

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)

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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

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@albinism.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

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		<u>26,262</u>
 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		<u>26,262</u>

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.

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