

Charity Registration No. 225455

Company Registration No. 00086844 (England and Wales)

THE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

**THE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees	Mr T Tasker Mrs H Smith Mr K Duncan-Morris Ms T Czerniawskyi
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Company number	00086844
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THE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 object of the charity is the promotion and advancement of spiritualism.

To achieve this The Spiritualist Association of Great Britain:

- Offers evidence, through mediumship, of the continuation of the personality after physical death and relieves suffering through spiritual healing. Provides religious and healing services to the general public.
- Investigates physical, spiritual and mediumistic phenomena including regression, second sight, trance healing, and all matters of a kindred nature, and uses the knowledge gained accordingly.
- Helps students and enquirers in their studies and research into spiritual doctrines and all or any of the matters already mentioned.
- Produces a magazine, which contains information with respect to all or any of the matters already mentioned.
- Associates with other voluntary organisations in a common effort to promote spiritualism.

We are currently open to the public Monday to Sunday 11:45am to 5.30pm and our phone lines are open at the same time. We offer individual consultations, group and audience participation. Our Spiritual Healing Clinics are open Monday to Sunday at our centre, and also Monday, Wednesday, and Friday online. All our Healers have to do training over 2 years to become fully approved Healers of S.A.G.B and we are looking into establishing links with major Healing organizations. We offer two-year Training Programmes, providing self development in all areas of mediumship and a greater understanding of our philosophy and knowledge of spirituality. We provide evidence of survival after death through our experienced mediums in private one to one sittings and daily public demonstrations. Also we provide private Healing consultations. We will be putting together a training programme for approved Healers to train as Tutors after they have at least 2 years as a full Healer.

Our non-denominational Divine Service every Sunday is open to all.

We offer a growing training and educational programme for further development to everyone through classes and independent practical open circles.

We have now many new activities, which will include specialist exhibitions, lectures and publishing. Our members will be encouraged to take part in many of these activities. Creating a social history from the memories of members that have supported us over many decades will be one of many objectives.

Public benefit

The principal activities of the charity during the year continued to promote spiritual, religious and healing services to its members and general public. The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting as set out in Section 4 Charities Act 2011. The trustees believe that the charity achieves a public benefit by providing these services as detailed in the Objectives and activities section of this report.

Achievements and performance

The charity has continued to provide its wide range of spiritual, religious philosophy and healing services to its members and the general public. It welcomes all creeds and religions.

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The range of services includes the propagation of spiritual philosophy, private sittings, which are face-to-face, by telephone or Zoom, public demonstrations of clairvoyance, psychic art demonstrations, psychometry demonstrations, day classes, workshops, meditation, spiritual counselling, non-denominational divine Sunday service, bereavement support circles and spiritual healing. Spirit Animal Circle some of these services are now available by Zoom. Only a donation is asked for the divine service and spiritual healing. There is no charge for the bereavement support circle. We will be looking at ways to develop Pain management clinics, Well being Clinics and other specialist Healing with appropriate qualified people. We are looking to establish connections with the wider community and charities to offer Healing in Hospitals and possibly care homes.

The charity's website (www.sagb.org.uk) continues to enable it to reach a wider spectrum of people across the country and internationally. It is a very important tool in publicising the charity, its mediums and its day-to-day activities.

The charity plans to continue its activities as outlined above in the forthcoming years. This will include finding ways to ensure that it is always accessible to those wanting to use the charity's services and making certain that it provides these services in an efficient way. The Trustees are always mindful of the need to maintain the reputation of the charity through the spiritual services that it provides.

Financial review and risk assessment

The trustees actively review the major risks facing the charity throughout the year. Procedures have been established for identifying significant risks and developing and implementing strategies to mitigate such risks.

We have now had the chance to look at the local area and thus obtain a greater understanding of our local community. We are endeavoring to introduce tutors that will reflect on our local needs as well as continuing to offer bereavement support, meditation and healing clinics. The opening of the Northern tube at Battersea power gives people an additional access of travel which is only a 10 mins walk away.

We are also including new projects and offering support from accredited counsellors and support groups for people dealing with illnesses. We are currently attracting a wider audience to the activities we offer of both young and mature people as well as a wider cultural community. We take on board the needs of our members and encourage their input so that the Association meets the demands of all who use us. The Sunday service is now both from our property and also on Zoom, which enables people from all parts of the country and different country's to attend.

The charity's balance sheet has cash reserves of £312,838 (2023: 412,350) and net assets of £2,766,494 (2023: £2,909,063). The trustees believe that these funds will be sufficient in meeting the charity's future needs and also believe that this level of reserves is necessary to cover any liabilities or contingencies which may arise in the future.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Future plans

We are exploring partnerships with local charities to offer space for meetings, as well as provide initial support and resources within the community. This collaboration would enable the Association to enhance its presence locally, potentially linking it with our existing healing clinics. Additionally, such partnerships could offer opportunities for further training, allowing our healers to specialise in areas that directly benefit the local community, as identified by the charity.

