

ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 1196004

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-10-01

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

Contact

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Nottingham
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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE WITH ALBINISM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS BY:-PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT ALBINISM INCLUDING TO PROFESSIONALS WORKING WITH AND ADVISING PEOPLE WITH ALBINISM AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INTERESTED PARTIES; RAISING POSITIVE AWARENESS OF THE CONDITION; ARRANGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH ALBINISM AND THEIR FAMILIES TO MEET FOR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE SHARING OF EXPERIENCES; AND PROVIDING SUCH OTHER INFORMATION, ADVICE AND SUPPORT AS THE TRUSTEES DEEM APPROPRIATE."NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.

Activities: The charity is a volunteer run organization that aims to provide information, advice and support for people with Albinism and their families. We also provide information about the condition to professionals working with people with Albinism and other interested parties.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Ireland
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£15,934	£10,946	-	-
2024-03-31	£31,799	£34,436	-	-
2023-03-31	£36,108	£46,130	-	-
2022-04-01	£29,013	£3,651	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kristina Jane Venning Rose	Chair	2021-10-01
Cristina Perez Arranz		2025-06-10
Dr Laura Elizabeth Edwards		2025-03-01
Helen Ruth Ward		2021-10-01
JOANNNE CLARE BENNETT		2021-10-01
Jenny Clare Wensley		2025-02-01
Jonathan Christopher Miller		2025-07-10
Rebecca Kerr		2026-02-20
Rosaleen Anne Dempsey		2022-11-03

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Albinism Fellowship Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Full name Albinism Fellowship

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1196004

Principal address PO Box 2535 Ilford, LG1 9NY

Trustees

Eshita Unadkat, Co-chair

Kristinna Venning-Rose, Co-chair

Joanne Bennett, Treasurer

Helen Ward, Secretary

Danielle Lawrence

Rosaleen Dempsey

Jenny Wensley, from 01/02/25

Laura Edwards, from 01/03/25

Karina Lear, until 01/02/25

Helen Letseka, until 31/12/24

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

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Objectives and activities

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- Providing such other information, advice and support as the Trustees deem appropriate.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The services we offer include:

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- Email support at info@albinism.org.uk
- Conference every two years or so.

Albinism Fellowship

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

The past year has been one of change, planning, and renewed drive to move the Albinism Fellowship forward in an exciting new direction.

Like many small charities, we have faced financial hardship. Much of our energy has been devoted to securing funding, with a particular focus on applying for grants to support our 2025 conference.

In June 2024, for International Albinism Awareness Day, we recorded and released a series of short videos across our social media platforms. These were well-received and generated encouraging levels of interaction and engagement.

We also continued to run a variety of online Zoom sessions to support people with albinism, including:

- Teen sessions
- New parent sessions
- BAME community sessions
- Adults with albinism sessions

In September 2024, we hosted a London family event which welcomed 101 attendees from across the country. Families enjoyed a wide range of activities for children, while parents benefited from a Q&A session with ophthalmologist Miss Maria Theodorou from Moorfields Eye Hospital.

During the year, my co-chair was unfortunately absent for much of her term due to illness. In response, we began planning a trustee recruitment campaign to strengthen our board. In January 2025, trustees met in person to review and revise our membership programme, ensuring it remains fit for purpose and relevant to our community's needs.

One of our most ambitious projects this year has been our collaboration with Dr Jay Self. Together, we have recorded and edited a series of 70 MythBusters and Q&A videos about albinism. This significant body of work, produced in the first part of the year, will be released on social media later in 2025.

Our work in Ireland has also grown. We held an event in Portlaoise, Republic of Ireland, in June 2024, attended the Féach conference in September 2024, and ran an event in Belfast in October 2024. Our work in Ireland has also grown.

Despite the challenges, this year has laid strong foundations for growth, innovation, and community connection. I am deeply grateful to our members, volunteers, and trustees who continue to give their time, energy, and expertise to support people with albinism and their families.

Albinism Fellowship

Financial review

Although we have a surplus of funds in our bank account, we will be focussing on raising as much as possible in the coming months to fund the conference in November 2025.

The charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The major part of unrestricted funds is built up to support the cost of running the conference. 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.

Financial risks

Reduction in donations/fundraising in current economic climate. Increased competition for grants to support our work. As a volunteer led charity, time restrictions on trustees to source grants and actively fundraise.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed *Kristina Venning-Rose* Date 18th Aug 2025
Kristinna Venning-Rose, Co-chair of Trustees

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Albinism Fellowship
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Albinism Fellowship (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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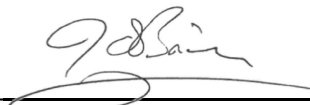
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Independent examiner's statement

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 Act; or
2. 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.

Signed  Date 18/08/2025
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Albinism Fellowship
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

2024		Unrestricted	Restricted	2025
Total		Funds	Funds	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£		£	£	£
	Receipts			
3916	Subscriptions	3463	-	3463
8701	Donations	4986	-	4986
18783	Conference fees 2023	-	-	-
-	Conference fees 2025	7304	-	7304
399	Other income	181	-	181
<u>31799</u>	Total receipts	<u>15934</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15934</u>
	Payments			
11	Baby information boxes	37	316	353
147	Bank charges	249	-	249
36603	Conference costs 2023	80	-	80
4259	Conference costs 2025	6191	-	6191
216	Fundraising	216	-	216
339	Governance	50	-	50
510	IE fee	570	-	570
156	Insurance	175	-	175
197	IT costs	198	-	198
778	Magazine costs	743	-	743
253	Other costs	50	-	50
1106	Regional & national events	1718	-	1718
330	Stationery & office costs	353	-	353
<u>44905</u>	Total payments	<u>10630</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>10946</u>
(13106)	Net receipts/(payments)	5304	(316)	4988
16240	Cash funds at start of this period	2818	316	3134
<u>3134</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>8122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8122</u>

Albinism Fellowship
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2025

<i>2024</i>		<i>2025</i>
£	Cash assets	£
3134	Bank accounts	8122
<u>3134</u>		<u>8122</u>
<i>As restated</i>	Other monetary assets	
110	Prepayments - Insurance	124
<u>110</u>		<u>124</u>
	Liabilities	
(570)	Creditors - Independent Examination fee	(594)
<u>(570)</u>		<u>(594)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Joanne Bennett Dated 18/8/25
 Joanne Bennett, Trustee

**Albinism Fellowship
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Baby boxes information	316	-	(316)	-
	<u>316</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(316)</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	2818	15934	(10630)	8122
	<u>2818</u>	<u>15934</u>	<u>(10630)</u>	<u>8122</u>

We had a restricted fund to provide Baby Boxes to all new parents who are members with children with albinism, aged two years and under.

3. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

4. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.

5. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

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Trustees

Eshita Unadkat, Co-chair

Kristinna Venning-Rose, Co-chair

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Karina Lear

Akeel Bari, until 03/2024

Rosaleen Dempsey

Helen Ward

Helen Letseka

Danielle Lawrence

Deidre Ni Cheallachain, until 12/2023

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The Charity was registered in England and Wales on 1 October 2021 under number 1196004. All activities and assets from the Scottish Registered Charity: The Albino Fellowship known as Albinism Fellowship were transferred to this charity. The charity continues the same activities as previously run by Albinism Fellowship.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to:

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- Proving such other information, advice and support as the Trustees deem appropriate.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The services we offer include:

- Virtual support for specific groups of people where albinism is part of their lives: Adults with albinism, New Parents, BAME
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Albinism Fellowship

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities the trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

The Albinism Fellowship had a productive year in 2023/24:

- Summer '23 We hosted a summer family event in London, which welcomed over 40 attendees from across Southeast England.
- Our Information, Advice, and Guidance (IAG) work continued, connecting new families to the Fellowship through social media and referrals from other organizations.
- '23 We remain active in the international albinism community, including our participation in International Albinism Awareness Day.
- In October 2023, we held a successful weekend conference in Derbyshire, attended by around 140 people. The event featured information sessions tailored to the diverse needs of our community.
- We held an Albinism get together in Dublin and another in Belfast in 2023/24. Children with Albinism and their families and adults with Albinism had the opportunity to meet up and share their experiences and take part in various activities as well as finding out about support services in their local communities.
- In March 2024, our London family day brought together over 75 people for social engagement and informative presentations, further strengthening our community.

