's expenditure, however this was due to the charity's concerns with the Covid-19 pandemic and other inflationary increases since the year end.

Plans for future periods

The main target for the next 12 months is to attract funding to help support the charity in different projects.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J Rafferty
Mrs K Rafferty
Ms K Forster
Mrs L Prudhoe
Mr MT Ternent

(Appointed 11 October 2022)

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

From time to time it is necessary for the Charity to recruit new Trustees to replace those that have either resigned during their term of office, or by way of anticipating planned retirements after the completion of a single term. When a vacancy occurs, the Board will determine the mix of skills and experience needed so as to ensure a fully functioning team of Trustees and will seek to identify individuals who appear to have the qualities and interest in what we do.

Any vacancies on the committee will be advertised locally normally with the Volunteer Centre and further advertising will be placed in charitable organisation publications.

Organisational structure

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees. The Board meets as is required, to deal with any specific issues relating to the running of the charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mrs K Rafferty
Trustee

Date: 16/1/23

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Melanoma-me Foundation (the charity) for the year ended 30 April 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Nick Cunningham

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Dated: 17/01/2023

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations and legacies	2	62,128	103,047
Other trading activities	3	33,959	20,821
Total income		<u>96,087</u>	<u>123,868</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Charitable activities	4	<u>90,768</u>	<u>80,494</u>
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		5,319	43,374
Fund balances at 1 May 2021		<u>65,845</u>	<u>22,471</u>
Fund balances at 30 April 2022		<u><u>71,164</u></u>	<u><u>65,845</u></u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.


MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	8	195		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>72,409</u>		<u>65,845</u>	
		72,604		65,845	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(1,440)</u>		-	
Net current assets			<u>71,164</u>		<u>65,845</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			<u>71,164</u>		<u>65,845</u>
			<u>71,164</u>		<u>65,845</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 16/5/23


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Mrs K Rafferty
Trustee

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

Melanoma-me Foundation is a Charitable Trust.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 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.

1.7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising 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.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	62,128	47,347
Grants received	-	55,700
	<u>62,128</u>	<u>103,047</u>

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3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Melanoma-Me CIC income	2,459	3,803
Fundraising and events	31,500	17,018
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Other trading activities	33,959	20,821
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable activities	Charitable activities
	2022	2021
	£	£
Counselling costs	49,258	54,112
Direct costs	8,911	9,197
Rent	8,460	8,640
Repairs and renewals	1,501	401
Meetings, events and training costs	17,747	1,283
Light and heat	1,949	771
Insurance	385	694
Printing and stationery	221	440
Sundry expenses	596	1,458
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	89,028	76,996
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	1,740	3,498
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	90,768	80,494
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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5 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examination fees	-	1,740	1,740	180
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	3,318
	-	1,740	1,740	3,498
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	1,740	1,740	3,498

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

Transactions with trustees

During the year the Trustees received counsellor fees totalling £24,839. All these costs were in relation to the Trustees duties as counsellors rather than in relation to their duties as a Trustee.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments and accrued income	195	-

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,440	-

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022*

10 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

MELANOMA-ME FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1183479

Accounts

Melanoma-me Foundation

Trustees and Accounts Report

**1st May 2020 - 30th April
2021**

Charity Number 1183479

Charity information:

Name	Melanoma-me Foundation
Charity Number	1183479
Address	Newtown Industrial Estate Birtley DH3 2QW
Telephone	0191 492 2211
Trustees	Kerry Rafferty James Rafferty Kerry Forster Lynn Prudhoe
Bank details	Barclays North East Counties Leicestershire LE87 2BB

Melanoma-me Foundation

Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ending 30 April 2021

Aims and Objectives

Melanoma-Me Foundation are a team of counsellors, support workers and holistic therapists who provide psychological support for patients and carers who are experiencing the anxiety of a melanoma diagnosis. We are an organisation that truly understands the complexity and trauma involved in diagnosis and living with Melanoma.

We run one to one, family therapy and groups for people who are living with melanoma as well as bereavement groups for the families and friends of a loved one lost to the disease.

We also run awareness sessions across the nation and our work with the beauty industry, (who are in a prime position to recognise suspicious lesions on their clients) have brought about the early diagnosis of over 52 melanomas.

Melanoma is still a very much misunderstood disease. It's not 'just' skin cancer, it's a deadly heartbreaking disease that could affect anyone at any time. Awareness is vital for prevention and early detection.

The aims of the charity is to provide a one stop holistic safe space for anyone affected by melanoma and a place where people can come and spend the day where the focus is solely on improving mental health and promoting wellness. _

Finance

Melanoma-Me Foundation will continue to raise valuable funds to be able to provide the services currently on offer by;

- *fundraising with community through planned events
- * Raising awareness with the community through paid workshops

- *Selling sun protection related items
- *Selling items that improve mental health

Plans for the future

Melanoma-Me Foundation plan to continue to provide the counselling and support services moving forward. The plan is to work with other charities and agencies to help support more service users. Although our team has grown substantially in the past year, we would like to develop the team further as well as services. We are expanding the holistic side of the services we provide by running meditation groups and one to one sessions. This is in addition to the peer group sessions and family support.

We plan to convert our awareness sessions so that they can be available to access online and this is in its final stages of development.

Reports Checked and Approved

Approved by the committee on 21 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

K Forster
(Trustee)

K Rafferty
(Trustee)

Independent Examiners

This report was examined by:

BK Plus Ltd
13 Windsor Terrace
Jesmond
NE2 4HE

Melanoma-me Foundation
Registered Charity No. 1183479

Independent examiners' report to the Trustees of Melanoma-me Foundation

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Melanoma-me Foundation (the trust) for the year ended 30 April 2021, which are set out on page 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (a) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (b) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

M J Gilpin FCA
BK Plus Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
 13 Windsor Terrace
 Jesmond
 NE2 4HE

22 March 2022

Melanoma-me Foundation			
Accounts for the year			
to 30 April 2021			
	2021		2020
	£	£	£
Income:			
Donations	47,347		10,176
Fundraising	5,945		809
Awards	-		2,959
Events	5,405		23,177
Merchandise	5,668		264
Government Grants	55,700		
From Melanoma Me CIC	<u>3,803</u>	123,868	<u>6,875</u>
Expenditure:			
Accountancy	180		-

Awards	-	254	
Bank charges	26	-	
Computer costs	224	144	
Consultancy fees	3,000	-	
Counselling	54,112	345	
Direct costs	5,108	574	
Equipment	4,089	1,098	
Events	120	2,423	
Heat & Light	771	262	
Insurance	694	30	
Legal	318	29	
Meeting	369	363	
Printing, postage & stationery	440	1,285	
Rent	8,640	7,530	
Repairs	177	5,275	
Room hire	-	213	
Subscriptions	170	-	
Sundry	1,192	912	
Training	794	460	
Travelling expenses	<u>70</u>	<u>592</u>	
		(80,494)	
		<u>43,374</u>	<u> </u>

Statement of Assets and

Liabilities:

Bank account

Balance brought forward	22,471		
Increase/(Decrease) in funds	43,374	_____	_____
Balance carried forward		<u>65,845</u>	<u>_____</u>