

# THE SOFTWARE CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1199034

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-05-20

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: TO PROMOTE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF CHARITIES AND THE EFFECTIVE USE OF CHARITABLE RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOW COST COMPLETE SOFTWARE BASED SOLUTIONS FOR USE BY CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY BODIES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CLAUSE: 'CHARITIES' ARE ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES; 'VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS' ARE INDEPENDENT ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR PURPOSES THAT ADD VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, OR A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WHICH ARE NOT PERMITTED BY THEIR CONSTITUTION TO MAKE A PROFIT FOR PRIVATE DISTRIBUTION. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS DO NOT INCLUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR OTHER STATUTORY AUTHORITIES.

**Activities:** The Software Charity operates on a not-for-profit basis to design and build software specifically to tackle day-to-day challenges encountered by many charities, allowing them to be more effective in achieving their charitable objective, focusing more of their own time and money on the things they primarily exist to do.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£28,431	£45,122	-	-
2023-12-31	£51,356	£36,655	-	-
2022-12-31	£2,785	£290	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher James Aston		2026-05-01
Elizabeth Moseley		2022-05-20
Joshua Erwin Meyer		2024-11-28
Philip James Graham		2026-05-01
Ryan James Law		2024-11-28
STEVEN GRIFFITHS		2022-05-20

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

*31st December 2024*

**FOR**

**THE SOFTWARE CHARITY**

**Registered charity in England & Wales with registration no:  
1199034**

# THE SOFTWARE CHARITY

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**THE SOFTWARE CHARITY**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended *31 December 2024*. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

**ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**  
**1199034**

**Registered address:**  
The Software Charity  
Bridge House  
Station Approach  
Great Missenden  
HP16 9AZ

**Trustees:**  
Steve Griffiths (Chair)  
Elizabeth Moseley  
Charles Vernon  
Ryan Law  
Joshua Meyer

## **Section 1: Structure, Governance & Management**

### **Governing document**

The Software Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its Constitution dated 16th May 2022. The members of the CIO are its trustees and membership cannot be transferred to anyone else. Therefore, only the trustees of the CIO are able to vote on any matter relating to the CIO.

### **Appointment of trustees**

As set out in the Constitution, trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. The chair of trustees is nominated by the trustees of the CIO and may at any point revoke such appointment. When considering the appointment of trustees, the board has regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

### **Trustee induction**

Trustees are well aware of our objectives and the work we undertake. As such, the induction of new trustees is minimal. New trustees receive a copy of the current version of the Constitution, a copy of the most recent Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts, and the Charity Commission's 'Charity Trustee Welcome Pack' and 'The essential trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do (CC3)' guide.

### **Organisation**

The board of trustees administers the CIO, with responsibilities for different areas. The board appoints a Chairman who directs the operations of the charity.

All trustees, and members of committees, give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

## **Section 2: Objective & Activities**

The Software Charity has been set up to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities and the effective use of charitable resources through the development of low cost complete software based solutions for use by charities.

### **Significant activities**

During the previous period we have:

- Made the SignMeUp application live and available to our beneficiaries for their use
- Become financially self-sufficient, as subscription income from SignMeUp cover operational costs of running the application

### **Public benefit**

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The Software Charity operates on a not for profit basis to design and build software specifically to tackle day-to-day challenges encountered by many charities. This is licensed to them, providing them with fit for purpose software without the burden of having to fund and manage complex software projects. This allows them to be more effective in achieving their own charitable objective, focusing more of their own time and money on the things that they primarily exist to do.

In the medium term, The Software Charity is working to produce a registrations and management software suite, called “SignMeUp”, to be used by children’s holiday clubs and events. There is already high demand for this from the Lighthouse group of charities and events, but the software will be able to support multiple types of children’s events regardless of their background or mission.

Longer term, The Software Charity will identify other opportunities within the charity sector for novel software products where there are no existing cost-effective solutions, with a goal of maintaining a broad suite of software that solves many common problems. The ultimate goal is to reduce costs for these charities, and allow them to spend more of their time and money on their primary charitable goals, rather than administrative costs.

