

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 257912

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	00930265
Registered	1969-02-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (I) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, SICKNESS AND OLD AGE. (II) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION. (III) THE PROMOTION OF HIGHER STANDARDS OF MORAL LIFE IN THE INDIVIDUAL, THE FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY. (IV) THE ADVANCEMENT OF RELIGION.

Activities: The relief of poverty sickness and old age, the advancement of education, the advancement of religion, promotion of interfaith and intercultural dialogue.Organisation of courses and conferences and publication of books and magazines.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£331,947	£365,176	-	-
2024-02-29	£380,053	£620,480	-	-
2023-02-28	£290,304	£359,422	-	-
2022-02-28	£880,819	£453,240	£4,011,988	0
2021-02-28	£350,761	£284,118	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Antonino Puglisi	Chair	2026-06-05
Charles Callan Slipper		2024-04-29
Dr Jan Morovic		2020-12-23
Kristof Maucha		2024-04-29
Rumoldus J H M van Geffen		2025-10-03

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Accounts

Charity Registration No. 257912 (England and Wales)

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Members Of Trustees	Mark John D'Arcy Jan Morovic Kristof Maucha Callan Slipper	(Appointed 29 April 2024) (Appointed 29 April 2024)
Chairman	Mark John D'Arcy	
Secretary / Tresasurer	Rumold Van Geffen	
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DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING TRUSTEES' REPORT)
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The Members of trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 28 February 2025. This report also represents the Trustees' Report which is required to be prepared by Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 and comply with the charity's Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

The Members of Council have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Structure, governance and management

The Focolare Movement is an international organisation which began in Italy in 1943 and is now active in all five continents. The general headquarters are in Rome, from which the worldwide regions are coordinated (operating through PAMOM for the men's section; and PAFOM for the women's section). The movement is divided into a number of 'regions' linked with the centre.

Worldwide regional centres have been set up allowing for a more local integration of all the activities. The zone of Great Britain (together with Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Benelux, France, Spain, Portugal and Malta) has its regional centre in Brussels. For the moment this regional centre operates under the same name as all the activities of the Focolare have been operating in Belgium, i.e. the 'Foyers de l' Unite' (number d ' identification: 5959/68; number d'entreprise: 0409.626.941). The possibility of setting up a separate Not for Profit Organisation is still under review.

The accounts accompanying this report are the accounts of the company which deals with the income and assets of the men's section of the Focolare Movement in the "zone" of Great Britain.

Mariapolis Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 8 April 1968. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission of England and Wales (257912) and the Scottish Charity Commission (SC040066).

The Members of 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:

Mark John D'Arcy
Francis Thomas Johnson
Carlo Poggi
Paul Anthony Gateshill
Jan Morovic
Kristof Maucha
Callan Slipper

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The directors of the charity are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as Members of the Council. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the number of the members of the Council shall not be less than three nor more than seven.

None of the Members of Council has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Members of Council are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The Directors and Secretary (Members of the Council) have, so far, been chosen from among those who have a lifelong commitment to the aims of the charity (Mariapolis Ltd) locally in the United Kingdom and/or to the aims of the Focolare Movement world-wide. All members of the council are, therefore, already familiar with the practical work of the charity having been involved in its work for several years. Additional training is provided by working alongside existing members of the council for a period long enough to assure a smooth transfer of the responsibilities involved.

The Directors of the company are responsible for the charity's assets and activities. This Council meets at least three times per year, sometimes with members responsible for the community houses and principal activities of the charity.

Key decisions about the activities of the charity are taken by the 'Core Group' which meets monthly. The Trustees collaborate closely with the 'Core Group'. They are also in regular communication with those responsible for the community houses, the Centre for Unity (administered by Focolare Trust), and for key activities of the Movement. The management of the day to day running of the charity's activities (e.g. event planning, media and communication) is undertaken by the people responsible for the different areas of interest, such as: Ecumenism, Interfaith, local communities, youth leaders, Focolare volunteers, Mariapolis and other interest groups.

Connected charities

We are also closely linked with the Focolare Movement headquarters in Rome which operates as a recognized ecclesial body (115/1966) under the name PAMOM (Pia Associazione Maschile Opera di Maria), and the regional centre in Brussels which operates under the name of 'Foyers de l'Unite' (number d'identification: 5959/68; number d'entreprise: 0409.626.941).

Most activities are planned and organised together with Focolare Trust, registered charity no 279072 which handles the income and assets of the Women's Section of the Focolare Movement in the same geographical 'zone' of Great Britain.

Directors of Mariapolis Ltd and trustees of Focolare Trust continue to meet to explore ways of aligning the two charities more closely.

Risk management

The members of the council 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.

Succession management

During 2024-25, we continued to be aware of the age profile of many of the consecrated members living in our houses. We have continued to be engaged in discussions with Focolare members both in this country and in Western Europe as to how to ensure the wellbeing of members in the future. The aspect of succession planning, which is linked to the ageing of our communities, is regularly discussed within governance consultations, such as during the "Roots & Wings" meeting for members in September 2024 and 2025 and among members of the community houses.

Safeguarding

The Focolare GB Safeguarding team comprises four members - two Safeguarding Officers: Jane Evans and Nic Innocent; and two additional members/administrators: Claudia Melis and Anja Primbs.

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Progress on Safeguarding Plans for 2024-25

- The umbrella agreement with CCSA is nearing formal completion.
- Despite efforts, we have not yet identified:
 - An external expert to audit Focolare GB safeguarding.
 - An additional safeguarding administrator to support the Safeguarding Team.
- Online safeguarding training has been made available to all Focolare members. This training is certified, and we are registering the names of those that complete it. This is complemented by further training is given to leaders who regularly work with young people.
- We continue to look for an external expert to audit Focolare GB safeguarding.
- A new volunteer has come forward to support safeguarding administration and will be in place in the summer 2025. Another volunteer with safeguarding expertise has offered to provide advice to the Team when needed.

To support the development of a culture of safeguarding:

- We have continued to provide regular updates to the Core Group, which were shared with a network of close members.
- We have continued to share learning between the youth leaders and the Safeguarding team, for example, what we have learned after youth events such as Mariapolis, to inform ongoing improvements in safeguarding in GB.
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Safeguarding Plans for the year 2025 – 26

- Policy renewal
- Continue to monitor vetting and training needs
- Strengthen relationship with our Centre in Brussels
- Look for an external expert to audit Focolare GB safeguarding.

Privacy Policy

A Privacy Policy Document has been set up to comply with the UK Data Protection Act 1998 and other applicable European data protection legislation. See: <https://www.focolare.org/gb/privacy-2/>

The members of the council regularly examine other operational risks faced by the charity and continue to improve established systems to mitigate any significant risks.

Data Protection in 2024-25

The Data Protection team focused on maintaining a system that protects personal data while supporting Focolare GB's activities. Updated practices were successfully tested at the Mariapolis event. Two minor data breaches were managed and used to improve future procedures. The Data Protection Officer role transitioned to Gerry Murphy in December. Key achievements included enhancing email security, creating a breach response flowchart, and completing a Data Protection Events Manual.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's principal aims as stated in the Memorandum of Association are:

- (i) the relief of poverty, sickness and old age;
- (ii) the advancement of education;
- (iii) the promotion of higher standards of moral life in the individual, the family and the community; and
- (iv) the advancement of religion.

To further these objectives the charity possesses properties and provides for the upkeep of vow-taking members of the Focolare Movement in Birmingham (Willenhall), London, and Welwyn Garden City. It organizes courses and conferences under the name "Mariapolis", and publishes books and magazines under the name of "New City".

The Members of trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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Grant making policies

The Charity's grant making policy and procedures depend on decisions made in consultation with both the members responsible for the Movement in Britain and with those responsible for each local community house. Priority is given to furthering our own projects. Financial support is sometimes given to close relatives of community members who are in need. This help is given sensitively and to correspond to individual needs. With regards to objectives for overseas donations, contributions are made in consultations with headquarters in Rome (PAMOM). One can see a great variety of activities supported by communities of the Focolare Movement supported by PAMOM by visiting the Focolare Website www.focolare.org.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities in line with the objectives set out for the year 2024 to 2025:

The Focolare Movement in Great Britain has continued to engage this year in implementing aspects of the global strategy and directives for the Movement across the world for the next six years, which emerged from the General Assembly of the Focolare Movement in February 2021.

1. To continue supporting Focolare consecrated members in Great Britain as well as our Focolare International Centres in Brussels and Rome.

Consecrated members in Great Britain have met periodically to share life experience, to discuss ways of supporting both community members and how best to support the activities of the Focolare movement nationally and locally. Planning for meeting the needs of ageing members and planning for succession are taking a higher profile in these meetings.

We have continued to send grants to the zonal headquarters in Brussels and to the headquarters in Rome for the support of the life of community members abroad.

2. To continue working for ecumenical and interreligious dialogue locally and abroad.

Church Leaders Meeting - January 2025

The meeting for Church Leaders at the Centre for Unity, Welwyn Garden City, is now a regular annual event. The hybrid in-person/Zoom event on Thursday 23rd January, with 25 participants (10 on zoom), who are church leaders from many churches. The theme from our guest speaker this year, Dr. Joan Back, was "The development in the ecumenical experience of Chiara and the Focolare movement and our "dialogue of life".

Called to Hope event March 2025

The ecumenical event 'Called to Hope' in Welwyn Garden City 27-30th March was well received and considered successful. It brought together people from different churches and backgrounds, focusing on themes of hope, reconciliation, and environmental issues. Speakers were drawn from both within and outside the movement, contributing valuable insights. The event was seen as an important step in fostering unity among churches and addressing broader societal issues.

Ecumenical Prayer for Unity

This short time of simple prayer and reflection is led by a different speaker each month and brings together people of different denominations from across the world. It takes place via Zoom every 2nd Monday of the month.

One Human Family

Some UK Focolare members participated in the "One Human Family" event at Castelgandolfo in Italy. This was an Interfaith Conference where there were 480 people present from 40 countries, speaking 12 languages. Among them were rabbis, imams, Catholic priests, Theravada and Mahayana Buddhist monks, as well as Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, and Baha'i lay people, and believers of traditional African religions, of all generations. Meeting, listening, steps of reconciliation, sharing the pain of peoples were the characteristic of this conference. This alternated between panel discussions led by experts and dialogue groups among the participants. Politics and international diplomatic action, economics, artificial intelligence and the environment were the topics discussed, all in the perspective of peace. The meeting was characterized by great openness and peace and the sensation of being part of one human family.

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Interfaith Peace Vigil – Birmingham (14 November 2024)

As part of Interfaith Week 2024, a peace vigil was held on 14th November at St Anne's Church in Birmingham, described by participants as “a whisper for peace”, “an encounter of reconciliation”, and “a wave of hope”. Organised by the Focolare Movement and the Columban Missionaries, together with representatives from the Jewish, Muslim, Baha'i, Buddhist and Hindu communities, the event brought together around 100 people to reflect and pray for peace amidst ongoing global conflict and violence.

Meetings with Shia

A study group of Shia/Focolare continued to meet in Welwyn Garden City and in Wembley to exchange experiences of spirituality and scriptures.

3. To work with members to find sustainable solutions to the governance of the Focolare movement and its activities.

Core Group

Following the publication of principles for the Core Group, these were used to delineate a new composition for the core group itself which reflects the different areas of engagement by members of the Focolare and representatives for the “Colours”. Meetings are monthly on zoom, with 3 in-person meetings per year. It was also agreed that Trustees of Mariapolis Ltd (and Focolare Trust) would also have the right to participate in Core Group meetings.

This year, many members of the Core Group attended an international conference in Madrid for Core Group members in the Western European zone. This was valuable as an opportunity to learn from the experience of governance of Core Groups in other areas. At subsequent Core Group meetings we discussed how to implement the lessons learned. A key emphasis continues to be placed on diffused leadership and widening participation, with efforts to involve a broader range of members in decision-making and responsibility across different areas of activity.

The annual “Roots and Wings” Weekend in September 2024 and 2025 for members' discernment and planning of activities brought together 70 participants. Participants also sought to agree on key priorities and activities for the coming year. From these initial reflections, participants formed self-selected working groups around key themes: Retreats, Formation and Accompaniment; Local Communities and Families; Ecumenism; Interfaith Dialogue and Learning; the Arts; Communication; and Governance/Core Group. Each group produced practical recommendations which were subsequently shared widely across the Movement. Concerns around sufficient provision for young people were noted, but it was also highlighted that the youth team would meet immediately after the Roots & Wings meeting to address some of the issues and plan the year ahead.

4. To invest in new creative ways to continue pursuing Focolare aims and activities.

Genfest Brazil 2025

In July 2025, 8 young adults from the UK travelled to Brazil for the “Genfest”, a worldwide meeting of young adults. The programme included a week of social action in a school, a 3-day festival celebrating the efforts of young adults to build unity in their local environments and showcasing some of their initiatives and experiences of lives based on living the gospel. This was followed by a conference exploring the issues, skills needed and experiences in how unity can be built in the world today.

Youth Weekends Weekends have been held again this year for young people of different age groups:

- October Youth Weekend (12 – 30) Welwyn Garden City - Around 50 young people aged 9-30 gathered, accompanied by several voluntary helpers. A varied programme of group discussions, games and activities, workshops (including media, traditional ceilidh dance and woodwork) and moments of reflection all centred around the aim of building a united world, and what part faith plays in that aim.
- March Young Adult event (17+) Welwyn Garden City – about 20 young people in the 17+ age range gathered for a weekend of reflection and discussion around challenging issues they face in society and life.

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- Birmingham Youth Weekend, 4-7 April 2025. Fifteen young people (aged 10–16) from across the UK gathered in Birmingham for a weekend focused on living the Gospel and discovering the gifts of community. Activities included exploring early Christian history, practicing Gospel values through scenarios, a treasure hunt, and creative projects such as making friendship bracelets and batik tote bags to support Focolare projects in the Holy Land. Participants left inspired to live out their faith and strengthen their friendships.
- Gen2 Weekend, Birmingham, 1-2 February 2025. This weekend brought together young people to deepen their understanding of Focolare spirituality and identity. The event included the 'Hand in Hand' outreach to homeless people in Birmingham, combining practical support with prayer. Following the weekend, young adults established a monthly online group to reflect on the 'Word of Life' (chosen passage from Scripture) and maintain community.
- Lent Retreat, 7-9 March 2025. A group of young people aged 17+ gathered in Welwyn Garden City for a Lenten retreat featuring talks, faith sharing, and nature walks. Contributions from speakers on evangelisation and personal testimonies enriched the dialogue, fostering a supportive atmosphere to strengthen relationships and renew commitment.

Future Plans for Young People: Youth Training – December 2025 (Rome)

Preparations are being made to travel with a group of teenagers to the international conference for young people, "Scuola Foco", which will be held in Castelgandolfo, Italy.

Hand-in-Hand Project – Birmingham

Over the last year a group of students has been working in the Birmingham Focolare house to prepare food packs which they then take onto the streets for the homeless. The activity has grown over the year. The activity is followed by moments in prayer and an evening meal together. This has been a very powerful experience.

Vocations Day, 26 October 2024

A diverse group of young adults gathered to explore vocations within Focolare spirituality. Through personal stories and reflection, participants found "freedom and peace" (as one participant said). They left with a strong desire to continue these conversations.

5. To explore ways of more effective accompaniment of Focolare communities, young people, families and individual members

GB Mariapolis 25-28 July 2024

After a six-year hiatus of a national Mariapolis gathering, planning for the Mariapolis this year started earlier, in December, with the invitation to all members to participate in a zoom meeting where ideas were shared on the successes and the areas for improvement for the annual Mariapolis. Teams were formed for each aspect of the event planning and these met regularly to prepare their activities.

350 participants gathered at Harper Adams University in Shropshire. The joy of reuniting in person was palpable, especially after years of virtual gatherings brought on by the pandemic. The central theme explored God's call in everyday life, with inspiration drawn from talks by Focolare President Margaret Karram. Participants shared moving testimonies reflecting a rich diversity of vocations—from priesthood and marriage to acts of kindness and social service. The event welcomed people of all ages, from babies to the elderly, cultivating a vibrant multigenerational atmosphere. Migrants and refugees contributed new cultural perspectives. Throughout the event, an ecumenical spirit flourished as Christian denominations worshipped together in mutual respect. As the event concluded, participants described feeling spiritually renewed. Many called the Mariapolis "miraculous," "accessible," and a powerful testament to how love and unity can truly transform the world.

Formation and Accompaniment

The working group on Formation and Accompaniment met periodically throughout the year and produced a document entitled "Towards Guidelines for Spiritual Accompaniment" outlining their conclusions and recommendations for the modalities and style of accompaniment that we hope to adopt in the Focolare movement. This document will anticipate further discussion on the subject.

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Youth Assistants working together in new ways

Youth workers in the Focolare are very active in planning and innovating activities together with and on behalf of Young People. Regular meetings are held throughout the year, usually on zoom. An annual weekend in-person conference is held to review activities and plan for the future.

Local and Online Communities

Local communities meet to develop spiritually and to nurture a sense of family. They also provide models of community cohesion amongst different cultures and faiths, with an emphasis on welcome and inclusion.

They provide a support network for social action - in food banks, 'warm spaces' or other charities.

- **London**

A series of community events in Bexleyheath, were organised, specifically for families with children aged 4 and up. Events were well-attended, fostering friendship and an appreciation of diverse cultural experiences, with programs thoughtfully organised for both children and parents.

Long walks in the London area organised and facilitated by one member bring together people of different faiths, for a shared experience of physical exercise and friendship.

- **Scotland**

The community hosted several gatherings including a "Faith Exploring" evening with Fr Vincent Lockhart (November 2024), and "Called to Hope", an Advent reflection open to all (December 2024). In January 2025, a meeting with Sheikh Pakdin, deepened interfaith dialogue. February saw a vibrant meeting for children and families in Glasgow.

- **Wales**

The community met monthly via Zoom, often from Pontypridd, to reflect on Gospel spirituality and celebrated Christmas together, and other family celebrations, as a community.

- **North East**

Based mainly in Yorkshire and Newcastle, the local community meets bi-monthly for moments of reflection, shared meals and mutual support. Many meetings are organized in such a way as to be "dementia friendly". Older members of the community in Newcastle, some of whom have major health issues, keep in touch via Zoom meetings.

- **North West**

Collaboration between civil authorities and a local churches network lead to a revival of the town's historic Walking Day which saw enthusiastic participation of the townsfolk along the streets and at the celebration in the town's park, strengthening community cohesion. A 'Peace Pole' was erected in a popular corner of the park with a dedication inscribed in seven languages for passers-by to reflect and groups to gather, witnessing to humanity's drive for a peaceful and prosperous existence for all. (May and June 2024, Chorley, Lancashire)

- **Midlands**

Young people continued their monthly outreach to homeless people in Birmingham through the "Hand in Hand" project. The community also participated in an interfaith event at the University of Birmingham, promoting dialogue and collaboration.

- **Oxford**

In Banbury, the community organised fundraising activities involving local residents to support a summer camp for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds (Spring 2025).

- **Welwyn Garden City**

'Friends of Welwyn Care Homes' continued regular visits to local homes, offering companionship and reflection services valued by residents and staff alike. The annual "Carols in the Cloisters" event (December 2024) welcomed over 80 people with international food, a Polish choir, and performances by children, celebrating Christmas with warmth and diversity.

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- **Word of Life Groups**

Word of Life groups continue to meet in various locations across the county for reading and sharing about scripture.

6. To support people in hardship both in GB and abroad and to continue supporting AMU projects and projects for international solidarity with the Focolare world- wide, as well as supporting people in need in GB.

As in previous years, we continue to award grants according to needs that are presented to us by members. This year grants were awarded to some families in need; to Pakistani students studying courses in the UK and to social projects in Africa. Financial support is also given to people who wish to participate in Mariapolis and lack the means to do so.

Community Houses

1 new community member arrived in November 2024 to study the English language for a period of 6 months.

9 members covenanted all their income to the charity, and the other 3 members contributed voluntarily according to their personal circumstances.

Expenses for the community houses include a total of £26,694 on repairs and building work, of which £22,923 was used for new roof work on the property in Wallingford; £5,227 for new furniture and appliances and refurbishment; £446 for electrical work and £186 on maintenance of Heating Systems.

At regular intervals contributions are being sent to Rome for redistribution to poorer countries through the international Focolare Movement (PAMOM). A yearly contribution is made to the Focolare regional centre in Brussels of £5,000. Contributions continued to be received for AMU for 'Fraternity with Africa'.

New City Magazine and Books

New City magazine and the websites www.focolare.org.uk and www.newcity.co.uk continue to be improved and updated.

In the period March 2024 to February 2025, the following new titles were printed:

- "Ulisse, Flower in the Desert" (300 copies)
- "Closeness" (300 copies)
- "Waiting in Hope" (300 copies)
- "The English followers of Elijah" (625 copies)

We also received the new series of the Works of St. Augustine from the US.

And the following titles were printed:

- "Meditations" (300 copies)
- "Travelling Inwards (Obbard)" (300 copies),
- "Crumbs" (300 copies)
- "I have called you by name" (600 copies)

In total about 18 titles are in preparation by New City to be printed over the coming years.

