

Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2022

**The 1959 Group of
Charities**

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Charity information

Registered charity number	249039
Trustees	P Chapman S Mayhew R Monteath P Midgley
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Solicitors	Bates Wells & Braithwaite Cheapside House 138 Cheapside London EC2V 6BB Charles Russell Speechlys 1 London Square Cross Lanes Guildford Surrey GU1 1UN
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc 5 High Street Andover Hants SP10 1LN
Independent examiners	Mazars LLP 2nd Floor 6 Sutton Plaza Sutton Court Road Sutton SM1 4FS
Director	J Lunes

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Trustees' report For the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Legal and administrative information

The 1959 Group of Charities is a registered charity number 249039 established in 1959 and whose latest trust deed is dated 14 July 2011. The members of the Group appoint an Executive Committee in accordance with the Constitution which is responsible for managing the Group.

The members of the Executive Committee who have served since 1 April 2021 are as follows:

Harvinder Chaggar	Epilepsy Action
Jon Wingrave (resigned 31 March 2022)	Alzheimer's Society
Anita Bates (resigned 31 March 2022)	Perennial

Objects and activities

The Group's objects are to promote the efficiency of member charities by facilitating the exchange of information about matters of common interest and encouraging voluntary work for member charities.

The Director is involved in a wide range of activities in pursuing these objectives including constant contact with charities, their associates and partners to achieve additional support for their work.

The members of the Group, who are all charities themselves, benefit from the general activities of the Group. As they are shareholders of Cards for Good Causes Limited they also benefit financially from the activities organised by that company which generated charity Christmas card sales of £2,199,881 (2021: £1,816,317) during the year.

Expenditure was incurred to promote public awareness of the member charities, achieving a much higher profile for those charities and their connection with The 1959 Group of Charities. The volunteer co-ordinator encouraged and promoted voluntary work for the member charities.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Group's aims and objectives both in the year under review and in planning future activities.

Finances

The total income was £37,719 (2021: £14,084). The total expenditure was £112,309 (2021: £114,257). The financial statements have been prepared to comply with the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

Reserves policy and risk management

The reserves of the Group at 31 March 2022 amounted to £6,143 (2021: £80,734). Expenditure was incurred to promote public awareness of the member charities. The trustees have considered the risks to which the charity is exposed and have taken steps to mitigate these risks.

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Trustees' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2022

Membership

The members of the charity during the year were as follows:

Alzheimer's Society
Barnardo's
British Heart Foundation
Cancer Research UK
Diabetes UK
Epilepsy Action
National Autistic Society
NSPCC
Perennial – Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society
Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People
Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Trustees' responsibilities

The Executive Committee as Trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the Group and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable laws and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Executive Committee on 26-Jan-2023 and signed on their behalf:

Robert A Monteath
Robert A Monteath (Jan 26, 2023 16:48 GMT)

Robert Monteath
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1959 Group of Charities

I report on the financial statements of the 1959 Group of Charities for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the charity's trustees as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, which is complete, no matters have come to my attention which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of The 1959 Group of Charities in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1959 Group of Charities (continued)

Signed


Nicola Wakefield (Jan 27, 2023 09:27 GMT)

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Date: 27-Jan-2023

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted £	2021 Unrestricted £
Income from:			
<i>Charitable activities</i>			
Subscriptions		160	210
Donations		17,905	13,874
Legacies		18,135	-
Interest receivable	2	1,519	-
Total income		<u>37,719</u>	<u>14,084</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities			
Personnel costs		109,504	107,619
Professional fees		2,180	-
Independent examiners' fees		625	625
Other costs		-	6,013
		<u>112,309</u>	<u>114,257</u>
Net expenditure and net movements in funds for the year		<u>(74,590)</u>	<u>(100,173)</u>
Fund balance brought forward at 1 April 2021		<u>80,733</u>	<u>180,907</u>
Fund balance carried forward at 31 March 2022		<u><u>6,143</u></u>	<u><u>80,734</u></u>

The income and expenditure all relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the net expenditure for the year which have been calculated on the historical cost basis.

The income all relates to unrestricted funds.

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Balance sheet at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	5		1		1
Current assets					
Debtors	6	-		79,467	
Cash at bank		6,815		1,266	
		<u>6,815</u>		<u>80,733</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(672)		-	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			6,143		80,733
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Net assets			6,144		80,734
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Financed by:					
Unrestricted income fund					
General fund			6,144		80,734
			<u></u>		<u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 26-Jan-2023 and signed on their behalf by

Robert A Monteath
Robert A Monteath (Jan 26, 2023 16:48 GMT)

Robert Monteath
Trustee

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

The 1959 Group of Charities meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of accounts. There are no material uncertainties about the entity's ability to continue. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis for accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) rather than the "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice Charities SORP 2005" which has since been withdrawn.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

1.2 Subscriptions and donations

Subscriptions and donations are dealt with on a cash basis.

1.3 Interest receivable

Interest and rent receivable are dealt with on an accruals basis.

1.4 Legacy income

Legacies are credited to income when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

1.5 Investment

The investment is not stated at market value as it is held as part of the Group's charitable activities.

2 Interest receivable

Interest receivable arises from bank deposits.

3 Staff and trustees

No remuneration is payable for the current or preceding year and no expenses were reimbursed to trustees during either year.

There were no employees aside from Trustees as all personnel costs are recharged as per note 8.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2022

4 Net movement in funds

Net movement in funds is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	625	-
	<u>625</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Investment

The investment is one share in Cards for Good Causes Limited which was donated to the Group. Cards for Good Causes Limited has issued twenty-six shares. At 31 March 2022 its shareholders' funds amounted to deficit of £48,141 (2021: surplus of £28,564).

6 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Owed by Cards for Good Causes	-	79,467
	<u>-</u>	<u>79,467</u>

7 Creditors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Owed to Cards for Good Causes	672	-
	<u>672</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Related party transactions

Two of the trustees of The 1959 Group of Charities are also directors of Cards for Good Causes Limited. As explained in note 3, the charity owns one share in the company.

Cards for Good Causes Limited collected monies on behalf of the charity during the year of £17,777 (2021: £250). In addition, costs of £111,609 (2021: £100,173) were recharged from Cards for Good Causes. At the year end the charity owed £672 to Cards for Good Causes (2021: 1959 were owed £79,467).