### **Section 3: Achievements & Performance**

#### **Chairman’s Report for 2024**

SignMeUp went live in February 2024. We have retained maintenance services from our original developer, which has been immensely helpful in tackling the teething issues that the system has as it has got up and running. For any project of this size, dealing with such items is to be expected, especially during the earlier stages of use. 16 organisations used SignMeUp over the reporting period to successfully manage their charitable children’s events.

Whilst we still have some way to go to get to a mature platform, the fact that we have delivered SignMeUp on budget and on time is immensely gratifying, and I am grateful to all those who have been involved with the charity up to this point, including our other trustees, our treasurer and also those from our user charities who have sat alongside our management board helping to communicate the needs of charities who will now use the SignMeUp platform. We have demonstrated that we are a strong team capable of delivering complex software projects that ultimately help other charities achieve their own aims.

Financially, SignMeUp (and the charity as a whole) is now sustainable given the current level of usage, and assuming no drop in that usage. I would now foresee a settling in period as we continue to grow the user base for the SignMeUp, before we begin gearing up for another project.

We have appointed two new Trustees, Ryan Law and Joshua Meyer, who bring with them a wealth of technical, security and marketing experience. We now look ahead to promoting SignMeUp to more charitable organisations so that it can have the maximum possible positive impact.

### **Section 4: Financial Review**

#### **Financial position**

For the financial year to 31 December 2024 the charity had an income of £28,430.73 and an expenditure of £45,122.07. This extra expenditure represented the spending of

previously raised funds to complete the SignMeUp project. The full accounts are provided separately.

#### **Principal funding sources**

The principal funding source for the CIO are donations individuals and trusts.

#### **Reserves policy**

None of the reserves are restricted as to their use. The trustees regularly review the reserves of the charity. The trustees consider that reserves should cover 12 months running and development costs in normal circumstances.

#### **Going concern**

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that fundraising efforts together with the current reserves will enable The Software Charity to continue in operational existence for at least one year from the date of approval of the accounts.

#### **Funds in deficit**

There are currently no funds in deficit.

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

Our primary risk is the need to maintain a base level of subscribers on the SignMeUp platform in order to ensure sufficient income to maintain and keep the platform secure. Our current projections show we are comfortably self-sufficient.

#### **Section 5: Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved this trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Griffiths', written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Full name: Mr Steve Griffiths

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date: 29th May 2025

**THE SOFTWARE CHARITY**  
**Financial Year ending 31 December 2024**

**INCOME STATEMENT**

**Income**

Donations	£13,671.22
Subscriptions	£10,739.00
Interest	£20.51
Advertising	£4,000.00

**Total income** **£28,430.73**

**Expenditure**

Banking	£60.00
IT costs	£2,229.00
Subcontractor labour	£40,875.60
DBS provider	£4.79
Training costs	£474.00
Insurance	£1,443.68
Other	£35.00

**Total expenditure** **£45,122.07**

**Net profit** **-£16,691.34**

**CASHFLOW STATEMENT**

Operating Inflows	£28,430.73
Operating Outflows	£45,122.07
Financing Inflows	£10,000.00
Financing Outflows	£0.00