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Financial review

A summary of the year's results can be found on pages 15 - 16 of the attached accounts. For the year to 28 February 2025, the incoming resources of the charity amounted to £331,947 (2024 - £380,053), including £243,235 (2024 - £335,467) from voluntary income and £35,648 (2024 - £36,585) from incoming resources from charitable activities.

Total expenditure in the year was £365,176 (2024 - £620,480) including £32,431 (2024 - £261,318) for grants payments; £48,949 (2024 - £7,963) for provision of conferences; £65,103 (2024 - £106,438) for the publication of books and magazines; and £218,693 (2024 - £244,761) for support of members of the Movement.

After making appropriate enquiries, the members of the council have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Reserves policy and financial position

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level of at least six month's expenditure. The Members of trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The company's reserves increased from £3,676,131 to £3,717,248. The net book value of fixed assets decreased from £2,406,113 to £2,369,731. The policy is to hold all assets in the form of residential property for direct use. Such assets are of fundamental importance to the charity; without the assets the charity would be unable to fulfil its charitable aims and objectives. The value of such assets, therefore, would not be easily realizable, if needed to meet future contingencies. To emphasize this point the net book value of these assets amounted to £2,029,269 has been set aside, by the directors, in a tangible fixed assets fund.

To provide financial elasticity and support these operations, the charity also maintains a portfolio of listed investments in shares, valued at £1,122,833 at 28 February 2025. These investments are held to generate an ongoing income stream to assist with property maintenance and to provide liquid funds to meet future financial contingencies, ensuring the charity's long-term sustainability.

Free reserves available to support the work of the members in the future are those shown on the balance sheet as unrestricted income funds and, at 28 February 2025, equate to £1,516,549. The directors are of the opinion that this level of free reserves is in line with the above policy.

In the opinion of the Members of Council, the current open market value of the charity's interests in land and buildings exceeds the net book value of £2,337,562 shown in Note 15, the current market value is in excess of £3.6m.

Investments

The market value of the investment portfolio has increased from £1,048,487 to £1,122,833.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING TRUSTEES' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

Future plans

Following discussions with the Core Group and people responsible for the Focolare houses, the Trustees confirmed the following specific objectives for the coming year in keeping with our general aims:

- To continue supporting Focolare consecrated members in Great Britain as well as our Focolare International Centres in Brussels and Rome.
- To continue working for ecumenical and interreligious dialogue locally and abroad.
- To work with members to find sustainable solutions to the governance of the Focolare movement and its activities.
- To explore ways of more effective accompaniment of Focolare communities, young people, families and individual members.
- To support people in hardship both in GB and abroad and to continue supporting AMU projects and projects for international solidarity with the Focolare world- wide.

Acknowledgements

The work of employees and members of the Charity

The Trustees wish to record their gratitude to all their staff, volunteers, members and supporters of the Focolare Movement. Their total dedication, generosity and creativity has been invaluable. Thanks to them new ways are unfolding, of working and of spreading the message of unity – new paths which we look forward to walking together.

Auditor

A resolution proposing that UY Accountants Ltd be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the members.

In preparing this report, the members of the council have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the Members of 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 directors' report was approved by the Board of Members of trustees.



Rumold Van Geffen

Secretary

Dated: 4 June 2026

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

The Members of trustees, who are also the directors of Mariapolis Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Members of trustees to prepare financial statements 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 financial statements, the Members of 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 financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Members of 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 financial statements 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 trustees confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by section 418(3) of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware. They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF MARIAPOLIS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Mariapolis Limited (the charitable company') for the year ended 28 February 2025 which comprise statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and 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 28 February 2025 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 charitable company 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 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 entity'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.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF MARIAPOLIS LIMITED

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 company law purposes, 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 charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in 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 or
- the trustees' were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Members of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes 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 charitable company'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.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF MARIAPOLIS LIMITED

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.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to management bias in accounting estimates and posting inappropriate journal entries to manipulate the fair value of the charitable company's assets.

Our tests included agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation where relevant, review of trustees meeting minutes, enquiries with management as to the risks of non-compliance and any instances thereof, challenging assumptions and judgments made by management, and identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations. Our audit procedures also focused on laws and regulations that could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Companies Act 2006.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less like we are to become aware of it.

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

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.



Mr Usman Naseer FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of UY Accountants Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

UY Accountants Ltd
78 York Street
London
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Dated: 4 June 2026

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

		Unrestrict ed funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestrict ed funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	4	234,190	9,045	243,235	334,466	1,001	335,467
Conference	3	51,180	-	51,180	7,002	-	7,002
Other trading activities	5	35,648	-	35,648	36,585	-	36,585
Investments	6	1,884	-	1,884	999	-	999
Total income		<u>322,902</u>	<u>9,045</u>	<u>331,947</u>	<u>379,052</u>	<u>1,001</u>	<u>380,053</u>
Expenditure on:							
<u>Charitable activities</u>							
Donations and grants payable	7	20,891	11,540	32,431	254,322	6,996	261,318
Provision of retreats and conferences	7	48,949	-	48,949	7,963	-	7,963
Support of members of the Movement	7	218,693	-	218,693	244,761	-	244,761
New City and Publications	7	65,103	-	65,103	106,438	-	106,438
Total charitable expenditure		<u>353,636</u>	<u>11,540</u>	<u>365,176</u>	<u>613,484</u>	<u>6,996</u>	<u>620,480</u>
Total expenditure		<u>353,636</u>	<u>11,540</u>	<u>365,176</u>	<u>613,484</u>	<u>6,996</u>	<u>620,480</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	<u>(6,748)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,748)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(37,482)</u>	<u>(2,495)</u>	<u>(39,977)</u>	<u>(234,432)</u>	<u>(5,995)</u>	<u>(240,427)</u>
Transfers between funds		(4,714)	4,714	-	(75)	75	-
Other recognised gains and losses:							
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	14	<u>81,094</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,094</u>	<u>44,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,964</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>38,898</u>	<u>2,219</u>	<u>41,117</u>	<u>(189,543)</u>	<u>(5,920)</u>	<u>(195,463)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:							

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	Unrestrict ed funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestrict ed funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Notes						
Fund balances at 1 March 2024	3,663,913	12,218	3,676,131	3,853,456	18,138	3,871,594
Fund balances at 28 February 2025	3,702,811	14,437	3,717,248	3,663,913	12,218	3,676,131

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

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15	2,369,731		2,406,113	
Investments	16	1,122,833		1,048,487	
		<u>3,492,564</u>		<u>3,454,600</u>	
Current assets					
Stocks	17	41,152		41,206	
Debtors	18	7,692		9,252	
Cash at bank and in hand		189,700		189,595	
		<u>238,544</u>		<u>240,053</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	(13,860)		(18,522)	
Net current assets			224,684		221,531
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,717,248</u>		<u>3,676,131</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	21	14,437		12,218	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	20	2,029,269		2,051,760	
General unrestricted funds		1,516,549		1,521,733	
Revaluation reserve		<u>156,993</u>		<u>90,420</u>	
			3,702,811		3,663,913
			<u>3,717,248</u>		<u>3,676,131</u>

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 28 February 2025.

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 under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, 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.

The financial statements were approved by the Members Of Trustees on 4 June 2026



Mark John D'Arcy
Trustee

Company Registration No. 00930265

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	24		(1,780)		48,716
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(449,750)	
Purchase of investments		-		(2,346)	
Investment income received		1,884		999	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			1,884		(451,097)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			104		(402,381)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			189,595		591,976
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			189,700		189,595

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Members of 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.

Estimated impairment of property and plant and equipment: The company tests annually whether the such assets have suffered any impairment, in accordance with the accounting policy stated in note 1.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

Mariapolis Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Unit 1, Polaris Centre, 41 Brownfields, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL7 1AN.

2.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). 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 financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of fixed asset investments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Members of trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. The charity maintains a healthy level of free reserves and has secured sufficient funding to meet its liabilities as they fall due. Thus, the Members of trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Members of trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity 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 charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

2.5 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

2.6 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.

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:

Land and buildings	1% on cost
Improvements to freehold properties	10% on cost
Plant and equipment	25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance

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.

Capital items under £250 are not capitalised in the accounts.

2.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

2.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

2.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2.11 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.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

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.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.12 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Conference income	51,180	7,002

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	19,840	9,045	28,885	25,406	1,001	26,407
Covenants received	214,350	-	214,350	309,060	-	309,060
	234,190	9,045	243,235	334,466	1,001	335,467

5 New City and Publications

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
New City and Publications	25,750	25,818
Subscriptions received	9,898	10,046
Royalties received	-	721
New City and Publications	35,648	36,585

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Income from listed investments	1,884	999

7 Charitable activities

	Donations and grants payable	Provision of retreats and conferences	Support of members of the Movement	New City and Publications	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	-	-	-	4,333	4,333	26,000
Depreciation and impairment	-	-	-	36,381	36,381	40,180
Activities undertaken directly	-	48,949	209,422	11,383	269,754	262,657
Support costs	-	-	9,271	13,006	22,277	30,325
	-	48,949	218,693	65,103	332,745	359,162
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	32,431	-	-	-	32,431	261,318
	32,431	48,949	218,693	65,103	365,176	620,480
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds - general	20,891	48,949	218,693	65,103	353,636	613,484
Restricted funds	11,540	-	-	-	11,540	6,996
	32,431	48,949	218,693	65,103	365,176	620,480
For the year ended 29 February 2024						
Unrestricted funds - general	254,322	7,963	244,761	106,438		613,484
Restricted funds	6,996	-	-	-		6,996
	261,318	7,963	244,761	106,438		620,480

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

8 Grants payable

	2025 £	2024 £
Grants to institutions:		
Pia Associazione Maschile Opera di Maria (PAMOM)	50,000	25,000
Foyer de L'Unite	5,000	5,000
Ukraine Funds	-	1,001
Members in need in Developing Countries (AMU)	-	774
Focolare Turst	-	500
Focolare - Spain (refunded)	(38,598)	220,628
Other	-	1,775
	<u>16,402</u>	<u>254,678</u>
Grants to individuals	<u>16,029</u>	<u>6,640</u>
	<u><u>32,431</u></u>	<u><u>261,318</u></u>

9 Members Of Trustees

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

The Members of the Council receive benefits attributable to the other members of the community.

10 Auditor's remuneration

The analysis of auditor's remuneration is as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees for the charity's annual audit	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,649</u>

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11 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Administration	1	1
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	4,333	26,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more (2024 - none).

12 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.

13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	(6,748)	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

14 Revaluation of fixed assets

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments		
Revaluation of investments	81,094	44,964
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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15 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Improvements to freehold properties	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 March 2024	2,599,417	78,684	49,642	40,027	2,767,770
At 28 February 2025	2,599,417	78,684	49,642	40,027	2,767,770
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 March 2024	235,861	57,501	38,313	29,983	361,658
Depreciation charged in the year	25,994	5,044	2,832	2,511	36,381
At 28 February 2025	261,855	62,545	41,145	32,494	398,039
Carrying amount					
At 28 February 2025	2,337,562	16,139	8,497	7,533	2,369,731
At 29 February 2024	2,363,556	21,183	11,329	10,045	2,406,113

The carrying value of land included in land and buildings comprises:

	2025 £	2024 £
Freehold	1,649,297	1,667,336
Long leasehold	688,264	696,220
	<u>2,337,561</u>	<u>2,363,556</u>

Freehold land and buildings are stated at cost. The directors are of the opinion that the market value of the land and buildings is in excess of £3.6 million (Carrying value: £2,599,417). This estimate is based on an internal assessment by the directors; to conserve charitable funds, a formal professional valuation has not been undertaken.

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16 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 March 2024	1,048,487
Valuation changes	81,094
Disposals	(6,748)
At 28 February 2025	1,122,833
Carrying amount	
At 28 February 2025	1,122,833
At 29 February 2024	1,048,487

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments were revalued at market value at year end date. The historical cost of the listed investments as at 28 February 2025 was £965,840 (2024 - £972,199).

17 Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	41,152	41,206

18 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	2,199	3,881
Other debtors	935	1,740
Prepayments and accrued income	4,558	3,631
	7,692	9,252

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19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,257	2,033
Other creditors	4,417	6,590
Accruals and deferred income	8,186	9,899
	<u>13,860</u>	<u>18,522</u>

20 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 March 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 28 February 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets Fund	2,051,760	-	(22,491)	-	-	2,029,269
General funds	1,612,153	322,902	(331,145)	(4,714)	74,346	1,673,542
	<u>3,663,913</u>	<u>322,902</u>	<u>(353,636)</u>	<u>(4,714)</u>	<u>74,346</u>	<u>3,702,811</u>
Previous year:	At 1 March 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 29 February 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets Fund	2,244,501	-	(22,491)	(170,250)	-	2,051,760
General funds	1,608,955	379,052	(590,993)	170,175	44,964	1,612,153
	<u>3,853,456</u>	<u>379,052</u>	<u>(613,484)</u>	<u>(75)</u>	<u>44,964</u>	<u>3,663,913</u>

Tangible Fixed Assets Fund represents funds specifically relating to fixed assets directly used by the charity.

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21 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 March 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 March 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 28 February 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Families in Need	4,950	-	(5,221)	271	-	9,045	(11,540)	4,714	2,219
Religious Fund	12,142	-	-	-	12,142	-	-	-	12,142
AMU	850	-	(774)	-	76	-	-	-	76
Covid Corona Fund	196	-	-	(196)	-	-	-	-	-
Ukraine Relief Fund	-	1,001	(1,001)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>18,138</u>	<u>1,001</u>	<u>(6,996)</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>12,218</u>	<u>9,045</u>	<u>(11,540)</u>	<u>4,714</u>	<u>14,437</u>

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22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 28 February 2025 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	2,369,731	-	2,369,731	2,406,113
Investments	1,122,833	-	1,122,833	1,048,487
Current assets/(liabilities)	210,247	14,437	224,684	221,531
	<u>3,702,811</u>	<u>14,437</u>	<u>3,717,248</u>	<u>3,676,131</u>

23 Related party transactions

Mariapolis Limited is the name of the charity under which the world-wide Focolare Movement operates in Great Britain together with Focolare Trust.

Activities world-wide are coordinated by its global centre in Rome, Italy, under the names of the NGOs PAMOM and PAFOM. The Focolare's regional centre in Western Europe is based in Brussels and operates as an NGO under the name of Foyer de l'unité. Regular contributions are sent to these NGO's to sustain their activities. During the year contributions in the form of grants were given as follows:

PAMOM - £55,000 (2024 - £30,000)

During 2024, grants of £220,628 was made to Focolare community in Spain, however, £38,598 was returned during 2025.

24 Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	2025	2024
	£	£
Deficit for the year	(39,977)	(240,427)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,884)	(999)
Loss on disposal of investments	6,748	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	36,381	40,180
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in stocks	54	2,241
Decrease in debtors	1,560	244,499
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(4,662)	3,222
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	<u>(1,780)</u>	<u>48,716</u>

25 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Members Of Council	Mark John D'Arcy Francis Thomas Johnson Carlo Poggi Paul Anthony Gateshill Jan Morovic
Chairman	Mark John D'Arcy
Secretary / Tresasurer	Rumold Van Geffen
Charity number (England and Wales)	257912
Charity number (Scotland)	SC040066
Company number	00930265
Principal address	Unit 1, Polaris Centre 41 Brownfields Welwyn Garden City Herts AL7 1AN
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DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING TRUSTEES' REPORT)
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The Members of Council present their report and accounts for the year ended 29 February 2024. This report also represents the Trustees' Report which is required to be prepared by Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 and comply with the charity's Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

The Members of Council have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Structure, governance and management

The Focolare Movement is an international organisation which began in Italy in 1943 and is now active in all five continents. The general headquarters are in Rome, from which the worldwide regions are coordinated (operating through PAMOM for the men's section; and PAFOM for the women's section). The movement is divided into a number of 'regions' linked with the centre.

Worldwide regional centres have been set up allowing for a more local integration of all the activities. The zone of Great Britain (together with Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Benelux, France, Spain, Portugal and Malta) has its regional centre in Brussels. For the moment this regional centre operates under the same name as all the activities of the Focolare have been operating in Belgium, i.e. the 'Foyers de l' Unite' (number d ' identification: 5959/68; number d'entreprise: 0409.626.941). The possibility of setting up a separate Not for Profit Organisation is still under review.

The accounts accompanying this report are the accounts of the company which deals with the income and assets of the men's section of the Focolare Movement in the "zone" of Great Britain.

Mariapolis Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 8 April 1968. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission of England and Wales (257912) and the Scottish Charity Commission (SC040066).

The Members of Council, 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:

Mark John D'Arcy
Francis Thomas Johnson
Carlo Poggi
Paul Anthony Gateshill
Jan Morovic

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as Members of the Council. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the number of the members of the Council shall not be less than three nor more than seven.

None of the Members of Council has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Members of Council are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

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The Directors and Secretary (Members of the Council) have, so far, been chosen from among those who have a lifelong commitment to the aims of the charity (Mariapolis Ltd) locally in the United Kingdom and/or to the aims of the Focolare Movement world-wide. All members of the council are, therefore, already familiar with the practical work of the charity having been involved in its work for several years. Additional training is provided by working alongside existing members of the council for a period long enough to assure a smooth transfer of the responsibilities involved.

The Directors of the company are responsible for the charity's assets and activities. This Council meets at least three times per year, together with members responsible for the community houses and principal activities of the charity.

The key management of the day to day running of the charity (e.g. event planning, media and communication) sits with the 'Core Group' and the people responsible for different interest groups, such as local communities, youth leaders, Focolare volunteers, interest groups. The Trustees collaborate with the 'Core Group' and are also in regular communication with those responsible for the community houses, the Centre for Unity (administered by Focolare Trust), and for key activities of the Movement. Discussions are ongoing regarding the governance structures of the Movement in GB and worldwide.

Connected charities

We are also closely linked with the Focolare Movement headquarters in Rome which operates as a recognized ecclesial body (115/1966) under the name PAMOM (Pia Associazione Maschile Opera di Maria), and the regional centre in Brussels which operates under the name of 'Foyers de l'Unite' (number d'identification: 5959/68; number d'entreprise: 0409.626.941).

Most activities are planned and organised together with Focolare Trust, registered charity no 279072 which handles the income and assets of the Women's Section of the Focolare Movement in the same geographical 'zone' of Great Britain.

Directors of Mariapolis Ltd and trustees of Focolare Trust continue to meet to explore ways of aligning the two charities more closely.

Risk management

The members of the council 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.

Ageing management

During 2023-24, we continued to be aware of the age profile of many of the consecrated members living in our houses. We have continued to be engaged in discussions with Focolare members both in this country and in Western Europe as to how to ensure the wellbeing of members in the future. The aspect of succession planning, which is linked to the ageing of our communities, has been discussed within the governance consultations, such as during the "Roots & Wings" weekend for members in September 2023 and among members of the community houses.

Safeguarding

The Focolare GB Safeguarding team comprises four members - two Safeguarding Officers: Jane Evans and Nic Innocent; and two additional members/administrators: Claudia Melis and Anja Primbs.

Privacy Policy

A Privacy Policy Document has been set up to comply with the UK Data Protection Act 1998 and other applicable European data protection legislation.. See: <https://www.focolare.org/gb/privacy-2/>

The members of the council regularly examine other operational risks faced by the charity and continue to improve established systems to mitigate any significant risks.

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Progress on Plans for 2023-2024

- Renegotiation of the Focolare GB umbrella agreement with the CSSA (Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency) in England and Wales, including updating our DBS clearance process, is ongoing. (The agreement with the Scottish RC Bishops Conference remains).
- We monitored the use of risk assessment forms that are now becoming part of our normal custom and practice for every Focolare gathering.
- We updated our Safeguarding Policy and the Guidelines Document to reflect current thinking, current terminology and current practice in GB.
- Following the publication, in March 2022, of the GCPS Consulting's Report of an Independent Inquiry into Historical Child Abuse within the Focolare Movement in France, we continue to work within the Western Europe zone and with Focolare International to develop a culture of safeguarding within the Movement and a more robust safeguarding structure internationally. This includes continuing to develop a team of people to act as "Listening points".

To support the development of a culture of safeguarding:

- The report on activities of the Safeguarding Team in 2023 was shared with all close members.
- At the 'Roots & Wings' weekend 2023 safeguarding and accompaniment were discussed.
- New City published an article on care for survivors of abuse. The article can be found here: [https://www.newcity.co.uk/january-2024-n-584/Error in formula ->#jan<--2024-n-584/1](https://www.newcity.co.uk/january-2024-n-584/Error%20in%20formula%20-%20january-2024-n-584/1)
- We have shared learning between the youth leaders and the Safeguarding team, for example, what we have learned after youth events to inform ongoing improvements in safeguarding in GB.

