



THE WASHING MACHINE PROJECT FOUNDATION

Charity Registration No. 1193480

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year ended 19 July 2023

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ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the Financial Statements of the Washing Machine Project Foundation for the Year ended 19 July 2023. The Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

OBJECTIVES ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

The Washing Machine Project Foundation (TWMPF) was incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 10th February 2021. The charity funds activities to provide relief from financial need or suffering amongst victims of war or natural or other kinds of disaster, trouble or catastrophe. The Foundation focuses on funding organisations to undertake research and develop and deploy practical solutions to everyday problems.

In the Year to 19 July 2023, the charity secured funding of £294,914 to support its objectives. Most of the funds were the direct result of fundraising from primarily corporate sources, with smaller individual giving adding to these funds. The funds have been used for the purposes explained below. The main activities of TWMPF during this time have been liaising with our corporate partners and grantees and improving our reporting and impact monitoring procedures to ensure the appropriate distribution of funds in line with the Foundation's objects. TWMPF has no staff and its everyday activities are managed by the Trustees.

Trustees have been recruited for their various areas of expertise (Engineering, Research, Finance, Business operations and Charity Governance). Future recruitment will be through open processes, again recruiting against needs of the Foundation at the given time. The Trustees have been meeting on a regular basis throughout the year under review, with changes in the Board only due to changes in personal circumstances.

Fundraising Activities

Corporate Partnerships

Most of the funds have been received through the Foundation's three-year strategic Partnership with the RS Group, a global omni-channel solutions partner for industrial customers and suppliers, agreed in April 2021. This partnership includes encouraging the Group's employees, customers and suppliers to contribute through fundraising and volunteering activities. In this reporting period, a total of £252,966 had been raised through this partnership.

Other Corporate Partnerships are under discussion to further support the work of the Foundation.

Just Giving

Individuals and smaller organisations are also able to support the activity of TWMPF through

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it's Just Giving webpage. This method has also been used by groups of staff from RS Group to deposit smaller funds from their individual or site specific fundraising activity. Receipts from Just Giving total £25,792 for the year ended 19 July 2023.

Other

A further £16,156 was raised through other fundraising platforms and direct donations from individual supporters.

GRANT MAKING

In this initial period of operations, there has been one main recipient of funds, The Washing Machine Project CIC (TWMP CIC). TWMP CIC is an organisation set up to alleviate the burden of hand washing clothes in refugee camps and low and middle-income countries. The CIC has developed (and now deployed) an affordable off-grid manual crank washing machine, the Divya. It is the only machine of its kind to be developed for humanitarian purposes and requires no electricity to operate. Handwashing clothes is recognised as being a major barrier to education for low-income and displaced people around the world and disproportionately impacts women and children. This repetitive, demanding task, which can take upwards of 20 hours per week, often also leads to chronic back and joint pain.

The Trustees are expecting this relationship with the CIC to continue into the next financial year, due to the corporate relationship with RS Components. The Foundation will also be examining how to broaden activity as new corporate partnerships are developed.

During the period covered by this report, the Foundation has granted The Washing Machine Project CIC a total of £348,000.

Impact of Funding

Through the funding and support given from the Foundation to the CIC the following impacts have occurred in the reporting period.

USA Homeless

TWMP has provided a significant boost to hygiene access for homeless individuals in Portland, Oregon (USA) by donating washing machines to two charities: Agape Village and Hygiene4All. This initiative has ensured that over 12,000 people have benefitted from clean clothes thanks to the Divya washing machine.

Agape Village offers temporary housing, a critical stepping stone for homeless individuals to rebuild their lives. Access to basic amenities like showers and laundry facilities is essential for their residents. With the help of a resourceful Eagle Scout, a dedicated shelter was constructed to house the Divya machine, enabling residents to conveniently wash their clothes.

Hygiene4All is a community-driven organisation that provides vital WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) facilities, along with counselling and support services, to Portland's homeless

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population. Their centre experiences a high volume of visitors daily, and the Divya machine has become a well-utilised resource, ensuring clean clothes for everyone who needs them.

Poland

In August 2022, TWMP CIC partnered with RS Poland to deliver essential laundry facilities to Ukrainian refugees in Warsaw. Recognizing the urgent need, they donated five washing machines and one dryer to the Warsaw Humanitarian Expo, which housed the largest concentration of refugees (over 4,000) in Poland at that time. The Expo served not only as a temporary residence but also as a transit hub for onward travel within Europe, increasing the number of refugees who could benefit from the clean clothes provided by the washing machines. Over the six months that the washing machines were in operation at the centre, they positively impacted over 14,000 people.

USA Wash days

TWMP CIC has conducted several events where volunteers from RS Group washed homeless people's clothes using a Divya Washing Machine. Working with the True Worth Place shelter in Fort Worth, Texas (USA) TWMP CIC has positively impacted the lives of over 45 people.

Uganda 23 testing

TWMP CIC in May and June 2023 conducted a field research trip that included providing 2 machines for long-term testing. The machines were left with Joshpine, a foster mother to 11 children, and a women's group for mothers of disabled children. In total, the two machines have impacted 62 lives. Joshpine shared that she is 'no longer scared of her laundry'. It has also meant that the mothers of ISU have more time to spend caring for their children and more money to spend on their children's medicine.