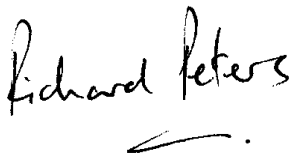
**Net Cashflow** **-£6,691.34**

**BALANCE SHEET**

Assets: Cash	£10,505.18
Liabilities: Loan	£10,000.00

**Equity** **£505.18**

Signed on behalf of The Software Charity



Dr Richard Peters  
Treasurer

I have reviewed and can confirm these accounts



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TRANSACTIONS

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance	Expenditure Category	Income Category
Carry forward				17196.52		
02/01/24	Online transfer to Peters Research Ltd PRL INV-8997	5600		11596.52	Subcontractor labour	
03/01/24	FP PAYPAL CODE 2992 PAYPAL CODE 2992		0.01	11596.53		Donations
08/01/24	POS AWS EMEA 0.76USD@0.789474	0.6		11595.93	IT costs	
10/01/24	Online transfer to LEADERSHIP THROUGH DATA L INV-02784	474		11121.93	Training costs	
10/01/24	Online transfer to Cyber Warriors Ltd CYB0009	2946		8175.93	Subcontractor labour	
11/01/24	FP PAYPAL CODE 1469 PAYPAL CODE 1469		0.01	8175.94		Donations
12/01/24	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 19.95USD@0.792983 Dr R Peters	15.82		8160.12	IT costs	
12/01/24	Online transfer to Arthur J. Gallagher Insur Inv 529848012	1443.68		6716.44	Insurance	
15/01/24		5		6711.44	Banking	
17/01/24	POS FORGE.LARAVEL.COM 115.17USD@0.788487 Dr R Peters	90.81		6620.63	IT costs	
26/01/24	DD ICO ZB645565	35		6585.63	Other	
02/02/24	FP INVOICES 3 + 4 LIGHTHOUSE88		1250	7835.63		Subscriptions
08/02/24	POS AWS EMEA 37.51USD@0.792322 Dr R Peters	29.72		7805.91	IT costs	
12/02/24	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 19.95USD@0.798998 Dr R Peters	15.94		7789.97	IT costs	
13/02/24	Online transfer from Lighthouse Central		4365	12154.97		Subscriptions
13/02/24	Online transfer from Lighthouse Central		1585	13739.97		Subscriptions
15/02/24	Monthly Account Fee	5		13734.97	Banking	
19/02/24	Online transfer to Peters Research Ltd Part payment INV-8998	3000		10734.97	Subcontractor labour	
01/03/24	BACS INV 20240001 ENTERTAINER AMER		4000	14734.97		Advertising
04/03/24	Online transfer to Access Personal Checking Invoice 255983	4.79		14730.18	DBS provider	
04/03/24	Online transfer to Peters Research Ltd Part payment INV-8998	4700		10030.18	Subcontractor labour	
07/03/24	POS AWS EMEA 54.00USD@0.793889	42.87		9987.31	IT costs	
12/03/24	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 23.94USD@0.788221	18.87		9968.44	IT costs	
12/03/24	DD GOCARDLESS APCSLTD-YC4Z9RKRPA	22.79		9945.65	IT costs	
15/03/24	Monthly Account Fee	5		9940.65	Banking	
26/03/24	INTEREST TO DATE		5.01	9945.66		Interest
27/03/24	Online transfer to Hitide Web Development Lt Invoice 1098	1260		8685.66	Subcontractor labour	
08/04/24	POS AWS EMEA 57.04USD@0.797686	45.5		8640.16	IT costs	
11/04/24	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 23.94USD@0.792398	18.97		8621.19	IT costs	
1. There is a personal	DD GOCARDLESS APCSLTD-YC4Z9RKRPA	19.16		8602.03	IT costs	
15/04/24	Monthly Account Fee	5		8597.03	Banking	
22/04/24	POS CLOUDFLARE 9.88USD@0.805668	7.96		8589.07	IT costs	
09/05/24	POS AWS EMEA 55.58USD@0.801907	44.57		8544.5	IT costs	
10/05/24	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 23.94USD@0.799917	19.15		8525.35	IT costs	
10/05/24	I have reviewed and can confirm these accounts	33.53		8491.82	IT costs	
15/05/24	Monthly Account Fee	5		8486.82	Banking	
23/05/24	POS SQUARESPACE 129457361	244.8		8242.02	IT costs	
06/06/24	POS AWS EMEA 57.77USD@0.787606	45.5		8196.52	IT costs	
11/06/24	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM Richard Peters	18.77		8177.75	IT costs	