The charity's policy on reserves

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Financial risks

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 
Eshita Unadkat, Co-chair of Trustees

Date 17/12/2024

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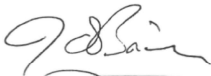
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 18/12/2024
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Albinism Fellowship
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

2023		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024
Total		Funds	Funds	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£		£	£	£
	Receipts			
2647	Subscriptions	3916	-	3916
10531	Donations	8701	-	8701
11565	Conference fees 2022	-	-	-
1765	Conference fees 2023	18783	-	18783
9500	Grants	-	-	-
100	Other income	399	-	399
36108	Total receipts	31799	-	31799
	Payments			
610	Regional & national events	281	-	281
518	Fundraising	216	-	216
197	Baby information boxes	-	11	11
860	Magazine costs	778	-	778
453	Literature & merchandise	-	-	-
34814	Conference costs 2022	-	-	-
6680	Conference costs 2023	26145	10458	36603
-	Conference costs 2024	4259	-	4259
340	Insurance	-	-	-
466	Stationery & office costs	330	-	330
1192	IT costs	197	-	197
-	Other costs	1078	-	1078
-	Governance	1005	-	1005
-	Bank charges	147	-	147
46130	Total payments	34436	10469	44905
(10022)	Net receipts/(payments)	(2637)	(10469)	(13106)
26262	Cash funds at start of this period	5455	10785	16240
16240	Cash funds at end of this period	2818	316	3134

**Albinism Fellowship
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2024**

2023		2024
£	Cash assets	£
16240	Bank accounts	3134
<u>16240</u>		<u>3134</u>
	Liabilities	
(510)	Creditors - legal & professional fees	(570)
<u>(510)</u>		<u>(570)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  _____
Joanne Bennett, Trustee

Dated 17/12/24

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Restricted funds				
Support family activities	958	-	(958)	-
Baby boxes information	327	-	(11)	316
Conference 23 childcare	9500	-	(9500)	-
	<u>10785</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10469)</u>	<u>316</u>
 Unrestricted funds				
General fund	5455	31799	(34436)	2818
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Akeel Bari

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Deidre Ni Cheallachain

Helen Ward

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Helen Letseka

Rosaleen Dempsey

Roselle Potts, until 8/6/2022

Judith Spencer-Gregson, until 27/10/2023

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

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Albinism Fellowship

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities the trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Conference October 2022 – We were pleased to be able to hold a very successful conference in October 2022 engaging with families, adults and young people. The conference was oversubscribed.

During the year we continued holding zoom meetings for parents of newly diagnosed children, adults with albinism and young people. We also had a very well attended family day in London in June 2022.

We have continued the activity of the Scottish registered charity of offering a "baby box" to parents who have a baby under 12 months which is full of really useful items, for children with albinism, to welcome them to the Albinism Fellowship community. The gifts are a sun hat, sun cream samples, baby sunglasses, a sensory toy, and a black & white board book plus our Understanding Albinism booklet. The feedback we have had has been really positive. We are very grateful to the Four Acre Trust for funding this scheme.

Providing information and support

Our website continues to be our main 'shop window' to the world. It enables people to join our charity, book to attend events, email us or to make a donation with ease. We are really proud that all the images on the website are of our members and that these reflect the diversity of our membership. During the year the website was rebuilt and development continues.

Our 'Understanding Albinism' booklet continues to be really popular with families and professionals alike. We are planning an update on the genetic information in the coming year.