Plans for 2024-25

- Complete the umbrella agreement with CCSA (CSSA to update our Umbrella Body Agreement: an online meeting planned for September 2024).
- Continue to look for an external expert to audit Focolare GB safeguarding.
- Appoint an additional safeguarding administrator (voluntary role) to strengthen the Safeguarding Team.
- Monitor training needs and opportunities.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's principal aims as stated in the Memorandum of Association are:

- (i) the relief of poverty, sickness and old age;
- (ii) the advancement of education;
- (iii) the promotion of higher standards of moral life in the individual, the family and the community; and
- (iv) the advancement of religion.

To further these objectives the charity possesses properties and provides for the upkeep of vow-taking members of the Focolare Movement in Birmingham (Willenhall), London, Welwyn Garden City and Glasgow. It organizes courses and conferences under the name "Mariapolis", and publishes books and magazines under the name of "New City".

The Members of Council have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Grant making policies

The Charity's grant making policy and procedures depend on decisions made in consultation with both the members responsible for the Movement in Britain and with those responsible for each local community house. Priority is given to furthering our own projects. Financial support is sometimes given to close relatives of community members who are in need. This help is given sensitively and to correspond to individual needs. With regards to objectives for overseas donations, contributions are made in consultations with headquarters in Rome (PAMOM). One can see a great variety of activities supported by communities of the Focolare Movement supported by PAMOM by visiting the Focolare Website www.focolare.org and especially the pages on social commitment: <http://www.focolare.org/en/all-opera/impegno-sociale/>

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Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The Focolare Movement in Great Britain has continued to engage this year in implementing aspects of the global strategy and directives for the Movement across the world for the next six years, which emerged from the General Assembly of the Focolare Movement in February 2021.

Review of activities in line with the objectives set out for the year 2023 to 2024:

1 To continue working for ecumenical and interreligious dialogue locally and abroad. In particular, to host a GB Mariapolis in the summer 2024.

GB Mariapolis 2024

Plans for a GB-wide Mariapolis event in the summer of 2024 to be held at Harper Adams University, in Shropshire, (the first since 2018) started early in 2023, to allow a wide consultation and participation in the preparations.

Ecumenical Activities

Ecumenical Prayer for Unity

This short time of simple prayer and reflection is led by a different speaker each month and brings together people of different denominations from across the world. Hosted in Welwyn Garden City, it takes place via Zoom every 2nd Monday of the month.

Church Leaders Meeting



The meeting for Church Leaders at the Centre for Unity, Welwyn Garden City, is now a regular annual event and eagerly looked forward to by the participants.

The hybrid in-person/Zoom event on 18th January 2024 drew together friends old and new from the Roman Catholic, Methodist, Pentecostal, Moravian, United Reformed and Scottish Episcopalian Churches, as well as from the Salvation Army, the Church of England and Church of Ireland.

Methodist Modern Art Exhibition

This year we hosted the Methodist Modern Art Exhibition from 1st March to 6th April 2024 at the Focolare Centre for Unity in Welwyn Garden City. It involved 40 volunteers and welcomed over 2,000 visitors. Stewards included volunteers from five different Christian denominations. A pop-up cafe welcomed visitors with refreshments. Four workshops were held for local schools and a free Lent course resource based on the artworks. More information on the Exhibition can be found in the June issue of New City: <https://www.newcity.co.uk/june-2024-n-589/Error in formula ->#june--2024-n-589/1>

Scotland - September 2023: The Church of Scotland ministers' Ecumenical Committee met in the Focolare community house. For most of the ministers it was the very first time to meet the Focolare and they felt that it was an ideal place for them to have their day of discernment.

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Interfaith Engagement

Glasgow

Interfaith relations are strongly promoted by the Focolare community around Glasgow with the Shia Muslim Ahl Al Bait society.



Welwyn Garden City

On 29th-30th April 2023 the Centre for Unity hosted a Muslim/Christian dialogue weekend, where the participants explored the themes of Union with God and Muslim-Christian Unity.

Birmingham - Interfaith relationships have continued to develop and intensify in Birmingham, particularly during the time of unrest in the Middle East, which has had repercussions on faith communities in GB. A small initiative in response to this was a prayer vigil that took place on 7th December 2023. This was well attended by 70 people from a diversity of religious backgrounds. The event was organised through collaboration with the Columban Lay missionaries in Birmingham. In Birmingham itself, a Focolare member has a leadership role with the Birmingham Faith Leaders group, and with the Catholic Diocesan Commission for Interreligious Dialogue. There are wide-spread grass roots initiatives, to foster greater community understanding and relationships.

Lancashire - In November 2023 a Focolare member, who is a humanist and convener of Lancashire Humanists, took a leading role in the organising of activities during the annual Inter Faith Week (IFW) at UCLAN (the University of Central Lancashire), increasing awareness and understanding of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK and supporting the contribution they make to their neighbourhoods.

West Ealing Interfaith Walk – About 30 pilgrims of different ages, cultures, and faiths took part in a multi-faith pilgrimage took place in London on 15th July 2023, with stops at many faith centres.

Scotland - Meeting with Sheik Pakdin and friends from the Ahl Al Bait Society - December 2023. *"It felt like a family reunion. Though we had not met like that for a while, our mutual love and unity was instantly there - evident by the joy each one felt in being together."*

2 To support people both in GB and abroad, who most suffered the effects of the Ukraine war.

In Leeds and in Dunblane Focolare families have taken part in the national scheme of welcoming refugee families from Ukraine into their homes, providing accommodation and support until they are able to live independently. This involved the families' own local churches, neighbours and friends who got involved sharing surplus goods and making personal donations.

An immigrant family arriving in Lancashire in 2022 has been supported to integrate within the local community and settle into their home, familiarise themselves with local services and schools and find work to support themselves.

Individuals/couples in the movement have been acting as rent guarantors for families coming from abroad with no other means of support, thus enabling them to rent accommodation independently. These families have consequently been able to maintain jobs and support themselves financially. One family had got to know the Focolare Movement while living in Hertfordshire, and offered their time to help in the Centre for Unity on a voluntary basis

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3 To invest in communications and in new creative ways to continue pursuing Focolare aims and activities.

Following the “Roots and Wings” Weekend on Governance – 16th/17th September 2023, a new communication working team was set up to look at how to improve communications within the Focolare movement. This working group met several times to study our communications networks; they consulted members on current communications networks; mapped out the links between members and key information providers and produced a new mailing list of members.

4 To work with members to find sustainable solutions to the governance of the Focolare movement and its activities.

“Roots and Wings” Weekend on Governance – 16th/17th September 2023

Much consultation went into the planning of the programme for the weekend, at which 70 people were present. It was the result of many ideas and conversations gathered throughout GB, from which the following aspirations emerged:

- Understand better the basis for governance in the Focolare Movement
- Understand better how I am part of the “governance” of the Movement: in what ways? (Co-responsibility)
- To understand How can I/we improve our participation in the “governance” of the Movement: personally, collectively, structurally and in other ways?

To provide context to the discussions, an historical account of the development of governance structures in GB was given, as well as new models being piloted in other countries in Western Europe.

Importantly, there were pauses for reflection on shared values, connected to relationships and authority. Everyone remained aware of those who carry the pain of having been hurt by bad processes and by individuals in positions of power. There was, however, a strong sense of hope based on mutual love, and that this challenge is now more truly shared.

From group discussions, different topic groups were identified as areas to prioritise and develop: Communication, Formation/Accompaniment, the Core Group, Casting/Widening the Net, and Transparency and Accountability. It was also highlighted that considerable work was already under way in the youth team to effect sufficient provision for young people.

Working groups under these topic headings were therefore established, with clear remits and task lists. The groups then continued to meet and work independently in subsequent months. Some groups, including those working on recommendations for the Core Group, produced discussion papers. All the results are intended to be brought back to the next Roots and Wings Weekend in September 2024.

5 To explore ways of more effective accompaniment of Focolare communities, young people, families and individual members.

Weekends for Young People

Centre for Unity 20-22 October - Around 50 young people aged 9-30 gathered, accompanied by several voluntary helpers. A varied programme of group discussions, games and activities, workshops (including media, traditional ceilidh dance and woodwork) and moments of reflection all centred around the aim of building a united world, and what part faith plays in that aim. There was also an option to visit a local care home to sing, dance and chat with residents.

From 10th to 11th February - 13 young people in the 16+ age range gathered for a weekend of reflection and discussion around challenging issues they face in society and life.

Apr 2024 Weekend in Birmingham - About 14 young people (11-16 years old) met to explore the challenges of living the gospel.

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17 December 2023 in Scotland - Young People Carol Singing in Daniel's house.

February 2024 in Scotland: -Start of monthly meetings for children and their families in the Focolare.

Local and Online Communities

Local communities meet to develop spiritually and to nurture a sense of family. They also provide models of community cohesion amongst different cultures and faiths, with an emphasis on welcome and inclusion.

They provide a support network for social action - in food banks, 'warm spaces' or other charities.

London

- A series of community events in Bexleyheath, were organised, specifically for families with children aged 4 and up. Events were well-attended, with programs thoughtfully organised for both children and parents.

- Long walks in the London area organised and facilitated by one member bring together people of different faiths and none, for a shared experience of physical exercise and friendship.

Lancashire and Northwest of England

- Participation in events aimed at strengthening interfaith relations in Christmas season was organised by a member in her local village of Hurst Green. Other members attended an open day at the mosque in Preston.

- The local Mariapolis in Clitheroe in May 2023 had over 100 participants. A family atmosphere was created. Young and old felt at ease to participate at their own pace.

Midlands

- A local Mariapolis, attended by around 100 people was held between 21-23 July in Shallowford House, Stone.

- A gathering in December 2023 in Loughborough brought together friends and neighbours for an afternoon of shared friendship and Advent reflection.

Oxfordshire

- In Oxfordshire the local community holds regular meetings as a large family, for fellowship, support and planning.

South Wales

- The local community in South Wales planned and held a local Mariapolis from 9-11 June at Hebron Hall, Dinas Powys

- The local community meets for community celebrations, planning and support every few months.

- A 'Word of Life' group meets every month, mostly on Zoom.

Yorkshire

- A particular characteristic of this group has been creating welcoming spaces for those with dementia to maintain their spiritual and social life, and to allow them to contribute to the spiritual wellbeing of others.

- Other Word of Life groups meet in various locations across the county.

- Following the Roots & Wings meeting a team was put together to form a network across England, Scotland and Wales to share information and resources in order to support local community meetings, projects and spiritual lives. They meet online every few months, and the first meeting was in February 2024.

Scotland

- **2nd/3rd September 2023 in Falkirk: Scottish Mariapolis** - The local Mariapolis in Scotland was held over the first weekend in September 2023, in Falkirk. Over the two days there were 94 participants from the ages of 8 months to well over 80 years of age. The theme *Journeying Together* was explored through a variety of talks and personal stories, table activities, workshops and games, walks, moments of prayer, sharing and through simply being together.

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- **Reflective and faith sharing meetings** were regularly held for the community with Rev Vincent Lockhart.

- **'Social' events to strengthen the sense of a family within the community** - Community walks in Pollok Park on 16 July, and Dalkeith Country Park on 10 October 2023. Barbecue on 19 August 2023.

- **Celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Focolare Movement** in December 2023.

6 To continue supporting AMU and projects for international solidarity with the Focolare world- wide, as well as supporting people in need in GB.

Various grants were made this year for development projects and to aid those in need both in the UK and abroad. (*See Grants made in this period above*)

Community Houses

1 new community member arrived in September 2023 to study the English language for a period of 9 months.

9 members covenanted all their income to the charity, and the other 3 members contributed voluntarily according to their personal circumstances. At regular intervals contributions are being sent to Rome for redistribution to poorer countries through the international Focolare Movement (PAMOM). A yearly contribution is made to the Focolare regional centre in Brussels of £5,000. Contributions continued to be received for AMU for 'Fraternity with Africa'.

Improvements to the structure of the other community houses continues:

- Further work was carried out on the roof of the London community house, as well as rewiring work and replacement and repairs to an old and defective heating system (Total £20274.74).
- Following the move into the Willenhall community house, purchased in 2023, work was required on the roof, garage doors, rewiring and asbestos removal (Total £15921.10).
- A new water cylinder was needed at the Welwyn Garden City house (Cost so far £2620).

New City

New City magazine and the websites www.focolare.org.uk and www.newcity.co.uk continue to be improved and updated.

In the period March 2023 to February 2024, the following new titles were printed:

- "Julian and Therese"
- "I have called you by name"
- "Life Changing Proclamation"
- "Serenella"
- "Glimpses of Paradise"
- "Followers of Edith"
- ["Praying and Acting – The Contemplative Apostle"](#)

And the following titles were reprinted:

- "Meditation"
- "Here and Now"
- "Making Peace"
- "Showings of Julian"
- "Julian and Therese"
- "Life in God's Now"
- "Roots of Christian Mysticism"
- "I have called you by name"
- "Blessed Chiara Badano"

In total about 19 titles are in preparation by New City to be printed over the coming years.

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Financial review

A summary of the year's results can be found on pages 15 - 16 of the attached accounts. For the year to 29 February 2024, the incoming resources of the charity amounted to £380,053 (2023 - £290,304), including £335,467 (2023 - £255,174) from voluntary income and £36,585 (2023 - £32,072) from incoming resources from charitable activities.

Total expenditure in the year was £520,480 (2023 - £359,422) including £261,318 (2023 - £64,886) for grants payments; £7,963 (2023 - £4,460) for provision of conferences; £106,438 (2023 - £87,923) for the publication of books and magazines; and £244,761 (2023 - £202,153) for support of members of the Movement.

After making appropriate enquiries, the members of the council have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Reserves policy and financial position

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level of at least six month's expenditure. The Members of Council consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The company's reserves decreased from £3,871,594 to £3,676,131. The net book value of fixed assets increased from £1,996,541 to £2,406,113. The policy is to hold all assets in the form of residential property for direct use. Such assets are of fundamental importance to the charity; without the assets the charity would be unable to fulfil its charitable aims and objectives. The value of such assets, therefore, would not be easily realizable, if needed to meet future contingencies. To emphasize this point the net book value of these assets amounted to £2,051,760 has been set aside, by the directors, in a tangible fixed assets fund.

The new house for the community in Willenhall was purchased at a cost of £449,750.

Free reserves available to support the work of the members in the future are those shown on the balance sheet as unrestricted income funds and, at 29 February 2024, equate to £1,521,733. The directors are of the opinion that this level of free reserves is in line with the above policy.

In the opinion of the Members of Council, the current open market value of the charity's interests in land and buildings exceeds the book value by £3.6m.

Investments

The market value of the investment portfolio has increased from £1,001,179 to £1,048,487.

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Future plans

Following discussions with the Core Group and people responsible for the Focolare houses, the Trustees confirmed the following specific objectives for the coming year in keeping with our general aims:

- To continue supporting Focolare consecrated members in Great Britain as well as our Focolare International Centres in Brussels and Rome.
- To continue working for ecumenical and interreligious dialogue locally and abroad.
- To work with members to find sustainable solutions to the governance of the Focolare movement and its activities.
- To invest in new creative ways to continue pursuing Focolare aims and activities.
- To explore ways of more effective accompaniment of Focolare communities, young people, families and individual members.
- To support people in hardship both in GB and abroad and to continue supporting AMU projects and projects for international solidarity with the Focolare world- wide, as well as supporting people in need in GB.

Acknowledgements

The work of Employees and members of the Charity

The Trustees wish to record their gratitude to all their staff, volunteers, members and supporters of the Focolare Movement. Their total dedication, generosity and creativity has been invaluable. Thanks to them new ways are unfolding, of working and of spreading the message of unity – new paths which we look forward to walking together.

Auditor

A resolution proposing that George Arthur Limited be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the members.

In preparing this report, the members of the council have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the Members of Council 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 directors' report was approved by the Board of Members Of Council.

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Rumold Van Geffen
Secretary
Dated: 28 November 2024

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

The Members of Council, who are also the directors of Mariapolis Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Members of Council to prepare financial statements 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 financial statements, the Members of Council 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 financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Members of Council 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 financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 trustees confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by section 418(3) of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware. They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MARIAPOLIS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Mariapolis Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 29 February 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).

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, and in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 29 February 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Members of Council have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MARIAPOLIS LIMITED**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the directors' report; or
- sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Members of Council

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the Members of Council, 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 Members of Council 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 Members of Council 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 Members of Council 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

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

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.

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 Members of Council are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MARIAPOLIS LIMITED**

DocuSigned by:

Jane Rook

Jane A Rook (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of George Arthur Limited Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditor

Suite 6b, Wentworth Lodge
Great North Road
Welwyn Garden City
Herts
AL8 7SR

Dated: 28 November 2024

George Arthur Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

		Unrestrict ed funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestrict ed funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Notes							
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	4	334,466	1,001	335,467	248,604	6,570	255,174
Conference	3	7,002	-	7,002	210	-	210
Other trading activities	5	36,585	-	36,585	32,072	-	32,072
Investments	7	999	-	999	798	-	798
Other income	6	-	-	-	2,050	-	2,050
Total income		<u>379,052</u>	<u>1,001</u>	<u>380,053</u>	<u>283,734</u>	<u>6,570</u>	<u>290,304</u>
Expenditure on:							
<u>Charitable activities</u>							
Donations and grants payable	8	254,322	6,996	261,318	58,186	6,700	64,886
Provision of retreats and conferences	8	7,963	-	7,963	4,460	-	4,460
Support of members of the Movement	8	244,761	-	244,761	202,153	-	202,153
New City and Publications	8	106,438	-	106,438	87,923	-	87,923
Total charitable expenditure		<u>613,484</u>	<u>6,996</u>	<u>620,480</u>	<u>352,722</u>	<u>6,700</u>	<u>359,422</u>
Total expenditure		<u>613,484</u>	<u>6,996</u>	<u>620,480</u>	<u>352,722</u>	<u>6,700</u>	<u>359,422</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	-	-	-	(16,393)	-	(16,393)
Net expenditure		(234,432)	(5,995)	(240,427)	(85,381)	(130)	(85,511)
Transfers between funds		(75)	75	-	(2,735)	2,735	-
Other recognised gains and losses:							
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	15	44,964	-	44,964	(54,883)	-	(54,883)
Net movement in funds		(189,543)	(5,920)	(195,463)	(142,999)	2,605	(140,394)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	Unrestrict ed funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestrict ed funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Notes						
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 March 2023	3,853,456	18,138	3,871,594	3,996,455	15,533	4,011,988
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Fund balances at 29 February 2024	<u>3,663,913</u>	<u>12,218</u>	<u>3,676,131</u>	<u>3,853,456</u>	<u>18,138</u>	<u>3,871,594</u>

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

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	16	2,406,113		1,996,541	
Investments	17	1,048,487		1,001,179	
		<u>3,454,600</u>		<u>2,997,720</u>	
Current assets					
Stocks	18	41,206		43,447	
Debtors falling due after one year	19	-		33,224	
Debtors falling due within one year	19	9,252		220,527	
Cash at bank and in hand		189,595		591,976	
		<u>240,053</u>		<u>889,174</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	<u>(18,522)</u>		<u>(15,300)</u>	
Net current assets			221,531		873,874
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,676,131</u>		<u>3,871,594</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	22		12,218		18,138
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	21	2,051,760		2,244,501	
General unrestricted funds		1,521,733		1,563,499	
Revaluation reserve		90,420		45,456	
		<u>3,663,913</u>		<u>3,853,456</u>	
			<u>3,676,131</u>		<u>3,871,594</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 29 February 2024, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

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 under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, 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.

The financial statements were approved by the Members Of Council on 28 November 2024

Signed by:

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Mark John D'Arcy
Trustee

Company Registration No. 00930265

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	26		48,716		(6,835)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(449,750)		-	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		-		6,700	
Purchase of investments		(2,346)		-	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		-		400,000	
Investment income received		999		798	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(451,097)		407,498
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(402,381)		400,663
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			591,976		191,313
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			189,595		591,976

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Members of Council 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.

Estimated impairment of property and plant and equipment: The company tests annually whether the such assets have suffered any impairment, in accordance with the accounting policy stated in note 1.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

Mariapolis Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Unit 1, Polaris Centre, 41 Brownfields, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL7 1AN.

2.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). 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 financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of fixed asset investments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Members of Council have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Members of Council continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Members of Council in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

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2 Accounting policies

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2.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity 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 charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

2.5 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

2.6 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.

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:

Land	No depreciation
Freehold and long leasehold buildings	1% on cost
Improvements to freehold properties	4% on cost
Plant and equipment	25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance

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.

Capital items under £250 are not capitalised in the accounts.

2.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

2.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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2.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

2.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2.11 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.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

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.