12/06/24	DD GOCARDLESS APCSLTD-YC4Z9RKRPA	114.96		8062.79	IT costs	
14/06/24	Ian Branch, FCMA, CGMA, FloD	313.85		7748.94	IT costs	
17/06/24	Monthly Account Fee	5		7743.94	Banking	
26/06/24	INTEREST TO DATE		4.22	7748.16		Interest
08/07/24	POS AWS EMEA 5 Rue Plaeti 57.15USD@0.791601 Dr R Peters	45.24		7702.92	IT costs	
09/07/24	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 23.94USD@0.789891	18.91		7684.01	IT costs	
12/07/24	DD GOCARDLESS APCSLTD-YC4Z9RKRPA	153.28		7530.73	IT costs	
15/07/2024	Monthly Account Fee	5		7525.73	Banking	
15/07/2024	Online transfer to Hitide Web Development Lt Invoice 1099	840		6685.73	Subcontractor labour	
25/07/2024	POS CLOUDFLARE 4.94USD@0.775304	3.83		6681.9	IT costs	
08/08/2024	POS AWS EMEA 5 Rue Plaeti 79.73USD@0.787157	62.76		6619.14	IT costs	
12/08/2024	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 23.94USD@0.789474	18.9		6600.24	IT costs	
12/08/2024	DD GOCARDLESS APCSLTD-YC4Z9RKRPA	373.62		6226.62	IT costs	
12/08/2024	Online transfer to Hitide Web Development Lt Invoice 1101	1680		4546.62	Subcontractor labour	
15/08/2024	Monthly Account Fee	5		4541.62	Banking	
04/09/2024	FP PPWDL4EA22223P9VG PAYPAL		2,229.78	6771.4		Donations
06/09/2024	POS AWS EMEA 5 Rue Plaeti 79.72USD@0.762418	60.78		6710.62	IT costs	
09/09/2024	FP INVOICE 7 LIGHTHOUSE88		856	7566.62		Subscriptions
10/09/2024	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 25-28 23.94USD@0.764411	18.3		7548.32	IT costs	
12/09/2024	DD GOCARDLESS APCSLTD-YC4Z9RKRPA	52.69		7495.63	IT costs	
16/09/2024	Monthly Account Fee	5		7490.63	Banking	
20/09/2024	Online transfer from Lighthouse Central		2133	9623.63		Subscriptions
26/09/2024	INTEREST TO DATE		3.34	9626.97		Interest
30/09/2024	FP Donation PETERS RESEA		10000	19626.97		Donations
07/10/2024	FP PPWDL4EA22222ZUVN PAYPAL		740.11	20367.08		Donations
08/10/2024	POS AWS EMEA 5 Rue Plaeti 77.50USD@0.754065	58.44		20308.64	IT costs	
09/10/2024	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 23.94USD@0.763993	18.29		20290.35	IT costs	
15/10/2024	Monthly Account Fee	5		20285.35	Banking	
04/11/2024	FP PPWDL4EA2222527Q8Y PAYPAL		588.81	20874.16		Donations
07/11/2024	POS AWS EMEA 5 Rue Plaeti 79.69USD@0.778140	62.01		20812.15	IT costs	
07/11/2024	FP UNSECURED LOAN Peters Richard		10000	30812.15		Loan
11/11/2024	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 23.94USD@0.773183	18.51		30793.64	IT costs	
13/11/2024	Online transfer to Peters Research Ltd INV-9126	7000		23793.64	Subcontractor labour	
13/11/2024	Online transfer to Peters Research Ltd INV-9060	5600		18193.64	Subcontractor labour	
13/11/2024	Online transfer to Peters Research Ltd INV-9059	7700		10493.64	Subcontractor labour	
15/11/2024	Monthly Account Fee	5		10488.64	Banking	
29/11/2024	FP INV 2024002 SIGNME LIGHTHOUSE88		550	11038.64		Subscriptions
02/12/2024	FP PPWDL4EA22223MZXL PAYPAL		103.75	11142.39		Donations
06/12/2024	POS AWS EMEA 5 Rue Plaeti 77.46USD@0.789311 Dr R Peters	61.14		11081.25	IT costs	
10/12/2024	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 23.94USD@0.791980	18.96		11062.29	IT costs	
12/12/2024	POS SQSP* INV160375401 Dr R Peters	19.2		11043.09	IT costs	
16/12/2024	Monthly Account Fee	5		11038.09	Banking	
20/12/2024	Online transfer to Hitide Web Development Lt Inv 1123	549.6		10488.49	Subcontractor labour	
23/12/2024	FP PPWDL4EA22222GG5W PAYPAL		8.75	10497.24		Donations
27/12/2024	INTEREST TO DATE		7.94	10505.18		Interest
Totals		45122.07	38430.73			