The vast majority of enquiries to the Fellowship come via our website and Facebook pages. All emails sent to the charity are channelled through our online OS Ticket system. Enquiries range from contacts from new families seeking advice, requests from the media, opportunities to link with other sight loss charities and information about new products and gadgets. These are shared across our trustees. We continue to receive a small amount of postal communication and trustee Akeel Bari does a good job of fielding messages left on our phone advice line.

We promote our activities through our Facebook page and Twitter.

Membership

Our membership is slowly growing via our website and we are really encouraging new members to set up renewable PayPal payments so we don't lose members who just forget to renew each year. We still have some old memberships to transfer to the website but hope this will be completed soon.

Albinism Fellowship

Fundraising

Despite the Covid situation our fantastic members have still fundraised for us which is so appreciated. This has included sponsored walks, school 'wear white for International Albinism Awareness Day' and baking cookies to sell to neighbours. We are enormously grateful for all donations large and small. We are now able to claim back Gift aid which will really help our finances as this enable an extra 25% on donated income providing we have a signed Gift aid form from donors. Membership can also be claimed for Gift Aid.

Plans for the future

We are working with other organisations to help reach as many families and individuals affected by albinism as we can. We also want to improve our new website to attract more members. Since the year end we have held family days in London and Dublin.

We are planning a conference in November 2023 so we can all meet and support adults and young people and families. The 2022 Conference was oversubscribed and a decision was taken to run a conference a year after the 2022 conference rather than the usual 2 year gap between conferences.


Financial review

The charity's overall income for the period was £36,108 being a combination of subscriptions and donations totalling £10,678 and fees for the October 2022 conference and deposits for the October 2023 event. We were very grateful to receive a donation to support the filming of the 2022 conference and a grant to support childcare of the 2023 conference. Unrestricted reserves carried forward at 31 March 2023 were £5,455. Restricted funds were £10,785 at 31 March 2023.

Reserves Policy

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 
Karina Lear, Chair of Trustees

Date 31/1/2024

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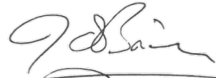
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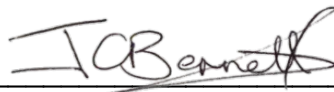
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 31/1/2024
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Albinism Fellowship
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2023**

2022		2023
£	Cash assets	£
26262	Bank accounts	16240
<u>26262</u>		<u>16240</u>
Liabilities		
-	Creditors: Legal & professional fees	(510)
<u>-</u>		<u>(510)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 31/1/2024
 Joanne Bennett, Trustee

Albinism Fellowship
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	9500	9500
Loft Films	-	2500	2500
Sundry donations	8031	-	8031
	<u>8031</u>	<u>12000</u>	<u>20031</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds					
Support family activities	3023	-	-	(2065)	958
Baby boxes information	524	-	(197)	-	327
Conference 22 filming	-	2500	(2500)	-	-
Conference 23 childcare	-	9500	-	-	9500
	<u>3547</u>	<u>12000</u>	<u>(2697)</u>	<u>(2065)</u>	<u>10785</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	<u>22715</u>	<u>24108</u>	<u>(43433)</u>	<u>2065</u>	<u>5455</u>
	<u>22715</u>	<u>24108</u>	<u>(43433)</u>	<u>2065</u>	<u>5455</u>

The transfer from the Support family activities fund to the General fund reflects the expenditure on this activity within the General fund.

4. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

5. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1196004

Accounts

ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES AND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2021 TO 1 APRIL 2022**

Charity Incorporated Organisation
Charity Number 1196004 (England & Wales)

ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

Trustees' report for the period 1 October 2021 to 1 April 2022

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Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees	All appointed on incorporation 1 October 2021 Akeel Bari Joanne Bennett – Treasurer Danielle Lawrence Deidre Ni Cheallachain Karina Lear - Chair Roselle Potts – resigned as Trustee and Chair on 8 June 2022 Judith Spencer-Gregson Kristina Venning-Rose Helen Ward
Charity Number England & Wales)	1196004 Charity Incorporated Organisation
Principal address	PO Box 2535, Ilford, IG1 9NY
Bankers	Nat West, 120/122 High Street, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4UL
Independent Examiner:	Patricia Nicholson, BA, FCA, DChA 30, Fitzwarren Gardens, London N19 3TP