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2 Accounting policies (Continued)

2.12 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Conference income	7,002	210

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	25,406	1,001	26,407	27,993	6,570	34,563
Legacies receivable	-	-	-	6,515	-	6,515
Covenants received	309,060	-	309,060	214,096	-	214,096
	<u>334,466</u>	<u>1,001</u>	<u>335,467</u>	<u>248,604</u>	<u>6,570</u>	<u>255,174</u>

5 New City and Publications

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
New City and Publications	25,818	19,899
Subscriptions received	10,046	11,769
Royalties received	721	404
New City and Publications	<u>36,585</u>	<u>32,072</u>

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6 Other income

	Unrestrict ed funds 2024 £	Unrestrict ed funds 2023 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	2,050
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Income from listed investments	999	798
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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8 Charitable activities

	Donations and grants payable	Provision of retreats and conferences	Support of members of the Movement	New City and Publications	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	-	-	-	26,000	26,000	12,187
Depreciation and impairment	-	-	-	40,180	40,180	30,644
Activities undertaken directly	-	7,963	233,071	21,623	262,657	215,292
Support costs	-	-	11,690	18,635	30,325	36,413
	-	7,963	244,761	106,438	359,162	294,536
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	261,318	-	-	-	261,318	64,886
	261,318	7,963	244,761	106,438	620,480	359,422
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds - general	254,322	7,963	244,761	106,438	613,484	352,722
Restricted funds	6,996	-	-	-	6,996	6,700
	261,318	7,963	244,761	106,438	620,480	359,422
For the year ended 28 February 2023						
Unrestricted funds - general	58,186	4,460	202,153	87,923		352,722
Restricted funds	6,700	-	-	-		6,700
	64,886	4,460	202,153	87,923		359,422

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9 Grants payable

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Pia Associazione Maschile Opera di Maria (PAMOM)	25,000	50,000
Foyer de L'Unite	5,000	4,000
Ukraine Funds	1,001	4,500
Members in need in Developing Countries (AMU)	774	2,200
Focolare Turst	500	-
Focolare - Spain	220,628	-
Other	1,775	-
	<u>254,678</u>	<u>60,700</u>
Grants to individuals	<u>6,640</u>	<u>4,186</u>
	<u><u>261,318</u></u>	<u><u>64,886</u></u>

10 Members Of Council

None of the Members of Council (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

The Members of the Council receive benefits attributable to the other members of the community.

11 Auditor's remuneration

The analysis of auditor's remuneration is as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees for the company's annual accounts	<u>4,649</u>	<u>3,903</u>

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12 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Administration	1	1

Employment costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	26,000	12,187

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more (2023 - none).

13 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.

14 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Total	Unrestricted funds general
	2024	2023
	£	£
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	-	(16,393)

15 Revaluation of fixed assets

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments		
Revaluation of investments	44,964	(54,883)

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16 Tangible fixed assets

	Land Improvements to freehold properties		Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 March 2023	2,149,667	78,684	49,642	40,027	2,318,020
Additions	449,750	-	-	-	449,750
At 29 February 2024	2,599,417	78,684	49,642	40,027	2,767,770
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 March 2023	209,867	50,440	34,537	26,634	321,478
Depreciation charged in the year	25,994	7,061	3,776	3,348	40,179
At 29 February 2024	235,861	57,501	38,313	29,982	361,657
Carrying amount					
At 29 February 2024	2,363,556	21,183	11,329	10,045	2,406,113
At 28 February 2023	1,939,800	28,244	15,104	13,393	1,996,541

The carrying value of land included in land and buildings comprises:

	2024 £	2023 £
Freehold	1,667,336	1,235,623
Long leasehold	696,220	704,177
	2,363,556	1,939,800

The directors are of the opinion that the land and buildings which are stated at cost of £2,599,417 in the balance sheet have a market value in excess of £3.6m.

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17 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 March 2023	1,001,179
Additions	2,344
Valuation changes	44,964
At 29 February 2024	1,048,487
Carrying amount	
At 29 February 2024	1,048,487
At 28 February 2023	1,001,179

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments were revalued at market value at year end date. The historical cost of the listed investments as at 29 February 2024 was £972,199 (2023 - £969,854).

18 Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	41,206	43,447

19 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	3,881	2,976
Other debtors	1,740	213,508
Prepayments and accrued income	3,631	4,043
	9,252	220,527
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	-	33,224
Total debtors	9,252	253,751

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20 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	-	174
Trade creditors	2,033	79
Other creditors	6,590	6,222
Accruals and deferred income	9,899	8,825
	<u>18,522</u>	<u>15,300</u>

21 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 March 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 29 February 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets Fund	2,244,501	-	(22,491)	(170,250)	-	2,051,760
General funds	1,608,955	379,052	(590,993)	170,175	44,964	1,612,153
	<u>3,853,456</u>	<u>379,052</u>	<u>(613,484)</u>	<u>(75)</u>	<u>44,964</u>	<u>3,663,913</u>
Previous year:	At 1 March 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 28 February 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets Fund	2,262,494	-	(17,993)	-	-	2,244,501
General funds	1,733,961	283,734	(334,729)	(2,735)	(71,276)	1,608,955
	<u>3,996,455</u>	<u>283,734</u>	<u>(352,722)</u>	<u>(2,735)</u>	<u>(71,276)</u>	<u>3,853,456</u>

Tangible Fixed Assets Fund represents funds specifically relating to fixed assets directly used by the charity.

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22 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 March 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 March 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 29 February 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Families in Need	3,235	1,715	-	-	4,950	-	(5,221)	271	-
Religious Fund	11,142	1,000	-	-	12,142	-	-	-	12,142
AMU	400	450	-	-	850	-	(774)	-	76
Covid Corona Fund	166	30	-	-	196	-	-	(196)	-
Ukraine Relief Fund	590	3,375	(6,700)	2,735	-	1,001	(1,001)	-	-
	<u>15,533</u>	<u>6,570</u>	<u>(6,700)</u>	<u>2,735</u>	<u>18,138</u>	<u>1,001</u>	<u>(6,996)</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>12,218</u>

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23 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 29 February 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	2,406,113	-	2,406,113	1,996,541
Investments	1,048,487	-	1,048,487	1,001,179
Current assets/(liabilities)	209,313	12,218	221,531	873,874
	<u>3,663,913</u>	<u>12,218</u>	<u>3,676,131</u>	<u>3,871,594</u>

24 Related party transactions

Mariapolis Ltd is the name of the charity under which the world-wide Focolare Movement operates in Great Britain together with Focolare Trust.

Activities world-wide are coordinated by its global centre in Rome, Italy, under the names of the NGOs PAMOM and PAFOM. The Focolare's regional centre in Western Europe is based in Brussels and operates as an NGO under the name of Foyer de l'unité. Regular contributions are sent to these NGO's to sustain their activities. During the year contributions in the form of grants were given as follows:

PAMON - £30,000 (2023 - £50,000)

Focolare community in Spain - £220,628.

All Focolare / Mariapolis Ltd's activities in Great Britain are coordinated via the communities living in the three community houses where consecrated community members with religious vows dedicate their lives to the aims of the charity.

The upkeep of these community members is therefore a priority activity of the charity as without them none of the activities would be possible. The number of consecrated community members over this financial year varied between 14 and 18. During the year the upkeep costs amounted to £230,239 (2023 - £191,641).

25 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

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26	Cash generated from operations	2024	2023
		£	£
	Deficit for the year	(240,427)	(85,511)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(999)	(798)
	Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(2,050)
	(Gain)/loss on disposal of investments	-	16,393
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	40,180	30,644
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease in stocks	2,241	1,711
	Decrease in debtors	244,499	29,660
	Increase in creditors	3,222	3,116
	Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	48,716	(6,835)



INTERNET SERVICE RETURN DECLARATION

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Period of Account to	28-02-2024	AFDPM5YIF54YCDB45QWSUY64BE4XPECQ
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The above details comprise the information to be sent electronically

Company Name	Mariapolis Limited
Signatory	Mark John D'Arcy
Signature	Signed by: 864753AFFEBD445...
Date	28/11/2024

Your Company Tax Return

If we send the company a 'Notice' to deliver a Company Tax Return it has to comply by the filing date or we charge a penalty, even if there is no tax to pay.

A return includes a Company Tax Return form, any supplementary pages, accounts, computations and any relevant information. The CT600 Guide tells you how the return must be formatted and delivered. It contains general information you may need to deliver your return, links to more detailed advice and box-by-box guidance for this form and the supplementary pages.

The forms in the CT600 series set out the information we need and provide a standard format for calculations.

Company information

1	Company name	Mariapolis Limited											
2	Company registration number	00930265											
3	Tax reference	1996259141											
4	Type of company	8											

Northern Ireland (NI)

Put an 'X' in the appropriate boxes below

5	NI trading activity	☐	6	SME	☐
7	NI employer	☐	8	Special circumstances	☐

About this return

This is the tax return for the company named above, for the period below

30	from DD MM YYYY	35	to DD MM YYYY
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Put an 'X' in the appropriate boxes below

40	A repayment is due for this return period	☐
45	Claim or relief affecting an earlier period	☐
50	Making more than one return for this company now	☐
55	This return contains estimated figures	☐
60	Company part of a group that is not small	☐
65	Notice of disclosable avoidance schemes	☐
Transfer pricing		
70	Compensating adjustment claimed	☐
75	Company qualifies for SME exemption	☐

Income - continued

175	Annual payments not otherwise charged to Corporation Tax and from which Income Tax has not been deducted	£												.			
180	Non-exempt dividends or distributions from non-UK resident companies	£												.			
185	Income from which Income Tax has been deducted	£												.			
190	Income from a property business	£												.			
195	Non-trading gains on intangible fixed assets	£												.			
200	Tonnage tax profits	£												.			
205	Income not falling under any other heading	£												.			

Chargeable gains

210	Gross chargeable gains	£												.			
215	Allowable losses including losses brought forward	£												.			
220	Net chargeable gains - box 210 minus box 215	£												.			

Profits before deductions and reliefs

225	Losses brought forward against certain investment income	£												.			
230	Non-trade deficits on loan relationships (including interest) and derivative contracts (financial instruments) brought forward set against non-trading profits	£												.			
235	Profits before other deductions and reliefs - net sum of boxes 165 to 205 and 220 minus sum of boxes 225 and 230	£												.			

Deductions and reliefs

240	Losses on unquoted shares	£												.			
245	Management expenses	£												.			
250	UK property business losses for this or previous accounting period	£												.			
255	Capital allowances for the purposes of management of the business	£												.			
260	Non-trade deficits for this accounting period from loan relationships and derivative contracts (financial instruments)	£												.			

263	Carried forward non-trade deficits from loan relationships and derivative contracts (financial instruments)	£														•				
265	Non-trading losses on intangible fixed assets	£														•				
275	Total trading losses of this or a later accounting period	£														•				
280	Put an 'X' in box 280 if amounts carried back from later accounting periods are included in box 275																			
285	Trading losses carried forward and claimed against total profits	£														•				
290	Non-trade capital allowances	£														•				
295	Total of deductions and reliefs – total of boxes 240 to 275, 285 and 290	£														•				
300	Profits before qualifying donations and group relief – box 235 minus box 295	£														0	•			
305	Qualifying donations	£														•				
310	Group relief	£														•				
312	Group relief for carried forward losses	£														•				
315	Profits chargeable to Corporation Tax – box 300 minus boxes 305, 310 and 312	£														0	•			
320	Ring fence profits included	£														•				
325	Northern Ireland profits included	£														•				

326	Number of associated companies in this period	
327	Number of associated companies in the first financial year	
328	Number of associated companies in the second financial year	
329	Put an 'X' in box 329 if the company is chargeable at the small profit rate or is entitled to marginal relief	

Enter how much profit has to be charged and at what rate

	Financial year (yyyy)		Amount of profit		Rate of tax %		Tax
330	2 0 2 2	335	£	340	19%	345	£ p
		350	£	355		360	£ p
		365	£	370		375	£ p
380	2 0 2 3	385	£	390	19%	395	£ p
		400	£	405		410	£ p
		415	£	420		425	£ p

Calculation of tax outstanding or overpaid - continued

500	CFC tax, bank levy, bank surcharge and RPDT payable – total of boxes 490, 495, 496 and 497	£												.				
501	EOGPL payable	£												.				
502	EGL payable	£												.				
505	Supplementary charge (ring fence trades) payable	£												.				
510	Tax chargeable – total of boxes 475, 480, 500, 501, 502 and 505	£												0	.			
515	Income Tax deducted from gross income included in profits	£												.				
520	Income Tax repayable to the company	£												.				
525	Self-assessment of tax payable before restitution tax and coronavirus support scheme overpayments – box 510 minus box 515	£												0	.			
526	Coronavirus support schemes overpayment now due – total of boxes 471 and 474 minus boxes 472 and 473	£												0	.			
527	Restitution tax	£												.				
528	Self-assessment of tax payable – total of boxes 525, 526 and 527	£												0	.			

Tax reconciliation

530	Research and Development credit	£														.		
535	(Not currently used)	£														.		
540	Creatives tax credit	£														.		
545	Total of Research and Development credit and creative tax credit – total box 530 to 540	£														.		
550	Land remediation tax credit	£														.		
555	Life assurance company tax credit	£														.		
560	Total land remediation and life assurance company tax credit – total box 550 and 555	£														.		
565	Capital allowances first-year tax credit	£														.		
570	Surplus Research and Development credits or creative tax credit payable – box 545 minus box 525	£														.		
575	Land remediation or life assurance company tax credit payable – total of boxes 545 and 560 minus boxes 525 and 570	£														.		

580 Capital allowances first-year tax credit payable
- boxes 545, 560 and 565 minus boxes 525, 570 and 575

During the return period, did the company export goods and/or services to individuals, enterprises or organisations outside the United Kingdom (UK)?

616 Yes - goods ☐ 617 Yes - services ☐ 618 No - neither ☐

Research and Development (R&D) or creative enhanced expenditure and tax reliefs

650	Put an 'X' in box 650 if the claim is made by a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME), including a SME subcontractor to a large company		☐
655	Put an 'X' in box 655 if the claim is made by a large company		☐
656	Put an 'X' in box 656 to confirm that a R&D claim notification form has been submitted		☐
657	Put an 'X' in box 657 to confirm that an additional information form has been submitted		☐
659	R&D expenditure qualifying for SME R&D relief	£ .	
660	R&D enhanced expenditure	£ .	
665	Creative qualifying expenditure and/or additional deduction	£ .	
670	R&D and creative enhanced expenditure total box 660 and box 665	£ .	
675	R&D enhanced expenditure of a SME on work subcontracted to it by a large company	£ .	
680	Vaccine research expenditure	£ .	

Land remediation enhanced expenditure

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Information about capital allowances and balancing charges/disposal values

Allowances and charges in the calculation of trading profits and losses

	Capital allowances	Balancing charges
Annual investment allowance	690 £	
Full expensing	688 £	689 £
Machinery and plant – super-deduction	691 £	692 £
Machinery and plant – special rate allowance	693 £	694 £
Machinery and plant – special rate pool	695 £	700 £
Machinery and plant – main pool	705 £	710 £
Structures and buildings	711 £	
Business premises renovation	715 £	720 £
Other allowances and charges	725 £	730 £

Allowances and charges in the calculation of trading profits and losses - continued

	Capital allowances	Disposal value
Electric charge-points	713 £	714 £
Enterprise zones	721 £	722 £
Zero emissions goods vehicles	723 £	724 £
Zero emissions cars	726 £	727 £

Allowances and charges not included in the calculation of trading profits and losses

	Capital allowances	Balancing charges
Annual investment allowance	735 £	
Structures and buildings	736 £	
Full expensing	733 £	734 £
Business premises renovation	740 £	745 £
Machinery and plant – super-deduction	741 £	742 £
Machinery and plant – special rate allowance	743 £	744 £
Other allowances and charges	750 £	755 £
	Capital allowances	Disposal value
Electric charge-points	737 £	738 £
Enterprise zones	746 £	747 £
Zero emissions goods vehicles	748 £	749 £
Zero emissions cars	751 £	752 £

Qualifying expenditure

760	Machinery and plant on which first year allowance is claimed	£													•			
765	Designated environmentally friendly machinery and plant	£													•			
770	Machinery and plant on long-life assets and integral features	£													•			
771	Structures and buildings	£													•			
772	Machinery and plant – super-deduction	£													•			
773	Machinery and plant – special rate allowance	£													•			
775	Other machinery and plant	£													•			

Losses, deficits and excess amounts

Amount arising

	Amount		Maximum available for surrender as group relief
Losses of trades carried on wholly or partly in the UK	780 £		785 £
Losses of trades carried on wholly outside the UK	790 £		
Non-trade deficits on loan relationships and derivative contracts	795 £		800 £
UK property business losses	805 £		810 £
Overseas property business losses	815 £		
Losses from miscellaneous transactions	820 £		
Capital losses	825 £		
Non-trading losses on intangible fixed assets	830 £		835 £

Excess amounts

	Amount		Maximum available for surrender as group relief
Non-trade capital allowances		840 £	
Qualifying donations		845 £	
Management expenses	850 £		855 £

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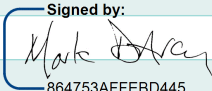
Bank details (for a person to whom a repayment is to be made)

920	Name of bank or building society	
925	Branch sort code	
930	Account number	
935	Name of account	
940	Building society reference	

Payments to a person other than the company

945	Complete the authority below if you want the repayment to be made to a person other than the company I, as (enter status - for example, company secretary, treasurer, liquidator or authorised agent)	
950	of (enter company name)	
955	authorise (enter name)	
960	of address (enter address)	
965	Nominee reference	
	to receive payment on company's behalf	
970	Name	

Declaration

	Declaration I declare that the information I have given on this Company Tax Return and any supplementary pages is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that giving false information in the return, or concealing any part of the company's profits or tax payable, can lead to both the company and me being prosecuted.	
975	Name	Mark John D'Arcy Signed by:  864753AFFEBD445...
980	Date DD MM YYYY	28/11/2024
985	Status	Director

**HM Revenue
& Customs****Company Tax Return – supplementary page****Charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs)****CT600E (2015) Version 3 for accounting periods starting on or after 1 April 2015****Guidance**

Guidance about when and how to complete this supplementary page can be found in the CT600 Guide.

For further information read *What supplementary pages do I need to complete and include as part of the Company Tax Return?* to find out what supplementary pages you need to complete.

Also, read the *Important points about all supplementary pages* and *CT600E – Charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs)* for further guidance about completing this supplementary page.

Company information

E1	Company name (name of charity or CASC)	Mariapolis Limited
E2	Tax reference	1 9 9 6 2 5 9 1 4 1
Period covered by this supplementary page (cannot exceed 12 months)		
E3	from DD MM YYYY	0 1 0 3 2 0 2 3
E4	to DD MM YYYY	2 8 0 2 2 0 2 4

Claims to exemption (this section should be completed in all cases)

Charity/CASC repayment reference	E5	
Charity Commission registration number, or OSCR number (if applicable)	E10	257912
Put an 'X' in the relevant box if during the period covered by these supplementary pages:		
The company was a charity/CASC and is claiming exemption from all tax on all or part of its income and gains (Also put an 'X' in box E15 if the company was a charity/CASC but had no income or gains in the period)	E15	X
All income and gains are exempt from tax and have been, or will be, applied for charitable or qualifying purposes only	E20	X
Some of the income and gains may not be exempt or have not been applied for charitable or qualifying purposes only, and I have completed form CT600	E25	
I claim exemption from tax		
Name	E30	Mark John D'Arcy
Status	E35	Director
Date DD MM YYYY	E40	2 8 1 1 2 0 2 4

Repayments

To make a repayment claim for the period covered by these supplementary pages, please register and enrol to use the Charities Online service. See CT600 guide for further information.

Put an 'X' in the box if during the period covered by these supplementary pages you have over claimed tax.

E45

Information required

Enter details of any income received from the following sources, claimed as exempt from tax in the hands of the charity/CASC. Enter the figure included in the charity's/CASC'S accounts for the period covered by this return.

Non-exempt amounts should be entered on form CT600 in the appropriate boxes.

Type of income	Amount
Enter total turnover from exempt charitable trading activities	E50 £ 3 6 5 8 5 • 0 0
Investment income - exclude any amounts included on form CT600	E55 £ 9 9 9 • 0 0
UK land and buildings - exclude any amounts included on form CT600	E60 £ • 0 0
Gift Aid - exclude any amounts included on form CT600	E65 £ • 0 0
From other charities - exclude any amounts included on form CT600	E70 £ • 0 0
Gifts of shares or securities received	E75 £ • 0 0
Gifts of real property received	E80 £ • 0 0
Other sources (not included above)	E85 £ 3 4 2 4 6 9 • 0 0
Total of boxes E50 to E85	E90 £ 3 8 0 0 5 3 • 0 0

Enter details of expenditure as shown in the charity's/CASC's accounts for the period covered by these supplementary pages

Type of expenditure	Amount
Trading costs in relation to exempt charitable activities (in box E50)	E95 £ 2 6 9 2 8 1 • 0 0
UK land and buildings costs in relation to exempt charitable activities (in box E60)	E100 £ • 0 0
All general administration/governance costs	E105 £ 8 9 8 8 1 • 0 0
All grants and donations made within the UK	E110 £ 6 6 4 0 • 0 0
All grants and donations made outside the UK	E115 £ 2 5 4 6 7 8 • 0 0
Other expenditure not included above, or not used in calculating figures entered on the form CT600	E120 £ • 0 0
Total of boxes E95 to E120	E125 £ 6 2 0 4 8 0 • 0 0

Information required

Charity/CASC assets

Disposals in period
(total consideration received)

Held at the end of the period
(use accounts figures)

Tangible fixed
assets

E130 £

E135 £ 2 4 0 6 1 1 3

UK investments
(excluding
controlled companies)

E140 £

E145 £ 1 0 4 8 4 8 7

Shares in,
and loans to,
controlled companies

E150 £

E155 £

Overseas
investments

E160 £

E165 £

Loans and non-trade debtors

E170 £

Other current assets

E175 £ 2 2 1 5 3 1

Qualifying investments and loans

Applies to charities only. See CT600 Guide

E180

Value of any non-qualifying investments and loans

Applies to charities only. See CT600 Guide

E185 £

Number of subsidiary or associated companies the charity
controls at the end of the period. Exclude companies that
were dormant throughout the period

E190

Our Ref: 0367

28th November 2024

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Dear Sirs

Management Letter
Financial statements for the year ended 29th February 2024

Introduction

Following our recent final audit in connection with the financial statements of Mariapolis Limited for the year ended 29th February 2024 we are writing to bring to your attention certain matters that arose during the course of our work, together with suggestions for improvements of controls and procedures operated by the charity. We hope you will find our comments helpful and constructive.