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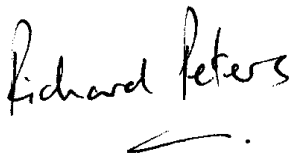
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17/06/24	Monthly Account Fee	5		7743.94	Banking	
26/06/24	INTEREST TO DATE		4.22	7748.16		Interest
08/07/24	POS AWS EMEA 5 Rue Plaeti 57.15USD@0.791601 Dr R Peters	45.24		7702.92	IT costs	
09/07/24	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 23.94USD@0.789891	18.91		7684.01	IT costs	
12/07/24	DD GOCARDLESS APCSLTD-YC4Z9RKRPA	153.28		7530.73	IT costs	
15/07/2024	Monthly Account Fee	5		7525.73	Banking	
15/07/2024	Online transfer to Hitide Web Development Lt Invoice 1099	840		6685.73	Subcontractor labour	
25/07/2024	POS CLOUDFLARE 4.94USD@0.775304	3.83		6681.9	IT costs	
08/08/2024	POS AWS EMEA 5 Rue Plaeti 79.73USD@0.787157	62.76		6619.14	IT costs	
12/08/2024	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 23.94USD@0.789474	18.9		6600.24	IT costs	
12/08/2024	DD GOCARDLESS APCSLTD-YC4Z9RKRPA	373.62		6226.62	IT costs	
12/08/2024	Online transfer to Hitide Web Development Lt Invoice 1101	1680		4546.62	Subcontractor labour	
15/08/2024	Monthly Account Fee	5		4541.62	Banking	
04/09/2024	FP PPWDL4EA22223P9V PAYPAL		2,229.78	6771.4		Donations
06/09/2024	POS AWS EMEA 5 Rue Plaeti 79.72USD@0.762418	60.78		6710.62	IT costs	
09/09/2024	FP INVOICE 7 LIGHTHOUSE88		856	7566.62		Subscriptions
10/09/2024	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 25-28 23.94USD@0.764411	18.3		7548.32	IT costs	
12/09/2024	DD GOCARDLESS APCSLTD-YC4Z9RKRPA	52.69		7495.63	IT costs	
16/09/2024	Monthly Account Fee	5		7490.63	Banking	
20/09/2024	Online transfer from Lighthouse Central		2133	9623.63		Subscriptions
26/09/2024	INTEREST TO DATE		3.34	9626.97		Interest
30/09/2024	FP Donation PETERS RESEA		10000	19626.97		Donations
07/10/2024	FP PPWDL4EA22222ZUVN PAYPAL		740.11	20367.08		Donations
08/10/2024	POS AWS EMEA 5 Rue Plaeti 77.50USD@0.754065	58.44		20308.64	IT costs	
09/10/2024	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 23.94USD@0.763993	18.29		20290.35	IT costs	
15/10/2024	Monthly Account Fee	5		20285.35	Banking	
04/11/2024	FP PPWDL4EA2222527Q8Y PAYPAL		588.81	20874.16		Donations
07/11/2024	POS AWS EMEA 5 Rue Plaeti 79.69USD@0.778140	62.01		20812.15	IT costs	
07/11/2024	FP UNSECURED LOAN Peters Richard		10000	30812.15		Loan
11/11/2024	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 23.94USD@0.773183	18.51		30793.64	IT costs	
13/11/2024	Online transfer to Peters Research Ltd INV-9126	7000		23793.64	Subcontractor labour	
13/11/2024	Online transfer to Peters Research Ltd INV-9060	5600		18193.64	Subcontractor labour	
13/11/2024	Online transfer to Peters Research Ltd INV-9059	7700		10493.64	Subcontractor labour	
15/11/2024	Monthly Account Fee	5		10488.64	Banking	
29/11/2024	FP INV 2024002 SIGNME LIGHTHOUSE88		550	11038.64		Subscriptions
02/12/2024	FP PPWDL4EA22223MZXL PAYPAL		103.75	11142.39		Donations
06/12/2024	POS AWS EMEA 5 Rue Plaeti 77.46USD@0.789311 Dr R Peters	61.14		11081.25	IT costs	
10/12/2024	POS WWW.TWILIO.COM 23.94USD@0.791980	18.96		11062.29	IT costs	
12/12/2024	POS SQSP* INV160375401 Dr R Peters	19.2		11043.09	IT costs	
16/12/2024	Monthly Account Fee	5		11038.09	Banking	
20/12/2024	Online transfer to Hitide Web Development Lt Inv 1123	549.6		10488.49	Subcontractor labour	
23/12/2024	FP PPWDL4EA22222GG5W PAYPAL		8.75	10497.24		Donations
27/12/2024	INTEREST TO DATE		7.94	10505.18		Interest
Totals		45122.07	38430.73			