Divya 1.65

TWMP CIC has been working on the development of Divya 1.65 since August 2022. This is the latest iteration of the Divya washing machine. Significant improvements have been made in the design of the assembly of the machine, allowing for a flat pack design of the washing machine with assembly requiring only hand tools and ensuring ease of assembly in various locations and settings outside of a factory. The new design also makes the machines easier to repair. The use of an all-metal design has lowered the weight and cost of the machine. Further improvements include the attachment of wheels and a tap to the design. All design work has and is based on research and feedback from users and their interactions with the machines.

FUTURE PLANS

The Foundation will continue to support the Washing Machine Project CIC through its continued strategic partnership with the RS Group. We look forward to expanding our impact further in the coming year, with the continued development of Divya 1.65 and additional distributions planned.

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The Washing Machine Project Foundation is grateful for the support of its partners, volunteers, and donors during the reporting period. The combined efforts of the Foundation, The Washing Machine Project CIC, RS Group, and other partners have enabled the successful development, production, and distribution of Divya 1.5 and 1.55 washing machines to communities in need.

The Foundation will continue to focus on research, development, and deployment of practical solutions to everyday problems, helping individuals and communities affected by war, natural disasters, and other catastrophes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the reporting period, The Washing Machine Project Foundation received a total of £294,914 in donations, up from £185,494 in the previous period. The funds came principally from donations from the RS Group. Expenditure was £350,219 compared to £92,399 in the previous period. £348,000 of this was grants to The Washing Machine Project CIC. Net income/Expenditure in the year was a deficit of £55,305 compared to a surplus of £92,939 in the previous period. This was due to the significant increase in grants to The Washing Machine Project CIC. Total reserves were £37,250, down from £92,555 in the period to 19 July 2022.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees:

Oliver Walton (Chair since December 2023)

Judith Stewart (resigned March 2024)

Avtar Singh Boparai (resigned March 2024)

Dario Canini (resigned April 2023)

Jon Nicholls

Siobhán McGrath (appointed March 2024)

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Approved by the Trustees on 1 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Oliver Walton
Chairman

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Independent Examiner's Report for the Year ended 19 July 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Washing Machine Project Foundation ("the Foundation") for the year ended 19 July 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

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

- 1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Foundation or
- 2) The accounts do not accord with those accounting 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.

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Dated: 2 May 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
for the year ended 19 July 2023

	Note	Unrestricted General Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022 Restated
Income and endowments from:		£	£	£
Grants and donations		294,914	294,914	185,494
Total income and endowments		<u>294,914</u>	<u>294,914</u>	<u>185,494</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable Activities	3	350,219	350,219	92,939
Total expenditure		<u>350,219</u>	<u>350,219</u>	<u>92,939</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>(55,305)</u>	<u>(55,305)</u>	<u>92,555</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(55,305)</u>	<u>(55,305)</u>	<u>92,555</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total Funds brought forward		<u>92,555</u>	<u>92,555</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Funds carried forward	6	<u>37,250</u>	<u>37,250</u>	<u>92,555</u>

Continuing Operations:

None of the charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the year.

Total recognised gains and losses

The charity had no recognised gains or losses other than the net resources expended in the year.

BALANCE SHEET AT 19 JULY 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current Assets			
Debtors	4	179	179
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>37,921</u>	<u>93,226</u>
		38,100	93,405
Creditors: Amounts falling due within within one year:	5	<u>(850)</u>	<u>(850)</u>
Net Current assets		37,250	92,555
Net Assets		<u>37,250</u>	<u>92,555</u>
Charity Funds			
Unrestricted General funds	6	<u>37,250</u>	<u>92,555</u>
Total funds	6	<u>37,250</u>	<u>92,555</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 1 May 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

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Oliver Walton

Chairman

The notes on pages 11 and 12 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**YEAR ENDED 19 JULY 2023****1. Accounting policies****a) Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting for Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) - Charities SORP. These accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis. The comparative numbers for 2022 have been restated since the 2022 accounts were prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

b) Legal Status of the Charity

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission on 10 February 2021.

c) Fund Accounting

General Funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

d) Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity's legal entitlement to the income is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

e) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

f) Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price) less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

g) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Accountancy fees	250	250
Independent examiner's fees	500	500
Trustee meeting expenses	144	113
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Number of trustees reimbursed for their out of pocket trustee meeting expenses: 2023:1 (2022:1). No Trustee received any remuneration during the year.

3. Expenditure

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants are payments to The Washing Machine Project CIC for use in developing washing machines that can be used in humanitarian situations.	348,000	88,500
Insurance	737	551
Other costs	1,482	3,888
	<u>350,219</u>	<u>92,939</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

4. Debtors	2023	2022		
	£	£		
Prepayments	<u>179</u>	<u>179</u>		
5. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022		
	£	£		
Accruals	<u>850</u>	<u>850</u>		
6. Movement in Unrestricted General Funds	20 July			
	2022	Income &	Expend-	19 July
	Restated	Gains	iture &	2023
			losses	
	£	£	£	£
	<u>92,555</u>	<u>294,914</u>	<u>350,219</u>	<u>37,250</u>

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year ended 19 July 2023 or the year ended 19 July 2022.