Our work during the audit included an examination of some of the charity's transactions and procedures with a view to expressing an opinion on the financial statements for the year. This work was not directed primarily towards discovering deficiencies in, or the operating effectiveness of your internal controls other than those that would affect our audit opinion or towards the detection of fraud. We have included in this letter only matters that have come to our attention as a result of our normal audit procedures and consequently our comments should not be regarded as a comprehensive record of all weaknesses that may exist or of all improvements that might be made or the operating effectiveness of your internal controls.

We recognise that the number of your staff makes a complete system of internal control impracticable and that the Council Members and key management exercise close personal supervision, which we consider reasonable in the circumstances. We have taken this into account in conducting our audit and in preparing this letter.

Our work also included a review of the adequacy of disclosures in the financial statements and consideration of the appropriateness of the accounting policies and estimation techniques adopted by the company. This review identified no significant matters, which we believe are necessary to draw to your attention.

Breaches of duty imposed by law and regulation

During the course of the audit, we discovered no breaches of duty relevant to the administration of the charity imposed by any enactment or rule of law on the Council Members, managers or any professional advisors, regardless of whether such matters gave rise to a statutory duty to report to The Charity Commission.

Summary

Matters that arose as a result of our work are set out in detail in the attached memorandum.

Conclusion

If you require any further information or assistance, we shall be very pleased to help you.

We would appreciate an acknowledgement of the receipt of this letter and look forward to receiving your comments when you have had the opportunity of considering the matters that we have raised.

This letter is for your private use only. It has been prepared on the understanding that it will not be disclosed to any third party, or quoted to or referred to, without our prior written consent and we assume no responsibility to any other party.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking you and your staff for the assistance and co-operation we have received during the course of our work.

Yours faithfully

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George Arthur

Mariapolis Limited
Financial statements for the year ended 29th February 2024
Appendices to management letter

Unadjusted Errors

The following errors were identified during the course of our work but as the cumulative effect was under our materiality level no adjustment was made to the figures:

- Stock in transit not accounted for: £2,755
- Correction to year-end unit prices of investments: £3,046
- Depreciation on land & buildings and plant & machinery: £6,498

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28th November 2024

Dear Sirs

LETTER OF REPRESENTATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29th FEBRUARY 2024

We confirm that the following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience and where appropriate, of inspection of supporting documentation, sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can properly make each of the following representations to you in connection with your audit of the charitable company's financial statements for the year ended 29th February 2024.

We acknowledge our legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information to you as auditors and confirm that so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information needed by you in connection with preparing your audit report of which you are unaware. Each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that you are aware of that information.

Financial Statements:

1. We acknowledge, and have fulfilled, as trustees (who are also Directors of the charitable company), our collective responsibility under the Companies Act 2006 for presenting financial statements (in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and United Kingdom Accounting Standards), which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the charitable company at the reporting date, and of its result for the period then ended, and for making accurate representations to you. We confirm that we have approved the financial statements for the year ended 29th February 2024.
2. We confirm that the accounting policies and estimation techniques adopted for the preparation of the financial statements are the most appropriate to the circumstances in which the charitable company operates.
3. Other than as disclosed in the financial statements, the charitable company has not entered into any transactions involving trustees, officers or other related parties, which require disclosure under the Companies Act, SORP or Financial Reporting Standards. If relevant, appropriate disclosure has been made of the control of the charitable company.
4. We have disclosed all known or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements and these have been disclosed in accordance with the requirements of accounting standards.
5. All grants, donations and other incoming resources, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions during the period in the application of such incoming resources. No endowments and restricted income grants and donations were received during the period:

6. The financial statements of the charitable company have been prepared on the going concern basis as we believe that adequate cash resources will be available to cover the charitable company's requirements for working capital and capital expenditure for at least the next twelve months. We are not aware of any other factors which could put into jeopardy the charitable company's going concern status during or beyond this period.
7. Other than as disclosed in the financial statements, there have been no events since the reporting date which necessitate revision of the figures included in the financial statements or inclusion of a note thereto. Should further material events occur, which may necessitate revision of the figures included in the financial statements or inclusion of a note thereto, we will advise you accordingly.
8. We confirm that we have considered the unadjusted errors advised to us by you as appended to this letter. It is our view that the cost of making these adjustments to the financial statements outweighs any benefits that will be gained by the users of the financial statements. The combined effect of the unadjusted errors is not material and we do not consider that their absence from the financial statements affects the true and fair view given.
9. We confirm we have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of any assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
10. We confirm that after the audit report has been signed, we will circulate a copy of our annual report to every member of the charitable company and every other person entitled to receive notice of general meetings, as required by section 423, Companies Act 2006.
11. All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit and all the transactions undertaken by the charitable company have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. We have provided to you all other information requested and given unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you have deemed it necessary to speak to. All other records and relevant information, including minutes of all trustees', members', and management meetings, have been made available to you.
12. Other than those disclosed in the financial statements we are not aware of any material liabilities, provisions, contingent liabilities, contingent assets or contracted for capital commitments, that need to be provided for or disclosed in the financial statements.
13. We confirm that the charitable company has had no non-routine communication with Charity Commission during or since the period of which you are unaware. We confirm that no transactions or arrangements occurred in the period for which we needed Charity Commission approval.
14. We have reviewed the affairs of the charitable company and confirm that no gains are subject to corporation tax. We have also reviewed the VAT treatment in relation to contractual services provided by the charity and confirm that VAT has been correctly accounted for.
15. We confirm that the charity has adequate procedures in place to identify intangible income and that there was no intangible income during the year to be included in the financial statements.
16. The charitable company has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the company's assets.
17. We confirm that the functional currency of the charitable company is Sterling.
18. We confirm that we have reviewed all material tangible fixed assets, intangible fixed assets and fixed asset investments (other than those carried at fair value) and consider that no impairment review was necessary, as there were no indications of impairment.
19. We estimate that freehold land represents 25% of the cost of freehold properties.

20. We confirm that we have notified you of all related party relationships, and transactions that the charitable company has entered into with those related parties during the year of which we are aware.
21. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of internal controls to prevent and detect errors or fraud, and have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud. We are unaware of any irregularities, including fraud and suspected fraud, involving management, employees or others who have significant roles in internal control, or those employed by the charitable company where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. No allegations of such irregularities or breaches have come to our notice.
22. We are unaware of any breaches or possible breaches of statute, regulations, contracts, agreements or the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association which might result in the charitable company suffering significant penalties or other loss. No allegations of such irregularities or breaches have come to our notice.
23. We confirm that we have been notified by you that there are no matters which you are required to raise with us to comply with your profession's ethical guidance which are in addition to the matters included in your assignment terms letter to us.
24. We confirm receipt of your assignment terms letter and we confirm receipt of your management letter dated 28th November 2024.

Yours faithfully

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Rumold Van Geffen

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

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MARIAPOLIS LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 257912

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Company Registration No. 00930265 (England and Wales)

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Members Of Council	Mark John D'Arcy Francis Thomas Johnson Carlo Poggi Paul Anthony Gateshill Jan Morovic	(Appointed 4 April 2022)
Chairman	Mark John D'Arcy	
Secretary / Tresasurer	Rumold Van Geffen	
Charity number (England and Wales)	257912	
Charity number (Scotland)	SC040066	
Company number	00930265	
Principal address	Unit 1, Polaris Centre 41 Brownfields Welwyn Garden City Herts AL7 1AN	
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DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING TRUSTEES' REPORT)
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The Members of Council present their report and accounts for the year ended 28 February 2023. This report also represents the Trustees' Report which is required to be prepared by Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 and comply with the charity's Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

The Members of Council have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Structure, governance and management

The Focolare Movement is an international organisation which began in Italy in 1943 and is now active in all five continents. The general headquarters are in Rome, from which the worldwide regions are coordinated (operating through PAMOM for the men's section; and PAFOM for the women's section). The movement is divided into a number of 'regions' linked with the centre.

Worldwide regional centres have been set up allowing for a more local integration of all the activities. The zone of Great Britain (together with Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Benelux, France, Spain, Portugal and Malta) has its regional centre in Brussels. For the moment this regional centre operates under the same name as all the activities of the Focolare have been operating in Belgium, i.e. the 'Foyers de l' Unite' (number d ' identification: 5959/68; number d'entreprise: 0409.626.941). The possibility of setting up a separate Not for Profit Organisation is still under review.

The accounts accompanying this report are the accounts of the company which deals with the income and assets of the men's section of the Focolare Movement in the "zone" of Great Britain.

Mariapolis Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 8 April 1968. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission of England and Wales (257912) and the Scottish Charity Commission (SC040066).

The Members of Council, 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:

Mark John D'Arcy
Francis Thomas Johnson
Carlo Poggi
Paul Anthony Gateshill
Jan Morovic

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as Members of the Council. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the number of the members of the Council shall not be less than three nor more than seven.

None of the Members of Council has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Members of Council are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

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The Directors and Secretary (Members of the Council) are chosen from among those who have a lifelong commitment to the aims of the charity (Mariapolis Ltd) locally in the United Kingdom and/or to the aims of the Focolare Movement world-wide. All members of the council are, therefore, already familiar with the practical work of the charity having been involved in its work for a number of years. Additional training is provided by working alongside existing members of the council for a period of time long enough to assure a smooth transfer of the responsibilities involved.

The Directors of the company are responsible for the charity's assets and activities. This Council meets at least three times per year, together with members responsible for the community houses and principal activities of the charity.

The key management of the day to day running of the charity (e.g. event planning, media and communication) sits with the 'Core Group' and the people responsible for different groups, such as local communities, youth leaders, Focolare volunteers, interest groups. The Trustees collaborate with the 'Core Group' and are also in regular communication with those responsible for the community houses, the Centre for Unity, and for key activities of the Movement. Discussions have been happening around reviewing the governance of the Movement in GB and worldwide (see Risk Management Section). As part of this, there are ongoing discussions about the composition, roll and function of the Core Group.

Connected charities

Many activities are planned and organised together with Focolare Trust, registered charity no 279072 which handles the income and assets of the Women's Section of the Focolare Movement in the same geographical 'zone' of Great Britain. We are also closely linked with the Focolare Movement headquarters in Rome which operates as a recognized ecclesial body (115/1966) under the name PAMOM (Pia Associazione Maschile Opera di Maria), and the regional centre in Brussels which operates under the name of 'Foyers de l'Unite' (number d'identification: 5959/68; number d'entreprise: 0409.626.941).

Risk management

The members of the council 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.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Policy is published on our website (www.focolare.org/gb). It follows the guidelines issues by Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service (CSAS), with whom we have an umbrella agreement.

The Focolare Community in Scotland is also committed to follow the RC Bishops' Conference's new Safeguarding in Manual 'In God's Image' and actively participate to safeguarding training and events organised by Glasgow RC Archdiocese's Safeguarding Office.

The Focolare GB Safeguarding team comprises four members:

- 2 Safeguarding Officers: Jane Evans and Nic Innocent and
- 2 additional members/administrators: Claudia Melis and Anja Primbs

In 2022-2023 safeguarding has been in the spotlight following the publication, in March 2022, of the GCPS Consulting's Report of an Independent Inquiry into Historical Child Abuse within the Focolare Movement in France. This stimulated much discussion and reflection among members over how the Focolare Movement fulfils its duty of care towards those it meets, especially the young and vulnerable, and a greater awareness of areas acknowledged as needing improvement. This has been the focus of the Safeguarding team during this year. The GCPS report listed a number of recommendations for improving the culture and practice within the Focolare Movement internationally, some of which are already in place in Britain and others are currently being worked on.

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Safeguarding Initiatives 2022-23

- Safeguarding team redoubled efforts to raise awareness of safeguarding amongst all members and particularly amongst youth workers.
- Enrolling the people for on-line safeguarding training.
- Fortnightly meetings between the Safeguarding Officers and the Chair of Trustees of The Focolare Trust and Mariapolis Ltd, Elizabeth Taite and Mark Darcy.
- Currently seeking an external expert to review what the team is doing and give advice on better practice.
- Set up 'Listening Points' to encourage a 'safe space' for members and previous members to share concerns around Focolare practice and encourage members to talk to external agencies if they so wish.
- Advising International the safeguarding team in Rome and the Focolare Centre in Brussels to discuss international policy and safeguarding structure.

Safeguarding Plans for 2023-2024

- Renegotiate Focolare GB umbrella agreement with the CSSA (Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency) in England and Wales and update our DBS clearance process.
- Find/appoint a trustee with responsibility for Safeguarding.
- Monitor the use of risk assessment forms with a view to making them part of our normal custom and practice.
- Monitor and support training.
- Revising / updating our Safeguarding Policy so that it more accurately reflects current thinking, terminology and practice.
- Continue to work within Western Europe zone and with the Focolare international to develop a robust safeguarding structure internationally.
- Continue to develop a team of people to act as "Listening points"

Ageing communities

During 2022-23, we continued to be aware of the age profile of many of the consecrated members living in our houses. We have continued to be engaged in discussions with Focolare members both in this country and in Western Europe as to how to ensure the wellbeing of members in the future.

The aspect of succession planning, which is linked to the ageing of our communities, is being looked at within the ongoing governance consultations with all interested members. A **"Back Together"** weekend for members was organised on 29th/30th October 2022 " as an opportunity to discern together how we see the Focolare Movement today and how we can devise governance structures appropriate for the Focolare Movement today. 120 people engaged in 'communitarian discernment' to agree together the next steps. Following the weekend, a small working group convened to look more closely at how governance works within the Focolare Movement. They produced a "white paper" used for further discussion on governance within the Focolare Movement by small groups around GB.

Privacy Policy

A Privacy Policy Document has been set up to comply with the UK Data Protection Act 1998 and other applicable European data protection legislation.. See: <https://www.focolare.org/gb/privacy-2/>

The members of the council regularly examine other operational risks faced by the charity and continue to improve established systems to mitigate any significant risks.

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Objectives and activities

The Charity's principal aims as stated in the Memorandum of Association are:

- (i) the relief of poverty, sickness and old age;
- (ii) the advancement of education;
- (iii) the promotion of higher standards of moral life in the individual, the family and the community; and
- (iv) the advancement of religion.

To further these objectives the charity possesses properties and provides for the upkeep of vow-taking members of the Focolare Movement in Birmingham (Willenhall), London, Welwyn Garden City and Glasgow. It organizes courses and conferences under the name "Mariapolis", and publishes books and magazines under the name of "New City".

The Members of Council have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Grant making policies

The Charity's grant making policy and procedures depend on decisions made in consultation with both the members responsible for the Movement in Britain and with those responsible for each local community house. Priority is given to furthering our own projects. Financial support is sometimes given to close relatives of community members who are in need. This help is given sensitively and to correspond to individual needs. With regards to objectives for overseas donations, contributions are made in consultations with headquarters in Rome (PAMOM). One can see a great variety of activities supported by communities of the Focolare Movement supported by PAMOM by visiting the Focolare Website www.focolare.org and especially the pages on social commitment: <http://www.focolare.org/en/all-opera/impegno-sociale/>

Grants made in this period of reporting 2022-2023:

A total contribution of around £4,500 collected from donations by Focolare members has been sent to the international covid hardship fund in Rome for Ukraine.

A contribution of £2,200 was made to AMU for assistance to members in need in developing countries.

A contribution of £50,000 has been sent to our headquarters in Rome.

Also this year a £4,000 grant has been sent to Foyer de l'Unite as a contribution to Focolare headquarters for NW Europe for their expenses.

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Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The Focolare Movement in Great Britain has continued to engage this year in implementing aspects of the global strategy and directives for the Movement across the world for the next six years, which emerged from the General Assembly of the Movement in February 2021. In addition we have opened new forums for dialogue to review our governance structure and sustainability, in particular in assisting Focolare Trust regarding the sustainability of the Centre for Unity.

A further 2 permanent community members have arrived from other countries and have taken up residence in the London community house. In the community houses, 9 members covenanted all their income to the charity, and the other 3 members contributed voluntarily according to their personal circumstances. At regular intervals contributions are being sent to Rome for redistribution to poorer countries through the international Focolare Movement (PAMOM). A yearly contribution is made to the Focolare regional centre in Brussels of £4,000. Contributions continued to be received for AMU for 'Fraternity with Africa'. An appeal was made for donations to help those affected by the war in Ukraine and a special fund was created. Donations have continued to be received towards this.

A suitable property was found and purchased in Willenhall (at a cost of £447,500) using the funds from the sale of the Liverpool property in 2021. In choosing the property, consultation was carried out with other community members, the wider focolare community and the regional Centre in Brussels. This property now functions as a community house for consecrated members and a meeting place for the wider focolare community.

Improvements to the structure of the other community houses continues. After completing the new roof of the London community house, the work was found to be defective such that re-roofing was required, costing £4,844.70.

Young people

Young Children: Two groups of young children (4-8 and 4-12 years old) meet regularly in person in London and in Welwyn Garden City. One of their activities was a party for the Ukrainian families who have arrived in the area. A new group for 4-8 year olds has started in Liverpool this year for monthly meetings. These groups participated in the 'Kids 4 Peace' initiative, sending letters and drawings to world leaders asking them to take action to bring about peace where there is war.

Youth Retreats: In August 2022 at the Centre for Unity 13 young adults met for a new type of in-person retreat, for which they had been involved in the planning. They were especially happy with the freedom and space they were given to express themselves without fear of being judged. A similar weekend was then held in February 2023 with a wider age group, of 14-30 year olds.

Down to Earth Conference: In July 2022, 15 young adults also travelled to Malta for "Down 2 Earth (D2E)", a project in partnership with Focolare Malta and France, funded by the EU Erasmus Programme. The goals of this project were to raise awareness about environmental and social ecology, and build intercultural bridges, to help become better global citizens.

Listening to the Young People: A few young people were present at a weekend that was organised in January 2023 for planning future youth activities. Their contributions were key to ensuring that ideas of new activities had greater relevance to young people today.

Focolare Communities and Families

Local and Online Communities: This year the local communities have begun meeting face to face again, discovering that thanks to opportunities to meet online, there has been more engagement and growth in relationships.

A course on Spirituality, on Zoom, was attended by nearly 80 people from different countries and denominations. Its success has led to the desire that it restart in the autumn.

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Families

Hong Kong: With the arrival of a number of people from Hong Kong, who have come to live in England, Focolare communities across GB are reaching out, supporting and getting to know them better.

Zoom: The series of Zooms 'Time together as families' continued in 2022 until September.

New Group: A new group of young families has also started to meet regularly in Bexleyheath in south east London with children of all ages coming together.

Ecumenism

The Focolare Movement's **annual meeting for ecumenical Church Leaders** took place in January 2023 at the Focolare conference centre in Welwyn Garden City. The keynote speaker was Rev. Prof. Nicholas Sagovsky whose rich ecumenical and theological background enabled him to give a fascinating presentation on the role of synodality in Scripture and in its later development in the Church. Other representatives followed by Zoom.



Ecumenical Prayers by Zoom have continued once a week during the last year. The 20-minute time of reflection & prayer attracts an average of fifty followers each week and is led by people from many different countries.

4 ecumenical Zoom study groups have worked to raise awareness of the ecumenical nature of the Focolare spirituality worldwide. Some of the concrete initiatives they undertook:

- a substantial contribution to the programme of the annual retreat for Focolare members in Rome in December 2022.
- Some of the groups engaged with the organisers of the study courses delivered by the Università Popolare Mariana, bringing ecumenical speakers to the programme for 2022-23, on Prayer.

Inter-religious Dialogue

The Movement's commitment to inter religious dialogue is taken forward predominantly by individuals who live and work in areas of the greatest diversity in the UK – such as London, Birmingham, Newcastle, Leeds and Glasgow.

Some of the activities undertaken include:

- October 2022: facilitated the involvement of interfaith groups in the London Faithinvest conference,
- In Birmingham, in collaboration with St. Mary's University, London, a member organised an evening on "Eternity" during which leaders of the six main faiths in Birmingham presented their beliefs about life after death and its impact upon the choices made by believers.
- In collaboration with Birmingham City Council and other faith groups, the planning of public interfaith events such as the Holocaust Memorial, the annual Peace Service on the anniversary of 9/11, the launch of Interfaith Week and on-going Faith & Reflection events.
- Welwyn Garden City: The Christian/Shi'a Muslim group continues to meet enabling the members to strengthen bonds of understanding and solidarity.