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*31st December 2023*

**FOR**

**THE SOFTWARE CHARITY**

**Registered charity in England & Wales with registration no:  
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## **Section 1: Structure, Governance & Management**

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## **Section 2: Objective & Activities**

The Software Charity has been set up to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities and the effective use of charitable resources through the development of low cost complete software based solutions for use by charities.

### **Significant activities**

During the previous period we have:

- Raised £51,000,
- Developed the majority of the SignMeUp application

### **Public benefit**

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The Software Charity operates on a not for profit basis to design and build software specifically to tackle day-to-day challenges encountered by many charities. This is licensed to them, providing them with fit for purpose software without the burden of having to fund and manage complex software projects. This allows them to be more effective in achieving their own charitable objective, focusing more of their own time and money on the things that they primarily exist to do.

In the medium term, The Software Charity is working to produce a registrations and management software suite, called “SignMeUp”, to be used by children’s holiday clubs and events. There is already high demand for this from the Lighthouse group of charities and events, but the software will be able to support multiple types of children’s events regardless of their background or mission.

Longer term, The Software Charity will identify other opportunities within the charity sector for novel software products where there are no existing cost-effective solutions, with a goal of maintaining a broad suite of software that solves many common problems. The ultimate goal is to reduce costs for these charities, and allow them to spend more of their time and money on their primary charitable goals, rather than administrative costs.

### **Section 3: Achievements & Performance**

#### **Chairman’s Report for 2023**

2023 was a busy year for us. In April we hit our initial fundraising goal in order to commence the SignMeUp project, and by May we had a contractor in place and development was underway. Thanks to a credit free accounts payable facility granted to us by a local business, we were able to fully fund and complete primary development by the end of the year. An extensive, volunteer led testing phase was carried out in December, we are grateful to all those volunteers who helped with this extensive piece of work, and to Alex Griffiths for coordinating this. As well as being our secretary, Alex is now also running the SignMeUp support desk in a volunteer capacity, and our continued thanks go to her for this. Around the same time we also undertook extensive security and data protection work to ensure that SignMeUp is secure and as a charity we are compliant with the relevant legislation prior to the launch of SignMeUp.

*The following part of my report relates to the period after the 2023 accounting period.*

SignMeUp went live in February 2024. We have retained maintenance services from our original developer, which has been immensely helpful in tackling the teething issues that the system has as it has got up and running. For any project of this size, dealing with such items is to be expected, especially during the earlier stages of use. All 15 of the charities in the Lighthouse group are now live and taking registrations through the SignMeUp platform for their 2024 events. The platform has received 700+ individual registrations at the point that I am writing this report in April 2024, and is on track to have received 5000+ by the end of the year based on our user organisations projections.

Whilst we still have some way to go to get to a mature platform, the fact that we have delivered SignMeUp on budget and on time is immensely gratifying, and I am grateful to all those who have been involved with the charity up to this point, including our other trustees, our treasurer and also those from our user charities who have sat alongside our management board helping to communicate the needs of charities who will now use the SignMeUp platform. We have demonstrated that we are a strong team capable of delivering complex software projects that ultimately help other charities achieve their own aims.

Financially, SignMeUp (and the charity as a whole) is now sustainable given the current level of usage, and assuming no drop in that usage. I would now foresee a settling in period as we continue to grow the user base for the SignMeUp, before we begin gearing up for another project.

### **Section 4: Financial Review**

## Financial position

For the financial year to 31 December 2023 the charity had an income of £51,356.32 and an expenditure of £36,655.07. The full accounts are provided separately.

## Principal funding sources

The principal funding source for the CIO are donations individuals and trusts.

## Reserves policy

None of the reserves are restricted as to their use. The trustees regularly review the reserves of the charity. The trustees consider that reserves should cover 12 months running and development costs in normal circumstances.

