

Charity registration number 1198352

Company registration number CE028676 (England and Wales)

MORTGAGE ADVICE BUREAU FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

MORTGAGE ADVICE BUREAU FOUNDATION

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr Peter Brodnicki Mr Benjamin Thompson Mrs Lucy Tilley Mrs Alison Crossley Mrs Esther Dijkstra Mr Simon Frankish Mrs Caroline Hill	(Appointed 26 June 2024)
Charity number	1198352	
Company number	CE028676	
Registered office	Capital House Pride Place Pride Park Derby DE24 8QR	
Independent examiner	PKF Smith Cooper Limited Prospect House 1 Prospect Place Pride Park Derby DE24 8HG	

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 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 Foundation's constitution, the Companies Act 2006 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 Foundation's charitable objectives are to advance such charitable purposes (according to the law of England and Wales) for the public benefit as the Trustees see fit from time to time, primarily by providing grants and volunteer support to charities and/or other organisations and with a particular focus on health and wellbeing, the prevention of poverty and combating the effects of climate change.

Our vision is to empower our staff, business partners and customers to come together to tackle issues of local importance by supporting the initiatives through grant funding to local charities and community groups. Our mission is to deliver £1m of grant funding over the next 5 years.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

The Foundation supports charities, and community interest companies across England, Scotland, and Wales principally through financial grants for specific projects. Grants from £500 to £5,000 are made on a rolling basis throughout the year. The Trustees have the ability to award larger grants should they see fit to do so.

Funding is limited to a maximum of £5,000 or 75% of the total project cost (whichever is the lesser). The charity or CIC will need to raise its share of the project cost for the grant to be released. Exceptions can be made at the Trustees discretion.

The Foundation has partnered with Crowdfunder to provide a platform for all our projects. They help assess the charitable status of the project and provide a clear audit trail of funds raised for money laundering purposes. The Foundation has entered into a 12-month contract with Crowdfunder to provide this service.

There are no income limits on organisations supported, but the focus is on supporting wherever possible smaller, local, grassroots organisations that are volunteer led.

The Foundation also works in partnership with Mortgage Advice Bureau Limited and its network of business partners to support community projects through volunteering.

The Foundation helps coordinated group volunteering activities throughout the year and is supported by Mortgage Advice Bureau Limited who provide all head office staff with 2 days of fully paid leave to work with these local charities.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Grant making policy

Grant making policy

The Trustees ensure proper governance of the Foundation's grant-making in three ways.

a) Through grant-making principles which ensure that, even where there is donor or funding partner involvement, decisions are ultimately made by the Foundation's Trustees.

b) Through published grant-making criteria which set out the activities the Trustees wish to support in furtherance of the Foundation's charitable objectives. The criteria also include activities which the trustees do not wish to support because they do not consider them to be in line with the Foundation's purpose.

c) Through grant-making processes which set out how decisions are reached for awarding grants from different types of funds at the Foundation.

A committee made up of 8 independent individuals from Mortgage Advice Bureau Limited's business partners and led by the Chief Executive has been designated responsibility for initial assessment of all grant applications. Each application is first scored using an assessment rubric, which assesses the application against five criteria:

- Focus (25%)
- Impact (25%)
- Risk (20%)
- Organisation (20%)
- Sustainability (10%)

Scores are tabulated, and applications further reviewed by the Trustees prior to a final funding decision.

The Foundation operates a transparent approach to grant making, and all grants made are listed on the Foundation's website.

The Foundation raises income by fundraising from Mortgage Advice Bureau Limited and their employees, suppliers and business partners. It is committed to best practice in all fundraising activities, in line with the Code of Fundraising Practice and the Fundraising Promise. No complaints have been registered with the regulator against the Foundation in the year under review.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The Foundation was awarded charitable status in March 2022. It continues to review its grant making policy and has made changes to improve its outcomes throughout 2023 which include:

- Increasing the maximum contribution it can pledge to a project to 75% of the project total
- Registration with the Charity Commission of Scotland and Northern Ireland
- The introduction of tranche funding, issuing a fixed amount of money with a fixed end date for charities to apply for. All applications are then reviewed at the same time, and the money is divided according to the Foundation Committee's assessment of each project. This allows us to award grants to the most appropriate projects in accordance with our charitable purpose

Fundraising

Total income for the year was £83,483. Key achievements relating to fundraising included:

- Golf Day at the Leatherhead Club
- Raffle at Mortgage Advice Bureau Limited's National Sales Conference
- Generated donations from several corporate partners through the 500 Club
- Funding donated from Mortgage Advice Bureau Limited
- Fund raising events taken on by our staff e.g fun runs and half marathons

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who supported the foundation throughout the year for their kindness and generosity.

Grant making

In the period to 31 December 2023, the Foundation issued grants totalling £41,265. In addition £84,319 was raised on the Crowdfunder platform from individual donations and goes directly to the projects.

Community projects and volunteering

Across the year several community projects and volunteer days were also undertaken to support the following organisations:

- Bridge the Gap
- Derby Kids Club

Financial review

The Foundation received a total income of £83,483 during the financial year and ended the year with £26,341 cash at bank. Total operating costs for the year were £10,480 with an event expenditure of £41,265.

The Trustees have agreed on building a reserves policy of £10,000 to be always maintained to cover operating costs in the event of a shortfall in fundraising or in the unlikely case of the charity winding up. Additional funds held over this at year end will be allocated to the next round of grant awards.

The Trustees consider there to be no material concerns for the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. With the initial phase of the Foundation's regulatory and operational framework now completed, Trustees are optimistic that the next financial year should see increased financial performance and a higher level of grant making in relation to other expenditure.