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Birmingham Faith Leaders

Local Mariapolis 2022

In 2022 five small Mariapolis were held in local areas. In Formby, Ripon, Stone, Chilton and in Motherwell.

Ecological Action

Dare to Care campaign 'People, planet and our ecological conversion' (www.unitedworldproject.org/en/daretocare/)

Members of the Focolare Integral Ecology group hosted an online session ("Eco Link Up") on 5th July 2022 to raise awareness around the "Eco-Plan". Prepared by a team in partnership with FaithInvest and EcoOne, the Eco-Plan aims to inspire Focolare members and communities to re-examine their lifestyles in relation to the protection of people and the planet. It is available here: www.focolare.org/en/2022/06/22/italiano-focolare-ecoplan-una-potente-intuizione/

Film Viewing "The Letter": In Glasgow the Focolare community, together with our Muslim friends, organised a screening of the Laudato Si' film "The letter" (www.theletterfilm.org/) to about 50 people.

New City

New City magazine and the websites www.focolare.org.uk and www.newcity.co.uk are being continually improved and updated.

In the period March 2022 to February 2023, the following new titles were printed:

"Doodlings & Doggerel" by David A. Campton;
"The Incarnation of the Light" by Pasquale Foresi;
"Words of Life" by Chiara Lubich;
"Unity-A View from Paradise '49"
"Transcendence"
"Conferebce Calls"
"Prayers"

And the following titles were reprinted:

"Making Peace" by Roberto Morozzo Della Rocca
"Meditation"
"Roots of Christian Mysticism"

In total 26 titles are in preparation by New City to be printed over the coming years.

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Working together with Focolare Trust for the Focolare Centre for Unity

This has been a challenging year due to changes in personnel and also in finding the best way ahead. Following on from last year's consultation of Focolare members on how best to progress, members of the Focolare Movement have come forward to offer their expertise. One member of Focolare now undertakes general maintenance tasks, eliminating the need to pay a local trader.

The Centre for Unity is self-supporting due to its location and popularity with a diverse mixture of groups. Local Authorities groups (such as Herts Police, County Council and NHS) keep it affordable for charity groups and assist in making outreach possible. The income from the Local Authorities groups allows the Centre to subsidise charities and Focolare groups. This also enables the Centre to develop a contingency fund for building maintenance and emergencies.

Other activities include: ESOL classes every Monday and Wednesday (excluding school holidays); and Christmas celebrations for Ukrainian refugees; ecumenical groups; church groups; youth groups and the Welwyn Garden City interfaith group.

Financial review

A summary of the year's results can be found on pages 14 - 16 of the attached accounts. For the year to 28 February 2023, the incoming resources of the charity amounted to £290,304 (2022 - £880,819), including £255,384 (2022 - £266,406) from voluntary income and £32,072 (2022 - £36,497) from incoming resources from charitable activities.

Total expenditure in the year was £359,422 (2022 - £453,193) including £64,886 (2022 - £186,656) for grants payments; £4,460 (2022 - £914) for provision of conferences; £69,930 (2022 - £73,308) for the publication of books and magazines; and £220,146 (2022 - £192,363) for support of members of the Movement.

After making appropriate enquiries, the members of the council have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Reserves policy and financial position

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level of at least six month's expenditure. The Members of Council consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The company's reserves decreased from £4,011,988 to £3,871,594. The net book value of fixed assets decreased from £2,031,836 to £1,996,541. The policy is to hold all assets in the form of residential property for direct use. Such assets are of fundamental importance to the charity; without the assets the charity would be unable to fulfil its charitable aims and objectives. The value of such assets, therefore, would not be easily realizable, if needed to meet future contingencies. To emphasize this point the net book value of these assets amounted to £1,624,501 has been set aside, by the directors, in a tangible fixed assets fund.

It was agreed that a total of £620,000 will be designated to purchasing a new property and has been temporarily invested in shares until an appropriate property becomes available.

Free reserves available to support the work of the members in the future are those shown on the balance sheet as unrestricted income funds and, at 28 February 2022, equate to £1,566,234. The directors are of the opinion that this level of free reserves is in line with the above policy.

In the opinion of the Members of Council, the current open market value of the charity's interests in land and buildings exceeds the book value by £3.6m.

Investments

The market value of the investment portfolio has decreased from £1,472,454 to £1,001,179.

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Future plans

Following discussions with the Core Group and people responsible for the Focolare houses, the Trustees confirmed the following specific objectives for the coming year in keeping with our general aims:
To continue supporting Focolare consecrated members in Great Britain, specifically with the purchase of a new community house in Willenhall, as well as our Focolare International Centres in Brussels and Rome.

- To continue working for ecumenical and interreligious dialogue locally and abroad. In particular, to host a GB Mariapolis in the summer 2024.
- To support people both in GB and abroad, who most suffered the effects of the Ukraine war.
- To invest in communications and in new creative ways to continue pursuing Focolare aims and activities.
- To work with members to find sustainable solutions to the governance of the Focolare movement and its activities.
- To explore ways of more effective accompaniment of Focolare communities, young people, families and individual members.
- To continue supporting AMU and projects for international solidarity with the Focolare world-wide, as well as supporting people in need in GB.

Acknowledgements

The work of Employees and members of the Charity

The Trustees wish to record their gratitude to all their staff, volunteers, members and supporters of the Focolare Movement. Their total dedication, generosity and creativity has been invaluable. Thanks to them new ways are unfolding, of working and of spreading the message of unity – new paths which we look forward to walking together.

Auditor

A resolution proposing that George Arthur Limited be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the members.

In preparing this report, the members of the council have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the Members of Council 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 directors' report was approved by the Board of Members Of Council.

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Rumold Van Geffen

Secretary

Dated: 28 November 2023

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

The Members of Council, who are also the directors of Mariapolis Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Members of Council to prepare financial statements 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 financial statements, the Members of Council 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 financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Members of Council 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 financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 trustees confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by section 418(3) of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware. They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MARIAPOLIS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Mariapolis Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 28 February 2023 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).

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, and in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 28 February 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Members of Council have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MARIAPOLIS LIMITED

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the directors' report; or
- sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Members of Council

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the Members of Council, 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 Members of Council 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 Members of Council 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 Members of Council 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

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

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.

Other information

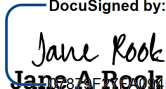
The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Members of Council are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MARIAPOLIS LIMITED**

DocuSigned by:

 Jane A Rook

Jane A Rook (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of George Arthur Limited Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditor

Suite 6b, Wentworth Lodge
Great North Road
Welwyn Garden City
Herts
AL8 7SR

Dated: 28 November 2023

George Arthur Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

		Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds Designated	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds Designated	Restricted funds	Total
	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>									
Donations and legacies	4	248,604	-	6,570	255,174	244,105	-	23,501	267,606
Conference	3	210	-	-	210	(1,200)	-	-	(1,200)
New City and Publications	5	32,072	-	-	32,072	36,497	-	-	36,497
Investments	7	798	-	-	798	864	-	-	864
Other income	6	2,050	-	-	2,050	-	577,052	-	577,052
Total income		<u>283,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,570</u>	<u>290,304</u>	<u>280,266</u>	<u>577,052</u>	<u>23,501</u>	<u>880,819</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
<u>Charitable activities</u>									
Donations and grants payable	8	58,186	-	6,700	64,886	173,855	-	12,800	186,655
Provision of retreats and conferences	8	4,460	-	-	4,460	914	-	-	914
Support of members of the Movement	8	202,153	17,993	-	220,146	182,236	10,127	-	192,363
New City and Publications	8	69,930	-	-	69,930	73,308	-	-	73,308
Total charitable expenditure		<u>334,729</u>	<u>17,993</u>	<u>6,700</u>	<u>359,422</u>	<u>430,313</u>	<u>10,127</u>	<u>12,800</u>	<u>453,240</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	<u>(16,393)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,393)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		<u>(67,388)</u>	<u>(17,993)</u>	<u>(130)</u>	<u>(85,511)</u>	<u>(150,047)</u>	<u>566,925</u>	<u>10,701</u>	<u>427,579</u>

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds Designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds Designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes								
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(67,388)	(17,993)	(130)	(85,511)	(150,047)	566,925	10,701	427,579
Gross transfers between funds		(2,735)	-	2,735	-	38,384	15,674	(54,058)	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		(70,123)	(17,993)	2,605	(85,511)	(111,663)	582,599	(43,357)	427,579
Other recognised gains and losses									
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	15	(54,883)	-	-	(54,883)	(38,699)	-	-	(38,699)
Net movement in funds		(125,006)	(17,993)	2,605	(140,394)	(150,362)	582,599	(43,357)	388,880
Fund balances at 1 March 2022		1,733,961	2,262,494	15,533	4,011,988	1,884,323	1,679,895	58,890	3,623,108
Fund balances at 28 February 2023		1,608,955	2,244,501	18,138	3,871,594	1,733,961	2,262,494	15,533	4,011,988

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	16	1,996,541		2,031,836	
Investments	17	1,001,179		1,472,454	
		<u>2,997,720</u>		<u>3,504,290</u>	
Current assets					
Stocks	18	43,447		45,158	
Debtors falling due after one year	19	33,224		243,082	
Debtors falling due within one year	19	220,527		40,329	
Cash at bank and in hand		591,976		191,313	
		<u>889,174</u>		<u>519,882</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	(15,300)		(12,184)	
Net current assets			873,874		507,698
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,871,594</u>		<u>4,011,988</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	21	18,138		15,533	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	22	2,244,501		2,262,494	
General unrestricted funds	25	1,563,499		1,633,622	
Revaluation reserve	25	45,456		100,339	
		<u>3,853,456</u>		<u>3,996,455</u>	
		<u>3,871,594</u>		<u>4,011,988</u>	

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

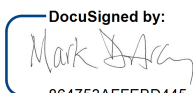
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 28 February 2023, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

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 under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, 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.

The financial statements were approved by the Members Of Council on 28 November 2023

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Mark John D'Arcy
Trustee

Company Registration No. 00930265

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	28		(6,835)		(65,635)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(6,200)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		6,700		604,863	
Purchase of investments		-		(680,000)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		400,000			
Investment income received		798		864	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			407,498		(80,473)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			400,663		(146,108)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			191,313		337,421
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			591,976		191,313

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Members of Council 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.

Estimated impairment of property and plant and equipment: The company tests annually whether the such assets have suffered any impairment, in accordance with the accounting policy stated in note 1.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

Mariapolis Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Unit 1, Polaris Centre, 41 Brownfields, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL7 1AN.

2.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). 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 financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of fixed asset investments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Members of Council have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Members of Council continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Members of Council in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity 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 charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

2.5 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

2.6 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.

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:

Land	No depreciation
Freehold and long leasehold buildings	1.25% on cost
Improvements to freehold properties	4% on cost
Plant and equipment	15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance

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.

Capital items under £250 are not capitalised in the accounts.

2.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

2.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

2.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2.11 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.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

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.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.12 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

3 Conference

	2023	Charitable Income Heading 2 2023	Total 2023	Charitable Income Heading 2 2022
	£	£	£	£
Conference income	-	210	210	(1,200)

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	27,993	6,570	34,563	13,199	23,501	36,700
Legacies receivable	6,515	-	6,515	-	-	-
Covenants received	214,096	-	214,096	230,906	-	230,906
	<u>248,604</u>	<u>6,570</u>	<u>255,174</u>	<u>244,105</u>	<u>23,501</u>	<u>267,606</u>
Donations and gifts						
Donation received	27,993	6,570	34,563	13,199	23,501	36,700
	<u>27,993</u>	<u>6,570</u>	<u>34,563</u>	<u>13,199</u>	<u>23,501</u>	<u>36,700</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

5 New City and Publications

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
New City and Publications	19,899	22,147
Subscriptions received	11,769	13,775
Royalties received	404	575
	<u>32,072</u>	<u>36,497</u>
New City and Publications	<u>32,072</u>	<u>36,497</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds Designated 2022 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	2,050	577,052
	<u>2,050</u>	<u>577,052</u>

7 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Income from listed investments	798	864
	<u>798</u>	<u>864</u>

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

8 Charitable activities

	Donations and grants payable	Provision of retreats and conferences	Support of members of the Movement	New City and Publications	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	-	-	-	12,187	12,187	-
Depreciation and impairment	-	-	17,993	12,651	30,644	45,364
Activities undertaken directly	-	4,460	191,639	19,193	215,292	187,955
Support costs	-	-	10,514	25,899	36,413	33,266
	-	4,460	220,146	69,930	294,536	266,585
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	64,886	-	-	-	64,886	186,655
	64,886	4,460	220,146	69,930	359,422	453,240
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds - general	58,186	4,460	202,153	69,930	334,729	430,313
Unrestricted funds - funds	-	-	17,993	-	17,993	10,127
Restricted funds	6,700	-	-	-	6,700	12,800
	64,886	4,460	220,146	69,930	359,422	453,240
For the year ended 28 February 2022						
Unrestricted funds - general	173,855	914	182,236	73,308		430,313
Unrestricted funds - funds	-	-	10,127	-		10,127
Restricted funds	12,800	-	-	-		12,800
	186,655	914	192,363	73,308		453,240

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

9 Grants payable

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Pia Associazione Maschile Opera di Maria (PAMOM)	50,000	110,000
Foyer de L'Unite	4,000	-
Ukraine Funds	4,500	-
International Covid Fund - Rome	-	9,600
Members in need in Developing Countries (AMU)	2,200	2,000
Focolare Community House Tanzania	-	61,417
	<u>60,700</u>	<u>183,017</u>
Grants to individuals	<u>4,186</u>	<u>3,638</u>
	<u><u>64,886</u></u>	<u><u>186,655</u></u>

10 Members Of Council

None of the Members of Council (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

The Members of the Council receive benefits attributable to the other members of the community.

11 Auditor's remuneration

The analysis of auditor's remuneration is as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees for the company's annual accounts	<u>3,903</u>	<u>3,356</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

12 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Administration	1	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	12,187	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more (2022 - none).

13 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.

14 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	(16,393)	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

15 Revaluation of fixed assets

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments		
Revaluation of investments	(54,883)	(38,699)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

16 Tangible fixed assets

	Land Improvements to freehold properties		Plant and Motor vehicles equipment		Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 March 2022	2,149,667	78,684	49,642	46,227	2,324,220
Disposals	-	-	-	(6,200)	(6,200)
At 28 February 2023	2,149,667	78,684	49,642	40,027	2,318,020
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 March 2022	188,370	48,423	31,872	23,720	292,385
Depreciation charged in the year	21,497	2,017	2,666	4,464	30,644
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	(1,550)	(1,550)
At 28 February 2023	209,867	50,440	34,538	26,634	321,479
Carrying amount					
At 28 February 2023	1,939,800	28,244	15,104	13,393	1,996,541
At 28 February 2022	1,961,297	30,262	17,770	22,507	2,031,836

The carrying value of Land and Buildings comprises:

	2023 £	2022 £
Freehold	1,235,623	1,249,164
Long leasehold	704,177	712,133
	1,939,800	1,961,297

The directors are of the opinion that the land and buildings which are stated at cost of £2,149,667 in the balance sheet have a market value in excess of £3.6m.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

17 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 March 2022	1,472,454
Valuation changes	(54,883)
Disposals	(416,392)
At 28 February 2023	1,001,179
Carrying amount	
At 28 February 2023	1,001,179
At 28 February 2022	1,472,454

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments were revalued at market value at year end date. The historical cost of the listed investments as at 28 February 2023 was £969,854 (2022 - £1,386,247).

18 Stocks

	2023 £	2022 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	43,447	45,158

19 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	2,976	2,974
Other debtors	213,508	34,453
Prepayments and accrued income	4,043	2,902
	220,527	40,329
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	33,224	243,082
Total debtors	253,751	283,411

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19 Debtors

(Continued)

Included in debtors, there are two loans made to Focolare Spain totalling £245,743 of which £179,369 (200,000 Euro) has been converted to a grant payable to the Focolare in Spain in September 2023. £33,150 has been repaid in July 2023. The remaining balance will be repaid in 2023/24.

Prior Year Adjustment

During the current reporting period, it was identified that there was an error in the ageing classification of a debtor balance recorded in the prior year's financial statements. The extent of the error is that in the prior year's financial statements, debtors due within one year were understated by £33,150, and debtors due after one year were overstated by £33,150. As a result, a prior-year adjustment has been made to rectify this misstatement in the comparatives. This adjustment does not impact the current year's financial position or performance.

20 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	174	-
Trade creditors	79	259
Other creditors	6,222	3,338
Accruals and deferred income	8,825	8,587
	<u>15,300</u>	<u>12,184</u>

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21 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 March 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 March 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 28 February 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Mr A G Baum (Deceased)	58,890	-	-	(58,890)	-	-	-	-	-
Families in Need	-	3,230	(1,200)	1,205	3,235	1,715	-	-	4,950
Religious Fund	-	11,142	-	-	11,142	1,000	-	-	12,142
AMU	-	2,400	(2,000)	-	400	450	-	-	850
Covid Corona Fund	-	6,139	(9,600)	3,627	166	30	-	-	196
Ukraine Relief Fund	-	590	-	-	590	3,375	(6,700)	2,735	-
	<u>58,890</u>	<u>23,501</u>	<u>(12,800)</u>	<u>(54,058)</u>	<u>15,533</u>	<u>6,570</u>	<u>(6,700)</u>	<u>2,735</u>	<u>18,138</u>

In 2016 Mariapolis Ltd was authorised by a British citizen, living in Germany and member of Focolare, Arthur George Baum, to sell his flat and to keep the revenue as a restricted fund until his death. After his death the balance would be left as a legacy to Mariapolis Ltd. At the date of his death, the remaining balance of £58,890 was transferred from restricted funds to unrestricted funds.

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22 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Balance at 1 March 2022	Resources expended	Balance at 28 February 2023
	Balance at 1 March 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets Fund	1,679,895	577,052	(10,127)	15,674	2,262,494	(17,993)	2,244,501
	<u>1,679,895</u>	<u>577,052</u>	<u>(10,127)</u>	<u>15,674</u>	<u>2,262,494</u>	<u>(17,993)</u>	<u>2,244,501</u>

Tangible Fixed Assets Fund represents funds specifically relating to fixed assets directly used by the charity.

23 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 28 February 2023 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	372,040	1,624,501	-	1,996,541	2,031,836
Investments	381,179	620,000	-	1,001,179	1,472,454
Current assets/(liabilities)	858,471	-	15,403	873,874	507,698
	<u>1,611,690</u>	<u>2,244,501</u>	<u>15,403</u>	<u>3,871,594</u>	<u>4,011,988</u>

24 Events after the reporting date

On 14 April 2023, A suitable property was found and purchased in Willenhall (at a cost of £447,500) using the funds from the sale of the Liverpool property in 2021. In choosing the property, consultation was carried out with other community members, the wider focolare community and the regional Centre in Brussels. This property now functions as a community house for consecrated members and a meeting place for the wider focolare community.

In a significant development in September 2023, the Board of Trustees approved a formal request from the Spanish Focolare. The request was to convert a loan amounting to £179,369.30 (equivalent to 200,000 Euros) into a grant.

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25 Unrestricted funds

	General unrestricted funds £	Revaluation reserve £	Total £
Balance brought forward	1,633,622	100,339	1,733,961
Net movement in funds	(70,123)	(54,883)	(125,006)
	<u>1,563,499</u>	<u>45,456</u>	<u>1,608,955</u>

Revaluation reserve is the unrealised profit on the revaluation of the investment portfolio.

26 Related party transactions

Mariapolis Ltd is the name of the charity under which the world-wide Focolare Movement operates in Great Britain together with Focolare Trust.

Activities world-wide are coordinated by its global centre in Rome, Italy, under the names of the NGOs PAMOM and PAFOM. The Focolare's regional centre in Western Europe is based in Brussels and operates as an NGO under the name of Foyer de l'unité. Regular contributions are sent to these NGO's to sustain their activities. During the year contributions in the form of grants were given as follows:

PAMON - £50,000 2022 - £110,000)

International Covid Fund in Rome for Ukraine - £4,500

AMU Members in Need - £2,200

Foyer de l'Unité - £4,000

A substantial loan has been given to the Focolare community in Spain to help them finish the construction of their centre in Madrid. It will be reimbursed in yearly instalments. The construction has been completed and to date almost 70% of the loan has been reimbursed. Also a bridging loan of Euro 200,000 has been given to the Focolare community in Spain which needs to be paid back within a span of 3 years. As at 28 February 2023 the balance outstanding was amounted to £245,743 (2022-£276,232).

All Focolare / Mariapolis Ltd's activities in Great Britain are coordinated via the communities living in the three community houses where consecrated community members with religious vows dedicate their lives to the aims of the charity.

The upkeep of these community members is therefore a priority activity of the charity as without them none of the activities would be possible. The number of consecrated community members over this financial year varied between 14 and 18. During the year the upkeep costs amounted to £191,641 (2022 - £171,804).