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Trustees' report for the period 1 October 2021 to 1 April 2022

The trustees present their first report and accounts for the period 1 October 2021 to 1 April 2022.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established as an Incorporated Charity Organisation(CIO). The Charity was registered in England and Wales on 1 October 2021 under number 1196004. All activities and assets from the Scottish Registered Charity: The Albino Fellowship known as Albinism Fellowship were transferred to this charity. The charity continues the same activities as previously run by Albinism Fellowship.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to:

- To preserve and protect the health of people with Albinism and their families and carers
- Providing information about Albinism, including to Professionals working with and advising people with Albinism and other appropriate interested parties.
- Raising positive awareness of the condition.
- Arranging opportunities for people with Albinism and their families to meet for support and encourage the sharing of experiences.
- Providing such other information, advice and support as the Trustees deem appropriate

The services we offer include:

- Twice yearly magazine, Albinism Life.
- Website resource.
- Local support and events through Contact Persons.
- Telephone or email support on 07946 457979 or at info@albinisrn.org.uk
- Conference every two years or so.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities the trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Highlights of the first six months

During the period we held two zoom meetings which were well attended. On 10th February 2022 we held a zoom meeting for adults Albinism and

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Trustees' report for the period 1 October 2021 to 1 April 2022

on 4 March 2022 we held a zoom meeting for parents of newly diagnosed children.

We have continued the activity of the Scottish registered charity of offering a "baby box" to parents who have a baby under 12 months which is full of really useful items, for children with albinism, to welcome them to the Albinism Fellowship community. The gifts are a sun hat, sun cream samples, baby sunglasses, a sensory toy, and a black & white board book plus our Understanding Albinism booklet. The feedback we have had has been really positive. We are very grateful to the Four Acre Trust for funding this scheme.

Due to Covid-19 we have not been able to have any face-to-face events this year. We also had to postpone the conference that should have taken place in October 2021 as the situation was still too uncertain at the time we would have made firm bookings and the conference is now scheduled for October 2022.

Achievements and performance

Providing information and support

Our website continues to be our main 'shop window' to the world. It enables people to join our charity, book to attend events, email us or to make a donation with ease. We are really proud that all the images on the website are of our members and that these reflect the diversity of our membership. Our volunteer Bhavit Shah has been a huge help in maintaining the website which continues to have lots of engagement and positive feedback.

Our 'Understanding Albinism' booklet continues to be really popular with families and professionals alike. We are planning an update on the genetic information in the coming year.

The vast majority of enquiries to the Fellowship come via our website and Facebook pages. All emails sent to the charity are channelled through our online OS Ticket system. Enquiries range from contacts from new families seeking advice, requests from the media, opportunities to link with other sight loss charities and information about new products and gadgets. These are shared across our trustees. We continue to receive a small amount of postal communication and trustee Akeel Bari does a good job of fielding messages left on our phone advice line.

We promote our activities through our Facebook page and Twitter.

Membership & Baby Box Scheme

Our membership is slowly growing via our website and we are really encouraging new members to set up renewable PayPal payments so we don't lose members who just forget to renew each year. We still have some old memberships to transfer to the website but hope this will be completed soon.

Fundraising

Despite the Covid situation our fantastic members have still fundraised for us which is so appreciated. This has included sponsored walks, school 'wear white for International Albinism Awareness Day' and baking cookies to sell to neighbours. We are enormously grateful for all donations large and small. We are now able to claim back Gift aid which will really help our finances as this enable an extra 25% on donated income providing we have a signed Gift aid form from donors. Membership can also be claimed for Gift Aid.

Plans for the future

We are working with other organisations to help reach as many families and individuals affected by albinism as we can. We also want to improve our new website to attract more members. Since the year end we have held family days in London and Dublin.

We are planning a conference in October 2022 so we can all meet and support one another after Covid.