We could offer services in pain management therapy, talking therapies, and end-of-life support, including the work of death doulas. Several of our healers already hold qualifications as counselors and social workers. This initiative would also allow us to provide additional support to our healers, enabling them to expand their education, obtain certifications, and gain further experience in these critical fields. On a social level, particularly during the winter months, we could host coffee mornings to foster connections within the community. This initiative would offer people, especially in times of economic hardship, a better understanding of and access to the services we provide.

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Given the growing local community, we see an opportunity to extend our operating hours to accommodate evening access, especially for those who work during the day. This extension could cater to individuals who may otherwise find it difficult to attend during traditional hours. As education continues to grow in importance, often surpassing even city nightlife in terms of engagement, we believe offering evening services would be a valuable resource.

This expansion could also include additional programming such as demonstrations, lectures, healing clinics, and professional development opportunities. In addition, we could incorporate new events, including book launches, author readings and signings, open mic nights for music, writing, poetry, and art, as well as comedy events. These activities would foster a greater sense of community and provide a platform for individuals to showcase their creative talents.

We also aim to continue hosting international organisations, such as the partnership with Brazil, which has expanded this year to include lectures and debates. This initiative helps promote a deeper understanding of diverse spiritual practices that share common roots, further strengthening our global connections.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee.

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 T Tasker
Mrs H Smith
Mr K Duncan-Morris
Ms T Czerniawski

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute 25 pence in the event of a winding up.

A Board of Trustees of no less than 3, who meet regularly throughout the year, administers the charity.

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the trustees have statutory powers of investment.

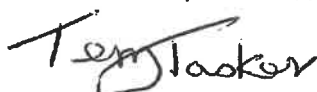
Auditor

The auditor, MCT Partnership LLP, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr T Tasker

Trustee

Dated: 26 December 2024

**THE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The trustees, who are also the directors of The Spiritualist Association Of Great Britain for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**THE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Spiritualist Association Of Great Britain (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 24 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN**

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, is detailed below.

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the company operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and management;
- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we consider to have a material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, money laundering, employment and health and safety legislation;
- We obtained an understanding of how the company complies with these requirements by discussions with directors and management;
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, through discussions with directors and management.

Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, these are detailed below.

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of entity staff in tax and compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business;
- Use of analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Mayur C Thakkar FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of MCT Partnership LLP**

27 December 2024

**Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors**

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THE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	10,480	10,480	114,011
Charitable activities	4	59,126	59,126	49,885
Investments	5	2,039	2,039	1,079
Other income	6	22	22	-
Total income		<u>71,667</u>	<u>71,667</u>	<u>164,975</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	7	54,118	54,118	48,527
<u>Charitable activities</u>				
Core activities	8	160,541	160,541	137,096
Total expenditure		<u>214,659</u>	<u>214,659</u>	<u>185,623</u>
 Net gains/(losses) on investments	 13	 423	 423	 (5)
 Net movement in funds	 9	 (142,569)	 (142,569)	 (20,653)
 Reconciliation of funds:				
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		2,909,063	2,909,063	2,929,716
 Fund balances at 31 March 2024		 <u>2,766,494</u>	 <u>2,766,494</u>	 <u>2,909,063</u>

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

THE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15		2,479,643		2,521,629
Investments	16		3,265		2,841
			<u>2,482,908</u>		<u>2,524,470</u>
Current assets					
Stock	17	147		351	
Debtors	18	495		7,027	
Cash at bank and in hand		312,838		412,350	
		<u>313,480</u>		<u>419,728</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	(29,894)		(35,135)	
Net current assets			<u>283,586</u>		<u>384,593</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>2,766,494</u>		<u>2,909,063</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds - general			<u>2,766,494</u>		<u>2,909,063</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 26 December 2024


Mr T Tasker
Trustee

Company Registration No. 00086844

THE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

			2024		2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	23	(101,551)		21,483	
Net cash outflow from operating activities			(101,551)		21,483
Investing activities					
Investment income received		2,039		1,079	
Net cash generated from investing activities			2,039		1,079
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(99,512)		22,562
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			412,350		389,788
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>312,838</u>		<u>412,350</u>

THE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 Accounting policies

Company information

The Spiritualist Association Of Great Britain is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 341 Queenstown Road, Battersea, London, SW8 4LH.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value. 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 charity 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 unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income comprises of membership subscriptions, donations, legacies and other income arising from the charity's activities. Income from trading activities is stated net of VAT. All income is recognised when amounts can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

1.5 Resources expended

The costs of generating funds is all expenditure incurred on raising funds to finance charitable activities.