27 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

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28 Cash generated from operations	2023	2022
	£	£
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(85,511)	427,579
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(798)	(864)
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(2,050)	(577,052)
Loss on disposal of investments	16,393	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	30,644	45,364
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	1,711	(22)
Decrease in debtors	29,660	40,050
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	3,116	(690)
Cash absorbed by operations	(6,835)	(65,635)

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Members Of Council	Francis Thomas Johnson Carlo Poggi Paul Anthony Gateshill Jan Morovic Mark John D'Arcy (Appointed 4 April 2022)
Chairman	Francis Thomas Johnson
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Charity number (England and Wales)	257912
Charity number (Scotland)	SC040066
Company number	00930265
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The Members of Council present their report and accounts for the year ended 28 February 2022. This report also represents the Trustees' Report which is required to be prepared by Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 and comply with the charity's Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

The Members of Council have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Structure, governance and management

The Focolare Movement is an international organisation which began in Italy in 1943 and is now active in all five continents. The general headquarters are in Rome, from which the worldwide regions are coordinated (operating through PAMOM for the men's section; and PAFOM for the women's section). The movement is divided into a number of 'regions' linked with the centre.

Worldwide regional centres have been set up allowing for a more local integration of all the activities. The zone of Great Britain (together with Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Benelux, France, Spain, Portugal and Malta) has its regional centre in Brussels. For the moment this regional centre operates under the same name as all the activities of the Focolare have been operating in Belgium, i.e. the 'Foyers de l' Unite' (number d ' identification: 5959/68; number d'entreprise: 0409.626.941). The possibility of setting up a separate Not for Profit Organisation is still under review.

The accounts accompanying this report are the accounts of the company which deals with the income and assets of the men's section of the Focolare Movement in the "zone" of Great Britain.

Mariapolis Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 8 April 1968. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission of England and Wales (257912) and the Scottish Charity Commission (SC040066).

The Members of Council, 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:

Francis Thomas Johnson
Carlo Poggi
Paul Anthony Gateshill
Jan Morovic
Mark John D'Arcy

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While Carlo Poggi continues to live and work with the Focolare community in Brussels, he periodically visits the community in Great Britain in order to continue helping with the management of affairs. He has therefore remained in place as a director of Mariapolis Limited.

In December 2021, David Hickey was asked, and accepted, to become a member of the council.

In September 2021 Mark D'Arcy, a member with a lifelong commitment to the aims of the charity (Mariapolis Ltd), moved to Welwyn Garden City to coordinate the work of the Charity in Great Britain. In April 2022 he was appointed as a director of Mariapolis Limited.

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as Members of the Council. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the number of the members of the Council shall not be less than three nor more than seven.

None of the Members of Council has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Members of Council are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The Directors and Secretary (Members of the Council) are chosen from among those who have a lifelong commitment to the aims of the charity (Mariapolis Ltd) locally in the United Kingdom and/or to the aims of the Focolare Movement world-wide. All members of the council are, therefore, already familiar with the practical work of the charity having been involved in its work for a number of years. Additional training is provided by working alongside existing members of the council for a period of time long enough to assure a smooth transfer of the responsibilities involved.

The Directors of the company are responsible for the charity's assets and activities. This Council meets at least three times per year, together with members responsible for the community houses and principal activities of the charity.

Connected charities

Many activities are planned and organised together with Focolare Trust, registered charity no 279072 which handles the income and assets of the Women's Section of the Focolare Movement in the same geographical 'zone' of Great Britain. We are also closely linked with the Focolare Movement headquarters in Rome which operates as a recognized ecclesial body (115/1966) under the name PAMOM (Pia Associazione Maschile Opera di Maria), and the regional centre in Brussels which operates under the name of 'Foyers de l'Unite' (number d'identification: 5959/68; number d'entreprise: 0409.626.941).

Risk management

The members of the council 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.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Policy is published on our website (www.focolare.org/gb). It follows the guidelines issues by Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service (CSAS), with whom we have an umbrella agreement.

The Focolare Community in Scotland is also committed to follow the RC Bishops' Conference's new Safeguarding in Manual 'In God's Image' and actively participate to safeguarding training and events organised by Glasgow RC Archdiocese's Safeguarding Office.

The Safeguarding Team in 2020-21 comprised five members, two Safeguarding officers:

Jane Evans (Safeguarding Officer)

Paul Gateshill (Safeguarding Officer)

and three additional members:

Claudia Melis (Administration)

Nicholas Innocent (Administration)

Anja Primbs (Administration)

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In March 2022 Paul Gateshill stepped down from his post as Safeguarding Officer and Nicholas Innocent was asked if he was willing to undertake the appointment process, which includes consulting the regional headquarters in Brussels. Following the appointment process, Nicholas Innocent was approved for the post of Safeguarding Officer.

Jane Evans participated the international conference for Focolare designated Safeguarding Officers in Castelgandolfo (Rome) in February 2022. This was organised by CO.BE.TU. (Commission for the Wellbeing and Safeguarding of Minors), the Focolare International central body for safeguarding. The purpose of the conference was to review the International Focolare Safeguarding Policy and share expertise and good practices.

The Safeguarding Policy for the Focolare In Great Britain is reviewed annually and is available at <https://www.focolare.org/gb/safeguarding>. This year's review takes into account changes to our policies on Online meetings and the appropriate use of media, as well as the developments in the Safeguarding Policy of the international Focolare Movement (available on the Focolare International website at <https://www.focolare.org/gb/safeguarding>).

The Safeguarding team monitors the process of and safe recruitment DBS/PVG checks for those who work with young people and vulnerable adults, maintains an advisory role for members of the Focolare movement, provides some training and pointers to access training resources, to ensure we maintain a safe environment for all people who come into contact with the Movement.

The two Safeguarding Officers respond to any safeguarding concerns, allegations and disclosures within the Focolare, ensuring all safeguarding allegations are reported to the appropriate bodies. They act autonomously from the leadership of the Focolare, while briefing the two delegates for GB with concerns that require changes to practice (with due regard to confidentiality).

Privacy Policy

A Privacy Policy Document has been set up to comply with the UK Data Protection Act 1998 and other applicable European data protection legislation.. See: <https://www.focolare.org/gb/privacy-2/>

The members of the council regularly examine other operational risks faced by the charity and continue to improve established systems to mitigate any significant risks.

Covid-19 impact

The Covid-19 pandemic has continued to have an impact on the charity's activities. Trustees do not expect this to result in material concerns over the charity's financial position or ongoing concern.

Online

During the last year meetings and larger events have continued to happen online, while, more recently, many events, such as the 5 "Local Mariapolis" events have been held in person. Many organisational meetings and interest groups continue to meet online to avoid travel costs and unnecessary use of fuel. This has facilitated increased participation in managing activities. Meetings continue to reach out to people from other countries.

Financial Impact

The members of the council review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis and are of the opinion that the level of reserves held, combined with the continual review of the controls over financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions.

The charity's finances have not been greatly affected by the pandemic.

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Objectives and activities

The Charity's principal aims as stated in the Memorandum of Association are:

- (i) the relief of poverty, sickness and old age;
- (ii) the advancement of education;
- (iii) the promotion of higher standards of moral life in the individual, the family and the community; and
- (iv) the advancement of religion.

To further these objectives the charity possesses properties and provides for the upkeep of vow-taking members of the Focolare Movement in Birmingham (Willenhall), London, Welwyn Garden City and Glasgow. It organizes courses and conferences under the name "Mariapolis", and publishes books and magazines under the name of "New City".

Objectives for the year

1. Work with young people, enabling them to build and sustain unity on personal, national, and international level.
2. To work with families to develop strong local communities.
3. To maintain and develop the dissemination of reading and other material for the advancement of the aims of the charity through "New City" magazines, books and other means.
4. To increase the profile of the Focolare movement in ecumenical and interfaith activities in Great Britain and in Europe.

The Members of Council have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Grant making policies

The Charity's grant making policy and procedures depend on decisions made in consultation with both the members responsible for the Movement in Britain and with those responsible for each local community house. Priority is given to furthering our own projects. Financial support is sometimes given to close relatives of community members who are in need. This help is given sensitively and to correspond to individual needs. With regards to objectives for overseas donations, contributions are made in consultations with headquarters in Rome (PAMOM). One can see a great variety of activities supported by communities of the Focolare Movement supported by PAMOM by visiting the Focolare Website www.focolare.org and especially the pages on social commitment: <http://www.focolare.org/en/all-opera/impegno-sociale/>

In this period of reporting 2021-2022:

A grant was requested through headquarters in Rome for the purchase of a Focolare Community house to help the Focolare Community in Tanzania. This was accepted and came to £61,416.65, including the sum of £324.00 paid to the Solicitor handling the purchase.

A total contribution of £9,600 collected from donations by Focolare members has been sent to the international covid fund in Rome.

A contribution of £2,000 was made to AMU for assistance to members in need in developing countries.

A contribution of £110,000 has been sent to our headquarters in Rome.

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Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The Focolare Movement in Great Britain has been engaged this year in implementing aspects of the global strategy and directives for the Movement across the world for the next six years, which emerged from the General Assembly of the Movement in February 2021.

In the community houses, 9 members covenanted all their income to the charity, and the other 3 members contributed voluntarily according to their personal circumstances. At regular intervals contributions are being sent to Rome for redistribution to poorer countries through the international Focolare Movement (PAMOM). A yearly contribution is made to the Focolare regional centre in Brussels of £4,000. Contributions continued to be received for AMU for 'Fraternity with Africa'. An appeal was made for donations to help those affected by the war in Ukraine and a special fund was created. Donations have continued to be received towards this.

As an international organization the charity has regular contacts with the general headquarters in Rome and other regions. As more connections have been established and relations and understand strengthened between people in the zones of Western Europe, more events (both online and in person) have been organised regionally.

The property in Willenhall continues to function as a community house while a suitable community house is being sought in the area.

Various improvements were undertaken in the community houses: in London the roof was retiled and flat rooves replaced; in Welwyn Garden City the trees were cut and decaying decking replaced and the flat rooves were replaced.

Young people

During the year 2021/2022, alongside online activities, more in person activities were organised.

During the weekend of 2 - 3 October 2021, a youth gathering was organised at the Focolare Centre in Welwyn Garden City as part of a wider Mariapolis meeting which was still organised via zoom.

Several young people took an active part in the COP26 conference in Glasgow from 1-12 November 2021. (see articles in New City Nov 2021, Jan 2022 and Feb 2022).

An Ecology Awareness event was organised in Malta, in July 2022 for 60 young adults from Great Britain, France and Malta. This was funded by the EU Erasmus Project.

A retreat was organised for a small group of young adults in the Centre for Unity in Welwyn Garden City in August 2022.

Also, this year a major programme for the youth was launched under the name "Dare to Care", which will engage young people over the coming years in a different major contemporary issue each year.

Teenagers

From 19 – 21 November 2021, meetings were held for teenagers in Glasgow, Liverpool and London, with online connections between these. Themes covered were care of the environment and dealing with moral issues.

Children

Activities for children between 4 and 10 have restarted in several places in Great Britain following the lifting of lockdown restrictions. Parents are often present to support the activities.

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Building Community

Following the lifting of lockdown restrictions, day meetings for communities have restarted. These same communities have collaborated in organising 5 “Local Mariapoli” events that have been held in person for larger groups (50 – 100).

Ecumenism

The weekly ecumenical prayer meeting continues via zoom and has an international participation. This remains online despite the lifting of Covid restrictions, to enable this wider participation.

In January 2022 a one day Ecumenical meeting of Church Leaders was held online with 16 Church Leaders participating from several different Churches.

New City magazine published many articles updating the readership on Ecumenical events and Ecumenical experiences locally and worldwide.

A few small groups of people have initiated online study sessions of the Ecumenical life within the Focolare Movement (called “Practical Ecumenism Groups”) with the aim of suggesting changes to our practice that will make it easier for members who are not Roman Catholic.

Two members in the Scotland are participating as guests in Synod of the Scottish Episcopalian church. Several members participated in the Churches Together Forum in Swanwick in March 2022.

The participation of non-Roman Catholic members in the Roman Catholic discussion process on Synodality resulted in rich exchanges and proposals being submitted to the international Focolare Synodal Committee.

Interfaith Experience

The Interfaith Study Group continues to meet every 6 weeks in Welwyn Garden City. The experience of regular sharing of life and belief between Christians and members of a Shi'a Muslim community has deepened understanding and friendships. The Dialogue group continues to hold meetings online where people listen to and discuss the experience of people from other religions.

Focolare collaborated with the Ahl Al Bait muslim community in organizing a forum for discussion with contributors at the COP26 conference in Glasgow in November 2021 and (see article in New City, January 2022).

The new Focolare Community houses that have been opened in Birmingham in 2021 are now actively establishing new relationships with other Faith communities there and collaborating with representatives of the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches already working with Interfaith Dialogue.

New City

New City magazine and the websites www.focolare.org.uk and www.newcity.co.uk are being continually improved and updated.

In the period Feb 2021 to May 2022, the following new titles were printed:

- “God in the Midst of the World” – Part 1 and Part 2;
- “Chiara Lubich to the Volunteers of God”;
- “Faith, Fire and Song” - The writings of Richard Rolle;
- “Soul Seasons” by Jim Deeds;
- “Doodlings & Doggerel” by David A. Campton;
- “The Incarnation of the Light” by Pasquale Foresi;
- “Words of Life” by Chiara Lubich;

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And the following titles were reprinted:

- "Making Peace" by Roberto Morozzo Della Rocca and
- "Essential Writings" by Chiara Lubich.

In total 27 titles are in preparation by New City to be printed over the coming years, among which 3 titles for the volunteers of the Focolare Movement.

And the following titles were reprinted:

- "Gym for the Soul",
- "New Horizons".

Focolare Centre for Unity

Following the lifting of Covid restrictions, there has been increased demand for use of the Centre both by outside groups (Police Tribunals, NHS planning groups, Methodist Youth Group) and Focolare groups.

The Centre was used to welcome Ukrainian refugees for a course in English language financed by the local Council.

Financial review

A summary of the year's results can be found on pages 15 - 16 of the attached accounts. For the year to 28 February 2022, the incoming resources of the charity amounted to £880,819 (2021 - £350,761), including £266,406 (2021 - £315,231) from voluntary income and £36,497 (2021 - £34,412) from incoming resources from charitable activities.

Total expenditure in the year was £453,193 (2021 - £284,118) including £186,656 (2021 - £52,416) for grants payments; £914 (2021 - £1,374) for provision of conferences; £73,260 (2021 - £58,535) for the publication of books and magazines; and £192,363 (2021 - £171,793) for support of members of the Movement.

After making appropriate enquiries, the members of the council have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

In 2016 Mariapolis Ltd was authorised by a British citizen, living in Germany and member of Focolare, Arthur George Baum, to sell his flat and to keep the revenue as a restricted fund until his death. After his death the balance would be left as a legacy to Mariapolis Ltd. At the date of his death, the remaining balance of £58,890 was transferred from restricted funds to unrestricted funds.

Reserves policy and financial position

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level of at least six month's expenditure. The Members of Council consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The company's reserves increased from £3,623,108 to £4,012,035. The net book value of fixed assets decreased from £2,098,810 to £2,031,836. The policy is to hold all assets in the form of residential property for direct use. Such assets are of fundamental importance to the charity; without the assets the charity would be unable to fulfil its charitable aims and objectives. The value of such assets, therefore, would not be easily realizable, if needed to meet future contingencies. To emphasize this point the net book value of these assets amounted to £1,642,494 has been set aside, by the directors, in a tangible fixed assets fund.

Whilst the policy is to hold all assets in the form of residential properties, during the year one property was sold for £607,707. It was agreed that a total of £620,000 will be designated to purchasing a new property and has been temporarily invested in shares until an appropriate property becomes available.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

Free reserves available to support the work of the members in the future are those shown on the balance sheet as unrestricted income funds and, at 28 February 2022, equate to £1,649,202. The directors are of the opinion that this level of free reserves is in line with the above policy.

In the opinion of the Members of Council, the current open market value of the charity's interests in land and buildings exceeds the book value by £3.6m.

Investments

On 21 May, following the sale of 14 Sinclair Drive in Liverpool, £250,000 was invested in Kames Ethical Cautious Managed B Acc and £250,000 in the ASI Multi-Manager Ethical Portfolio I Acc. Further investments totalling £180,000 were made in both of the above accounts during the year with a view to acquire a new property in Birmingham when an appropriate asset becomes available.

The market value of the investment portfolio has increased from £831,154 to £1,472,454.

Future plans

Following the decisions made in March 2020, the men's Focolare community is still in temporary rented accommodation in Willenhall. They are actively seeking suitable premises to move into permanently, in the Willenhall area. The women's Focolare community has taken up residence in Smethwick.

After further discussion with Focolare members, and in view of the new and unforeseen demands made on the men's Focolare community there (arrival of new members and a new understanding of the need for a community house in London), it was decided to continue to keep the men's community house in London open. Immediately following this decision, two further requests were received from community members seeking residence in London.

Following discussions with the Core Group and people responsible for the Focolare houses, the Trustees confirmed the following specific objectives for the coming year in keeping with our general aims:

- To continue supporting Focolare consecrated members in Great Britain, as well as our Focolare International Centres in Brussels and Rome.
- To continue prioritising our work with young people.
- To continue working for ecumenical and interreligious dialogue locally and abroad.
- To support people both in GB and abroad, who most suffered the effects of the Ukraine war.
- To invest in communications and in new creative ways to continue pursuing Focolare aims and activities.
- To continue reviewing our governance structure and sustainability, investing at the same time in greater accompaniment of Focolare communities, families and individual members.
- In particular to consult members on the sustainability of the Centre for Unity, and on new models for its continued success in the future.
- To continue supporting AMU and projects for international solidarity with the Focolare world-wide.

Auditor

A resolution proposing that George Arthur Limited be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the members.

In preparing this report, the members of the council have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the Members of Council 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.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING TRUSTEES' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

The directors' report was approved by the Board of Members Of Council.

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Frank Johnson

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Francis Thomas Johnson

Director

Dated: 17 November 2022

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

The Members of Council, who are also the directors of Mariapolis Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Members of Council to prepare financial statements 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 financial statements, the Members of Council 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 financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Members of Council 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 financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 trustees confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by section 418(3) of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware. They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
UNDER SECTION 449 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Mariapolis Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 28 February 2022 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).

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, and in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 28 February 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Members of Council have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MARIAPOLIS LIMITED (CONTINUED)
UNDER SECTION 449 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the directors' report; or
- sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Members of Council

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the Members of Council, 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 Members of Council 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 Members of Council 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 Members of Council 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

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

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.

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 Members of Council are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MARIAPOLIS LIMITED (CONTINUED)
UNDER SECTION 449 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

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Jane Rook

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Jane A Rook (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of George Arthur Limited Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditor

Suite 6b, Wentworth Lodge
Great North Road
Welwyn Garden City
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AL8 7SR

Dated: 17 November 2022

George Arthur Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

		Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds Designated	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds Designated	Restricted funds	Total
	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>									
Donations and legacies	4	244,105	-	23,501	267,606	315,231	-	-	315,231
Conference	3	(1,200)	-	-	(1,200)	130	-	-	130
New City and Publications	5	36,497	-	-	36,497	34,282	-	-	34,282
Investments	6	864	-	-	864	1,118	-	-	1,118
Other income	7	-	577,052	-	577,052	-	-	-	-
Total income		280,266	577,052	23,501	880,819	350,761	-	-	350,761
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
<u>Charitable activities</u>									
Donations and grants payable	8	173,855	-	12,800	186,655	52,416	-	-	52,416
Provision of retreats and conferences	8	914	-	-	914	1,374	-	-	1,374
Support of members of the Movement	8	182,236	10,127	-	192,363	156,188	15,605	-	171,793
New City and Publications	8	73,308	-	-	73,308	58,535	-	-	58,535
Total charitable expenditure		430,313	10,127	12,800	453,240	268,513	15,605	-	284,118
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(150,047)	566,925	10,701	427,579	82,248	(15,605)	-	66,643

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds Designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds Designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(150,047)	566,925	10,701	427,579	82,248	(15,605)	-	66,643
Gross transfers between funds		38,384	15,674	(54,058)	-	-	-	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		(111,663)	582,599	(43,357)	427,579	82,248	(15,605)	-	66,643
Other recognised gains and losses									
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	13	(38,699)	-	-	(38,699)	70,625	-	-	70,625
Net movement in funds		(150,362)	582,599	(43,357)	388,880	152,873	(15,605)	-	137,268
Fund balances at 1 March 2021		1,884,323	1,679,895	58,890	3,623,108	1,731,450	1,695,500	58,890	3,485,840
Fund balances at 28 February 2022		<u>1,733,961</u>	<u>2,262,494</u>	<u>15,533</u>	<u>4,011,988</u>	<u>1,884,323</u>	<u>1,679,895</u>	<u>58,890</u>	<u>3,623,108</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	2,031,836		2,098,810	
Investments	15	1,472,454		831,154	
		<u>3,504,290</u>		<u>2,929,964</u>	
Current assets					
Stocks	16	45,158		45,136	
Debtors falling due after one year	17	276,232		318,306	
Debtors falling due within one year	17	7,179		5,155	
Cash at bank and in hand		191,313		337,421	
		<u>519,882</u>		<u>706,018</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(12,184)		(12,874)	
Net current assets		<u>507,698</u>		<u>693,144</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>4,011,988</u>		<u>3,623,108</u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds	19	15,533		58,890	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	20	2,262,494		1,679,895	
General unrestricted funds	23	1,633,622		1,745,285	
Revaluation reserve	23	100,339		139,038	
		<u>3,996,455</u>		<u>3,564,218</u>	
		<u>4,011,988</u>		<u>3,623,108</u>	

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 28 February 2022, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

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 under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Members Of Council on 17 November 2022

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Francis Thomas Johnson
Trustee

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Paul Anthony Gateshill
Trustee

Company Registration No. 00930265

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	26		(65,635)		(37,017)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(6,200)		(27,314)	
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		604,864		2,246	
Repayment of investment loans and receivables		-		10,000	
Purchase of investments		(680,000)		(250,000)	
Interest received		864		1,118	
Net cash used in investing activities			(80,472)		(263,950)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(146,107)		(300,967)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			337,421		638,389
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			191,313		337,421

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Members of Council 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.