Financial review

The charity's overall income for the first period was £26,285 being a combination of subscriptions and donations of £7,348, deposits for the October 2022 conference of £5,692 and a transfer of funds from the Scottish registered charity of £16,973. Our fundraising costs are minimal at £237, and our costs of charitable activities were £3,414. Unrestricted reserves carried forward at 1 April 2022 were £22,715. Funds are built up in order to support the planned biennial conference Restricted funds were £3,547 at 1 April 2022. Donors of these funds gave agreement to transfer funds from the Scottish charity to this charity.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The major part of unrestricted funds is built up to support the cost of running the conference. 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.

A conference is to be held every two years, and, in the period leading up to the conference, we are accumulating the income necessary to finance it. Reserves at 1 April 2022 are therefore relatively high, as they are earmarked to fund the October 2022 conference.

Impact of Covid 19

The pandemic Covid19 has curtailed our planned activities in various ways. Our costs have been contained, but like so many charities our fundraising has been impacted. We are still in a strong financial position.

Our chair Roselle Potts

Roselle Potts has stood down as Chair and trustee of this charity and the Scottish Albinism charity after many years. We are immensely grateful to her for all her work and support in promoting the charity, raising awareness of Albinism and supporting families. Karina Lear has been appointed chair.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees on 14th September 2022.

Karina Lear
Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

I report to the charity trustees on my examination the receipts and payments accounts of the Albinism Fellowship (Charity Incorporated Organisation-CIO) for the first period 1 October 2021 to 1 April 2022 set out on pages 8 to 12..

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees of the charity, 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 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Patricia Nicholson BA, FCA, DChA
Address: 30 Fitzwarren Gardens, London N19 3TP
15th September 2022

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2021 to 1 APRIL 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022
		£	£	£
Incoming resources:				
Donations		4,929	-	4,929
Subscriptions		2,419	-	2,419
Receipts from Albino Fellowship (Old Charity)-Albinism Fellowship-Scottish registered		13,242	3,631	16,873
Charitable activities -October 2022 Conference fees		5,692	-	5,692
Total incoming resources		26,282	3,631	29,913
Resources expended:				
Fundraising		237	-	237
Charitable activities	2	3,330	84	3,414
Total resources expended		3,567	84	3,651
Net Surplus for the period		22,715	3,547	26,261
Total funds carried forward		22,715	3,547	26,262

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 1 April 2022

	Note	2022 £
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		26,262
Total net assets		26,262
The funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds: General fund	7	22,715
Restricted funds -Baby Boxes	6	524
Restricted funds-Family Activities	6	3,023
Total funds		26,262

The financial statements were approved on 14th September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Joanne Bennett
Treasurer

Karina Lear
Chair

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Charity information

Albinism Fellowship is Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) incorporated on 1 October 2021 . The Charity is registered in England & Wales and has taken over the activities of the The Albino Fellowship, known as Albinism Fellowship ,registered in Scotland

1.2 The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

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 accounts.

1.4 Resources expended

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.

Cost of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

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Notes to the receipts and payments account for period to 1 April 2022

2 Charitable activities expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Regional and national events expenses	156	-	156
Web design and update	2,570	-	2,570
Costs of baby information boxes	-	84	84
Sub Total	<u>2,726</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>2,810</u>
Share of support costs (note 6)	604	-	604
Share of governance costs (note 8)	-	-	-
	<u>3,330</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>3,414</u>

3 Staff costs

There were no employees during the period.

4 Trustees

None of the trustees (nor any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the period. No trustees were reimbursed expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.

5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£
Insurance	320	-	320
Stationery & office costs	284	-	284
Computer costs	-	-	-
	<u>604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>604</u>
Analysed between			
Charitable activities	<u>604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>604</u>

6 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

	Transferred from Old Charity Albino Fellowship £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 1 April 2022 £
Grant to Support family activities	3,023	-	-	3,023
Grant baby information boxes	608	-	84	524
Total	3,631	-	84	3,547

7 Analysis of net assets between funds at 1 April 2022

General Reserves	2022 £
Bank balances	22,715
Restricted Funds	2022 £
Bank Balances	3,547