Charitable expenditure comprises of all the expenditure incurred in meeting the charitable objects, including cost of management, administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

All expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.

1.6 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.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold property	Straight line over 75 years
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	10% straight line
Computer equipment	20% straight line

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.7 Stock

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion.

1.8 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity'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.

Useful life of freehold property

The useful life of freehold property is determined by the trustees and reflect the charity's history of generating income from charitable activities.

3 Donations and legacies

	2024 £	2023 £
Donations and gifts	6,515	4,316
Legacies receivable	3,965	109,695
	<u>10,480</u>	<u>114,011</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Activities including workshops and demonstrations £	Private sittings with mediums £	Total £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources within charitable activities	<u>25,345</u>	<u>33,781</u>	<u>59,126</u>	<u>49,885</u>

5 Investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Income from listed investments	129	108
Interest receivable	1,910	971
	<u>2,039</u>	<u>1,079</u>

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6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Royalties	22	-

7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity costs</u>		
Staging fundraising events	2,078	3,335
<u>Direct expenses</u>		
Mediums' fees and other related costs	52,040	45,192
	<u>54,118</u>	<u>48,527</u>

8 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	57,813	36,234
Depreciation	41,986	42,306
Rates	5,222	4,890
Insurance	7,370	5,890
Repairs and maintenance	9,816	4,564
Postage and stationery	146	435
Telephone	6,385	8,062
Computer and website expenses	3,180	3,445
Sundry expenses	243	744
Bank charges	2,815	2,641
Light and heat	5,648	4,925
	<u>140,624</u>	<u>114,136</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	19,917	22,960
	<u>160,541</u>	<u>137,096</u>

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9	Net movement in funds	2024	2023
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	10,000	8,000
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	41,986	42,306
		<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

10	Support costs	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023	Basis of allocation
		£	£	£	£	
	Audit fees	-	10,000	10,000	8,000	Governance
	Legal and professional	-	9,917	9,917	14,960	Governance
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
		-	19,917	19,917	22,960	
		<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	
	Analysed between					
	Charitable activities	-	19,917	19,917	22,960	
		<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	

11 Trustees

Remuneration amounting to £33,150 (2023: £35,360) was paid under an employment contract to Mr K Duncan-Morris.

Payments amounting to £7,455 (2023: £6,295) in the ordinary course of business were made to Mr T Tasker, who is a trustee.

Expenses totalling £Nil (2023: £543) were reimbursed to the trustees during the year for charitable expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity.

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12 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Administration and Management	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

Employment costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	56,538	35,360
Staff pension costs	<u>1,275</u>	<u>874</u>
	<u>57,813</u>	<u>36,234</u>

The above employment costs include £73 (2023 : £Nil) of employer's National Insurance contributions net of the employment allowance.

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

13 Net movement on valuing investments at fair value

	2024	2023
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	<u>(423)</u>	<u>5</u>

14 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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15 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property	Library	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2023	2,661,384	2,505	59,987	4,104	2,727,980
At 31 March 2024	2,661,384	2,505	59,987	4,104	2,727,980
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2023	168,543	2,505	31,774	3,529	206,351
Depreciation charged in the year	35,486	-	5,998	502	41,986
At 31 March 2024	204,029	2,505	37,772	4,031	248,337
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2024	2,457,355	-	22,215	73	2,479,643
At 31 March 2023	2,492,841	-	28,213	575	2,521,629

16 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	2,841
Valuation changes	423
At 31 March 2024	3,264
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	3,264
At 31 March 2023	2,841

17 Stock

	2024 £	2023 £
Goods for resale	147	351

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18 Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	495	7,027
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	5,604	4,669
Trade creditors	14,075	20,339
Accruals	10,215	10,127
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	29,894	35,135
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

20 Operating lease commitments

At the year end the company had outstanding commitments for lease payments amounting to £10,325 (2023: £13,766) for non-cancellable operating leases.

21 Control

The company is limited by guarantee, not having a share capital divided into shares.

In the event of the company being wound up, every member undertakes to contribute a sum not exceeding 25 pence.

The number of members at 31 March 2024 were as follows:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Life Members	246	249
Other members	87	60
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	333	309
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

22 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Aggregate remuneration	33,150	35,360
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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23	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £
	Deficit for the year	(142,569)	(20,653)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2,039)	(1,079)
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	(423)	5
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	41,986	42,306
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease in stock	204	1,507
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	6,531	(2,700)
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(5,241)	2,097
	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(101,551)	21,483

24 Auditors' Ethical Standards

In common with many charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.