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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022**

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Saiqa Ali BEM  
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- The trustee has general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to the trustee to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Name: Saiqa Ali BEM (Chair)

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**SWAN (Southern Women's Aid Network)****Receipts and payments accounts****For the period from 1 Maay 2021 to 30 April 2022**

<b>Income and endowments from</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations	392,587.21
Grant	9,107.00
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	401,694.21
<b>Expenditure on</b>	
Charitable activities	326,667.31
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<hr/>
	75,026.90
 <b>Administrative expenses</b>	
Travel and subsistence	63.67
Motor expenses	2,151.33
Rent	9,000.00
Telephone and fax	918.62
Accountancy fee	1,020.00
Advertising and PR	2,958.17
Other legal and professional	1,936.25
Printing, Postage and Stationery	3.83
Office/General Administrative Expenses	2,374.53
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	20,426.40
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<hr/>
	<b>54,600.50</b>

**SWAN (Southern Women's Aid Network)****Balance Sheet****As at 30 April 2022**

	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Current assets</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	87,861.19
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>4</b> (1,020.00)
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b><u>£86,841.19</u></b>
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<b>The funds of the charity</b>	
Unrestricted income fund	<u>86,841.19</u>
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b><u>£86,841.19</u></b>

**Notes on the accounts****1 Accounting Policies****Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: 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) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

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The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the ability to continue as a going concern.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on the charity's fundraising income for although this was partially offset by the generous donations made by members of the public in the first lockdown and a grant given by the Lottery commission.

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### 2 Related Party transactions

There are no related party transactions

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

Donations from individuals are gifts from members of the public. The charity received £9,107.00 grant from The Joseph Rowntre UK.

### 4. Creditors

Creditors have been fully paid post year end.



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Rent	9,000.00
Telephone and fax	918.62
Accountancy fee	1,020.00
Advertising and PR	2,958.17
Other legal and professional	1,936.25
Printing, Postage and Stationery	3.83
Office/General Administrative Expenses	2,374.53
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	20,426.40
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<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>54,600.50</b>



**SWAN (Southern Women's Aid Network)****Balance Sheet****As at 30 April 2022**

	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Current assets</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	87,861.19
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>4</b> (1,020.00)
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b><u>£86,841.19</u></b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b><u>£86,841.19</u></b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>	
Unrestricted income fund	<u>86,841.19</u>
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b><u>£86,841.19</u></b>

**Notes on the accounts****1 Accounting Policies****Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: 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) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

*The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 21 Charity Commission, Charity reporting and accounting: the essentials, 2016 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.*



The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the ability to continue as a going concern.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on the charity's fundraising income for although this was partially offset by the generous donations made by members of the public in the first lockdown and a grant given by the Lottery commission.

#### Resources expended and irrecoverable VAT

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to each category of expense shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### Expenditure is recognised when the following criteria are met:

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to each category of expense shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

#### Debtors

Debtors are amounts owed to the charity. They are measured on the basis of their recoverable amount.

#### Creditors

Creditors are amounts owed by the charity. They are measured at the amount that the charity expects to have to pay to settle the debt.

### 2 Related Party transactions

There are no related party transactions

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

Donations from individuals are gifts from members of the public. The charity received £9,107.00 grant from The Joseph Rowntre UK.

### 4. Creditors

Creditors have been fully paid post year end.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
SWAN (SOUTHERN WOMEN'S AID NETWORK)

On accounts for the year  
ended

30<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1188649

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 / 04 / 2022 .

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: *M. Kalair*

Date: 06/02/2023

Name: Manisha Kalair

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

AAT

(if any):

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<b>Section B</b>	<b>Disclosure</b>
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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