There are no funds or subsidiary undertakings in deficit.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Structure, governance and management

The Foundation is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in England and Wales. The governing document is its constitution, dated 15 December 2021, which sets out the Foundation's charitable objectives.

The Trustees who are appointed at the date of signing the accounts of the Foundation are set out on page 1.

Apart from the first Foundation Trustees, every Trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Foundation Trustees. New Trustees are selected for appointment by the existing Trustees, with due regard to the skills, experience, and knowledge needed for the effective administration of the Foundation. Appointment of Trustees wherever possible must provide for at least two members of the board (or one third, whichever is greater) to be external of Mortgage Advice Bureau Limited and its subsidiaries. The current board is comprised of four Trustees from Mortgage Advice Bureau Limited and three external members.

The Trustees meet quarterly and set the strategic goals for the Foundation, including the selection of grantees, strategic charity partnerships, and any external promotion. The Trustees retain responsibility for all policy and decision making. Daily management of the Foundation is undertaken by the Foundation CEO.

No Trustee received any remuneration, benefits, or expenses in the financial year.

Mortgage Advice Bureau Limited is a related party of the Foundation and provided goods and services of nominal value without charge, along with the use of office space, IT equipment, and other sundry items. The Trustees would like to extend their gratitude for this support in kind.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Peter Brodnicki

Mr Benjamin Thompson

Mrs Lucy Tilley

Mrs Alison Crossley

Mrs Esther Dijkstra

Mr Simon Frankish

Mr Fabien Holler

Mrs Caroline Hill

(Resigned 26 June 2024)

(Appointed 26 June 2024)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Signed by:

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Mrs Caroline Hill

Chair of the Trustees

29 October 2024

Date:

MORTGAGE ADVICE BUREAU FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MORTGAGE ADVICE BUREAU FOUNDATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Mortgage Advice Bureau Foundation (the Foundation) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Foundation (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Foundation are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Foundation's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (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 Foundation as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

PKF Smith Cooper Limited

Prospect House
1 Prospect Place
Pride Park
Derby
DE24 8HG

Dated: 28 October 2024

MORTGAGE ADVICE BUREAU FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	83,483	29,843
Total income		83,483	29,843
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	51,646	12,738
Total expenditure		51,646	12,738
Net income and movement in funds		31,837	17,105
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		17,105	-
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		48,942	17,105

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

MORTGAGE ADVICE BUREAU FOUNDATION**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	10		16,800		21,600
Tangible assets	11		50		63
			16,850		21,663
Current assets					
Debtors	12	7,671		3,613	
Cash at bank and in hand		26,341		20,055	
		34,012		23,668	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,920)		(28,226)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			32,092		(4,558)
Total assets less current liabilities			48,942		17,105
The funds of the Foundation					
Unrestricted funds	14		48,942		17,105
			48,942		17,105

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

29 October 2024

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on

Signed by:

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Mrs Caroline Hill
Chair of the Trustees

Company registration number CE028676 (England and Wales)

MORTGAGE ADVICE BUREAU FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Mortgage Advice Bureau Foundation is a public benefit entity and a registered charity incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Capital House, Pride Place, Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8QR.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Foundation's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, 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 Foundation is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Foundation 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 Foundation. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Foundation 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.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Foundation 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 Foundation has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired on business combinations are recognised separately from goodwill at the acquisition date where it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity and the fair value of the asset can be measured reliably; the intangible asset arises from contractual or other legal rights; and the intangible asset is separable from the entity.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Software	over 5 years
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1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	20% on reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Foundation's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts	83,483	29,843

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Grant making 2023 £	Grant making 2022 £
Direct costs		
Pledges	41,265	6,139
Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)		
Support	8,461	4,088
Governance	1,920	2,511
	<u>51,646</u>	<u>12,738</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>51,646</u>	<u>12,738</u>

5 Support costs allocated to activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation	4,813	2,416
Website costs	201	1,348
Bank charges	10	1
Printing and postage	-	263
General expenses	937	60
Platform charges	2,500	-
Governance costs	1,920	2,511
	<u>10,381</u>	<u>6,599</u>
Analysed between:		
Grant making	<u>10,381</u>	<u>6,599</u>

6 Net movement in funds

	2023 £	2022 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,920	1,920
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	13	16
Amortisation of intangible assets	<u>4,800</u>	<u>2,400</u>

7 Trustees

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	-	-

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

9 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.

10 Intangible fixed assets

	Software £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	24,000
Amortisation and impairment	
At 1 January 2023	2,400
Amortisation charged for the year	4,800
At 31 December 2023	7,200
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	16,800
At 31 December 2022	21,600

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	79
At 31 December 2023	79
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2023	16
Depreciation charged in the year	13
At 31 December 2023	29
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	50
At 31 December 2022	63

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	3,468
Prepayments and accrued income	7,671	145
	<u>7,671</u>	<u>3,613</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	-	26,306
Accruals and deferred income	1,920	1,920
	<u>1,920</u>	<u>28,226</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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14 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 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	17,105	83,483	(51,646)	48,942
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Previous period:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	-	29,843	(12,738)	17,105
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15 Related party transactions

At the year end, the foundation had a debtor owing from Mortgage Advice Bureau Limited, a company in which the Trustees are also Directors, totalling £Nil (2022: £3,468). The foundation also owed Mortgage Advice Bureau Limited £Nil (2022: £26,306) in respect of expenses incurred on their behalf during the year.

The foundation received £57,835 in donations from Mortgage Advice Bureau Limited during the year.