## Going concern

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## Funds in deficit

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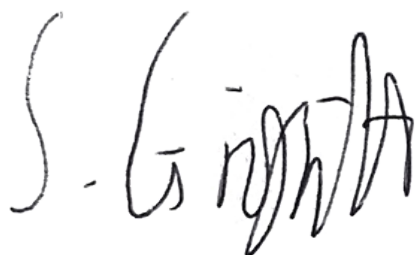
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We still need to raise additional funds in order to bring the SignMeUp application to completion, but as these are fixed rather than ongoing costs, we currently have only very minimal ongoing exposure.

## Section 5: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

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Full name: Mr Steve Griffiths

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date: 2nd September 2024

## THE SOFTWARE CHARITY

### FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023

#### INCOME

Donations	£50,450.00
Subscriptions	£875.00
Interest	£31.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>£51,356.32</b>

#### EXPENDITURE

Banking	£60.00
IT costs	£395.07
Subcontractor labour	£35,900.00
DBS Provider	£300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£36,655.07</b>

**Income – expenditure** £14,701.25

**Balance brought forward from previous year** £2,495.27

**Balance carried forward** £17,196.52

#### Notes

Peters Research Ltd has provided a line of credit to cover development costs.

On 31st December 2023 Peters Research Ltd Invoices 8997 (£5600) and 8998 (£7700) were outstanding. A further £13,300 was due to be invoiced by Peters Research to The Software Charity, but was not invoiced until 2024.

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### **Significant activities**

During the previous period we have:

- Founded the charity
- Raised £2785
- Developed the specification for the SignMeUp application in conjunction with input from target charities

### **Public benefit**

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### **Section 3: Achievements & Performance**

#### **Chairman’s Report for 2022**

Over the last year, we have been successful in a funding application grant for £5000 which is our first major donation towards the SignMeUp application. The charity trustees and management team are focussed on progressing further fundraising grants and donations.

Since closing our 2022 financial period, I am delighted to further report that our fundraising efforts and the generosity of our donors enabled us to break ground on the SignMeUp application in Q2 2023. At the time of writing this report in June 2023, we are currently just under ½ of the way through our development phase, and assuming the continued receipt of funds, we are currently on track to have the software ready for use by 1st January 2024.

As a charity, we are also now beginning to focus on recruiting additional volunteer efforts to help us test and manage the application on a long term basis. This will be an important step, alongside the software itself, to ensure that our beneficiaries get the most out of it in helping to run their events and organisations.

I am very grateful to the Trustees and the other members of the management board for all of their efforts, both in terms of fundraising and their knowledge and expertise in helping to operate the charity.

### **Section 4: Financial Review**

#### **Financial position**

For the financial year to 31 December 2022 the charity had an income of £2785 and an expenditure of £290. A balance on £2495 was carried forward into 2023. The full accounts are provided separately.

#### **Principal funding sources**

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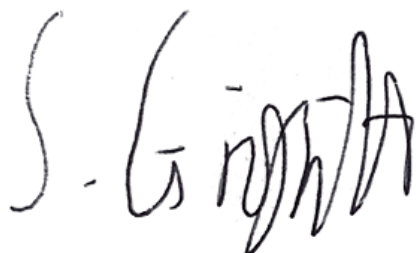
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

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Full name: Mr Steve Griffiths  
Position: Chair of Trustees

Date: 13th September 2023

**THE SOFTWARE CHARITY**  
**Charity No. 1199034**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 December 2022**

**INCOME**

Donations	£2,784.63
Subscriptions	£0.00
Interest	£0.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,784.90</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

Banking	£5.00
IT costs	£284.63
Subcontractor labour	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£289.63</b>

**Income – expenditure** £2,495.27

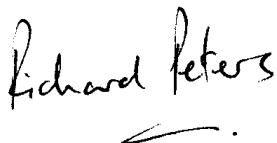
**Balance brought forward from previous year** £0.00

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**Notes**

1. The Software Charity was registered as a CIO on 20 May 2022. It began work in October 2021.
2. The charity has chosen the option to align accounts with the Calendar year.
3. The first transaction using the bank account was a donation on 6 December 2022
4. Expenditure before the bank account was available is included; these transactions each had a corresponding donation.

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