Estimated impairment of property and plant and equipment: The company tests annually whether the such assets have suffered any impairment, in accordance with the accounting policy stated in note 1.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

Mariapolis Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Unit 1, Polaris Centre, 41 Brownfields, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL7 1AN.

2.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). 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 financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of fixed asset investments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Members of Council have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Members of Council continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Members of Council in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity 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 charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

2.5 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

2.6 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.

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:

Land	No depreciation
Freehold and long leasehold buildings	1% on cost
Improvements to freehold properties	4% on cost
Plant and equipment	15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance

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.

Capital items under £250 are not capitalised in the accounts.

2.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

2.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

2.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2.11 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.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

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.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.12 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

3 Conference

	2022	Charitable Income Heading 2 2022	Total 2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Conference income	-	(1,200)	(1,200)	130

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Donations and gifts	13,199	23,501	36,700	37,158
Covenants received	230,906	-	230,906	278,073
	244,105	23,501	267,606	315,231
Donations and gifts				
Donation received	13,199	23,501	36,700	37,158
	13,199	23,501	36,700	37,158

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

5 New City and Publications

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
New City and Publications	22,147	23,194
Subscriptions received	13,775	10,534
Royalties received	575	554
	<u>36,497</u>	<u>34,282</u>

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Income from listed investments	864	545
Interest receivable	-	573
	<u>864</u>	<u>1,118</u>

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds Designated 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	<u>577,052</u>	<u>-</u>

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

8 Charitable activities

	Donations and grants payable	Provision of retreats and conferences	Support of members of the Movement	New City and Publications	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	-	-	10,127	35,237	45,364	36,010
Activities undertaken directly	-	914	171,804	15,237	187,955	166,733
Support costs	-	-	10,432	22,834	33,266	28,959
	-	914	192,363	73,308	266,585	231,702
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	186,655	-	-	-	186,655	52,416
	186,655	914	192,363	73,308	453,240	284,118
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds - general	173,855	914	182,236	73,308	430,313	268,513
Unrestricted funds - funds	-	-	10,127	-	10,127	15,605
Restricted funds	12,800	-	-	-	12,800	-
	186,655	914	192,363	73,308	453,240	284,118
For the year ended 28 February 2021						
Unrestricted funds - general	52,416	1,374	156,188	58,535		268,513
Unrestricted funds - funds	-	-	15,605	-		15,605
	52,416	1,374	171,793	58,535		284,118

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9 Grants payable

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Pia Associazione Maschile Opera di Maria (PAMOM)	110,000	30,027
Foyer de L'Unite	-	4,500
Focolare - Pakistan	-	2,286
Focolare Madagascar	-	10,147
International Covid Fund - Rome	9,600	-
Members in need in Developing Countries (AMU)	2,000	-
Focolare Community House Tanzania	61,417	-
	<u>183,017</u>	<u>46,960</u>
Grants to individuals	<u>3,638</u>	<u>5,456</u>
	<u><u>186,655</u></u>	<u><u>52,416</u></u>

10 Members Of Council

None of the Members of Council (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

The Members of the Council receive benefits attributable to the other members of the community.

11 Auditor's remuneration

The analysis of auditor's remuneration is as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fees for the company's annual accounts	<u>3,356</u>	<u>3,300</u>

12 Employees

There were no employees during the year (2021 - none).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more (2021 - none).

13 Revaluation of fixed assets

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments		
Revaluation of investments	<u>(38,699)</u>	<u>70,625</u>

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14 Tangible fixed assets

	Land Improvements to freehold properties		Plant and Motor vehicles equipment		Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 March 2021	2,171,676	113,426	123,884	41,527	2,450,513
Additions	-	-	-	6,200	6,200
Disposals	(22,009)	(34,742)	(74,242)	(1,500)	(132,493)
At 28 February 2022	2,149,667	78,684	49,642	46,227	2,324,220
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 March 2021	188,296	64,078	82,511	16,818	351,703
Depreciation charged in the year	10,748	3,147	3,136	7,502	24,533
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(10,674)	(18,803)	(53,775)	(600)	(83,852)
At 28 February 2022	188,370	48,422	31,872	23,720	292,384
Carrying amount					
At 28 February 2022	1,961,297	30,262	17,770	22,507	2,031,836
At 28 February 2021	1,983,380	49,348	41,373	24,709	2,098,810

The carrying value of land included in land and buildings comprises:

	2022 £	2021 £
Freehold	1,249,164	1,267,268
Long leasehold	712,133	716,112
	1,961,297	1,983,380

The directors are of the opinion that the land and buildings which are stated at cost of £2,149,667 in the balance sheet have a market value in excess of £3.6m.

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15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 March 2021	831,154
Additions	680,000
Valuation changes	(38,699)
At 28 February 2022	1,472,455
Carrying amount	
At 28 February 2022	1,472,455
At 28 February 2021	831,154

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments were revalued at market value at year end date. The historical cost of the listed investments as at 28 February 2022 was £1,386,247 (2021 - £706,247).

16 Stocks

	2022 £	2021 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	45,158	45,136

17 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	2,974	1,143
Other debtors	1,303	1,092
Prepayments and accrued income	2,902	2,920
	7,179	5,155
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	276,232	318,306
Total debtors	283,411	323,461

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17 Debtors

(Continued)

Included in debtors, there are two loans made to Focolare Spain totalling £276,232.41 of which £33,150.22 will be repaid in July 2022. The remaining balance will be repaid in 2023.

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	259	1,305
Other creditors	3,338	2,983
Accruals and deferred income	8,587	8,586
	<u>12,184</u>	<u>12,874</u>

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19 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 March 2020	Incoming resources	Balance at 1 March 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 28 February 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Mr A G Baum	58,890	-	58,890	-	-	(58,890)	-
Families in Need	-	-	-	3,230	(1,200)	1,205	3,235
Religious Fund	-	-	-	11,142	-	-	11,142
AMU	-	-	-	2,400	(2,000)	-	400
Covid Corona Fund	-	-	-	6,139	(9,600)	3,627	166
Ukraine Relief Fund	-	-	-	590	-	-	590
	<u>58,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,890</u>	<u>23,501</u>	<u>(12,800)</u>	<u>(54,058)</u>	<u>15,533</u>

In 2016 Mariapolis Ltd was authorised by a British citizen, living in Germany and member of Focolare, Arthur George Baum, to sell his flat and to keep the revenue as a restricted fund until his death. After his death the balance would be left as a legacy to Mariapolis Ltd. At the date of his death, the remaining balance of £58,890 was transferred from restricted funds to unrestricted funds.

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20 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds						
	Balance at 1 March 2020	Resources expended	Balance at 1 March 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 28 February 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets Fund	1,695,500	(15,605)	1,679,895	577,052	(10,127)	15,674	2,262,494
	<u>1,695,500</u>	<u>(15,605)</u>	<u>1,679,895</u>	<u>577,052</u>	<u>(10,127)</u>	<u>15,674</u>	<u>2,262,494</u>

Tangible Fixed Assets Fund represents funds specifically relating to fixed assets directly used by the charity.

21 Audit report information

The auditor's report was unqualified.

George Arthur Limited

**Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 28 February 2022 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	389,342	1,642,494	-	2,031,836	2,098,810
Investments	852,454	620,000	-	1,472,454	831,154
Current assets/(liabilities)	492,165	-	15,533	507,698	693,144
	<u>1,733,961</u>	<u>2,262,494</u>	<u>15,533</u>	<u>4,011,988</u>	<u>3,623,108</u>

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23 Unrestricted funds

	General unrestricted funds £	Revaluation reserve £	Total £
Balance brought forward	1,745,285	139,038	1,884,323
Net movement in funds	(111,663)	(38,699)	(150,362)
	<u>1,633,622</u>	<u>100,339</u>	<u>1,733,961</u>

Revaluation reserve is the unrealised profit on the revaluation of the investment portfolio.

24 Related party transactions

Mariapolis Ltd is the name of the charity under which the world-wide Focolare Movement operates in Great Britain together with Focolare Trust.

Activities world-wide are coordinated by its global centre in Rome, Italy, under the names of the NGOs PAMOM and PAFOM. The Focolare's regional centre in Western Europe is based in Brussels and operates as an NGO under the name of Foyer de l'unité. Regular contributions are sent to these NGO's to sustain their activities. During the year contributions in the form of grants were given as follows:

PAMON - £110,000 (2021 - £30,027)

International Covid Fund in Rome - £9,600

AMU Members in Need - £2,000

Zonal Centre in Brussels - £4,000

During the year A grant was requested through headquarters in Rome for the purchase of a Focolare Community house to help the Focolare Community in Tanzania. This was accepted and came to £61,416.65, including the sum of £324.00 paid to the Solicitor handling the purchase.

A substantial loan has been given to the Focolare community in Spain to help them finish the construction of their centre in Madrid. It will be reimbursed in yearly instalments. The construction has been completed and to date almost 60% of the loan has been reimbursed. Also a bridging loan of Euro 200,000 has been given to the Focolare community in Spain which needs to be paid back within a span of 3 years. As at 28 February 2022 the balance outstanding was amounted to £276,232 (2021-£318,305).

All Focolare / Mariapolis Ltd's activities in Great Britain are coordinated via the communities living in the three community houses where consecrated community members with religious vows dedicate their lives to the aims of the charity.

The upkeep of these community members is therefore a priority activity of the charity as without them none of the activities would be possible. The number of consecrated community members over this financial year varied between 14 and 18. During the year the upkeep costs amounted to £171,804 (2021 - £151,869).

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25 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

26 Cash generated from operations	2022	2021
	£	£
Surplus for the year	427,579	66,643
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(864)	(1,118)
(Gain)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(556,222)	1,099
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	24,534	34,911
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(22)	1,794
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	40,050	(141,240)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(690)	894
Cash absorbed by operations	(65,635)	(37,017)

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Accounts

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Members Of Council	Francis Thomas Johnson Carlo Poggi Paul Anthony Gateshill Jan Morovic	(Appointed 23 December 2020)
Chairman	Francis Thomas Johnson	
Secretary / Tresasurer	Rumold Van Geffen	
Charity number (England and Wales)	257912	
Charity number (Scotland)	SC040066	
Company number	00930265	
Principal address	Unit 1, Polaris Centre 41 Brownfields Welwyn Garden City Herts AL7 1AN	
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The Members of Council present their report and accounts for the year ended 28 February 2021. This report also represents the Trustees' Report which is required to be prepared by Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 and comply with the charity's Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

The Members of Council have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Structure, governance and management

The Focolare Movement is an international organisation which began in Italy in 1943 and is now active in all five continents. The general headquarters are in Rome and the movement is divided into a number of "zones" linked with the centre. The accounts accompanying this report are the accounts of the company which deals with the income and assets of the men's section of the Focolare Movement in the "zone" of Great Britain.

During the last 6 years the way of operation of the Focolare Movement has been under review. The various 'zones' of which Great Britain was one, are no longer being coordinated by the one centre in Rome (operating through PAMOM for the men's section; and PAFOM for the women's section), but worldwide regional centres have been set up allowing for a more local integration of all the activities. Great Britain, together with Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Benelux, France, Spain, Portugal and Malta, has its regional centre now in Brussels. For the moment this regional centre will operate under the same name as all the activities of the Focolare have been operating in Belgium, i.e. the 'Foyers de l' Unite' (number d'identification: 5959/68; number d'entreprise: 0409.626.941). The possibility of setting up a separate Not for Profit Organisation is still under review.

Mariapolis Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 8 April 1968. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission of England and Wales (257912) and the Scottish Charity Commission (SC040066).

The Members of Council, 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:

Francis Thomas Johnson
Carlo Poggi
Paul Anthony Gateshill
Jan Morovic

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As Carlo Poggi has become part of the Focolare community in Stockholm in Sweden during December 2019, a replacement procedure was under review and Jan Morovic had been added to the list of directors. However, Carlo Poggi has now taken up a position at the regional headquarters in Brussels and as such will continue to act as one of the directors of Mariapolis Ltd.

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as Members of the Council. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the number of the members of the Council shall not be less than three nor more than seven.

None of the Members of Council has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Members of Council are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The Directors and Secretary (Members of the Council) are chosen from among those who have a lifelong commitment to the aims of the charity (Mariapolis Ltd) locally in the United Kingdom and/or to the aims of the Focolare Movement world-wide. All members of the council are, therefore, already familiar with the practical work of the charity having been involved in its work for a number of years. Additional training is provided by working alongside existing members of the council for a period of time long enough to assure a smooth transfer of the responsibilities involved.

The Directors of the company are responsible for the charity's assets and activities. This Council meets at least three times per year, together with members responsible for the community houses and principal activities of the charity.

Connected charities

Many activities are planned and organised together with Focolare Trust, registered charity no 279072 which handles the income and assets of the Women's Section of the Focolare Movement in the same geographical 'zone' of Great Britain. We are also closely linked with the Focolare Movement headquarters in Rome which operates as a recognized ecclesial body (115/1966) under the name PAMOM (Pia Associazione Maschile Opera di Maria), and the regional centre in Brussels which operates under the name of 'Foyers de l'Unite' (number d'identification: 5959/68; number d'entreprise: 0409.626.941).

Risk management

The members of the council 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.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Policy is published on our website (www.focolare.org/gb). It follows the guidelines issues by Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service (CSAS), with whom we have an umbrella agreement.

The Focolare Community in Scotland is also committed to follow the RC Bishops' Conference's new Safeguarding in Manual 'In God's Image' and actively participate to safeguarding training and events organised by Glasgow RC Archdiocese's Safeguarding Office.

The Safeguarding Team in 2020-21 comprised five members: two Safeguarding officers, Jane Evans and Paul Gateshill, and three additional members, Anja Primbs, Claudia Melis and Nicholas Innocent.

Claudia Melis attended the international conference for Focolare designated Safeguarding Officers in Castelgandolfo (Rome) in March 2019. This was organised by CO.BE.TU. (Commission for the Wellbeing and Safeguarding of Minors), the Focolare International central body for safeguarding. The purpose of the conference was to review the International Focolare Safeguarding Policy and share expertise and good practices. Since then, the new policy has been published on the Focolare International website (www.focolare.org) and has brought about consistency among the Focolare communities across the world and new procedures, for example around the appointment of the Safeguarding Officers

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Eileen Ann Gavin was asked to move to Ireland in December 2019. She continued to offer her support for safeguarding matters until Lucy Williams was appointed as the new Safeguarding Officer in June 2020. During the last year Lucy Williams has been replaced by Jane Evans.

A new Safeguarding Team has now been formed, which includes: Jane Evans, Paul Gateshill, Claudia Melis, Nicholas Innocent and Anja Primbs.

The Safeguarding team takes on an advisory role for the youth workers and has provided them opportunities to access resources, training and support, to ensure we maintain a safe environment for all children and young people who come into contact with the Movement.

With the new format of hosting youth events online, due to Covid-19, it has supported the youth workers giving specific advice on safeguarding online, following CSAS guidance.

We continue to keep up to date with current good practice, safe recruitment (including DBS/PVG checks) and integrate safeguarding into our everyday way of relating to young people and vulnerable adults.

There is a Child Protection Policy in place which was revised and updated in September 2014.

Privacy Policy

A Privacy Policy Document has been set up to comply with the UK Data Protection Act 1998 and other applicable European data protection legislation.. See: <https://www.focolare.org/gb/privacy-2/>

The members of the council regularly examine other operational risks faced by the charity and continue to improve established systems to mitigate any significant risks.

Covid-19 impact

The Covid-19 pandemic which started at the end of the last financial year has certainly been the main area of concern for the Focolare Movement. It has, and will continue to have, an impact on the charity's activities. Despite this impact, the trustees have concluded that they do not expect material concerns to arise over the charity's financial position or ongoing concern.

Since lockdown started on 23rd March 2020, members and volunteers of the Movement have embraced the challenges of the pandemic and the even stronger need for friendship and connection. The existing Communication Team has been strengthened. They started a 'GB Newsletter' and all of our Focolare events moved to the virtual space using Zoom as our main platform. Some of the groups met more frequently, for example weekly instead of monthly. A monthly 'GB Link Up' via Zoom started in May 2020 to keep our members and volunteers connected, especially the loneliest. A network of technical helpers was formed to assist those who have no access or difficult access to technology. A new wider family dimension is being experienced, across GB, going beyond local and national boundaries and often the meetings opened out to people from other countries.

Financial Impact

The members of the council review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis and are of the opinion that the level of reserves held, combined with the continual review of the controls over financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions.

The charity's finances have not been greatly affected by the pandemic.

Donations have continued to be received towards the different projects.

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A special appeal was launched at the beginning of lockdown to all our members and volunteers to consider financial support for people in need in GB and, through our Focolare family, abroad. For this purpose, a committee was created to look at managing the donations which were received thank to the great generosity of many.

The committee comprises of five members, including a trustee of the Focolare Trust, and during lockdown met weekly. They liaised with the Focolare International Covid Committee in Rome, as well as the Western European Covid Committee in Brussels. While the restrictions of movement have been partly or mostly lifted, the committee decided to continue to meet on a monthly basis.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's principal aims as stated in the Memorandum of Association are:

- (i) the relief of poverty, sickness and old age;
- (ii) the advancement of education;
- (iii) the promotion of higher standards of moral life in the individual, the family and the community; and
- (iv) the advancement of religion.

To further these objectives the charity possesses properties and provides for the upkeep of vow-taking members of the Focolare Movement in Birmingham (Willenhall), London, Welwyn Garden City and Glasgow. It organizes courses and conferences under the name "Mariapolis", and publishes books and magazines under the name of "New City".

Objectives for the year

1. Work with young people, enabling them to build and sustain unity on personal, national, and international level.
2. To work with families to develop strong local communities.
3. To maintain and develop the dissemination of reading and other material for the advancement of the aims of the charity through "New City" magazines, books and other means.
4. To increase the profile of the Focolare movement in ecumenical and interfaith activities in Great Britain and in Europe.

The Members of Council have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Grant making policies

The Charity's grant making policy and procedures depend on decisions made in consultation with both the members responsible for the Movement in Britain and with those responsible for each local community house. Priority is given to furthering our own projects. Financial support is sometimes given to close relatives of community members who are in need. This help is given sensitively and to correspond to individual needs. With regards to objectives for overseas donations, contributions are made in consultations with headquarters in Rome (PAMOM). One can see a great variety of activities supported by communities of the Focolare Movement supported by PAMOM by visiting the Focolare Website www.focolare.org and especially the pages on social commitment: <http://www.focolare.org/en/all-opera/impegno-sociale/>

A substantial loan has been given to the Focolare community in Spain to help them finish the construction of their centre in Madrid. It will be reimbursed in yearly instalments. The construction has been completed and to date almost 40% of the loan has been reimbursed.

Also a bridging loan of Euro 200,000 has been given to the Focolare community in Spain which needs to be paid back within a span of 2 years.

Another bridging loan of £65,000 has been given to Focolare Trust which has been repaid in full.

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Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The elections and discernment process for the Focolare International General Assembly, planned for September 2020, then postponed to January 2021, have been held. The Assembly elected the new President and Co-President of the Focolare Movement and members of the International General Council. The Assembly also worked on the global strategy and directives for the Movement across the world for the next six years. (see New City March and April 2021)

In the community houses, 9 members covenanted all their income to the charity, and the other 3 members contributed voluntarily according to their personal circumstances. At regular intervals contributions are being sent to Rome for redistribution to poorer countries through the international Focolare Movement (PAMOM). A yearly contribution is made to the Focolare regional centre in Brussels of £4,000. Contributions continued to be received for AMU for 'Fraternity with Africa'.

As an international organization the charity has regular contacts with the general headquarters in Rome. There are events organized by the headquarters for children, young adults and adults in order to provide an international dimension to the work undertaken.

The community house in Liverpool was put on the market for sale during February 2021 and was sold in April of the same year. This in view of acquiring and opening a new community house in or around Birmingham. In the meantime a property is being rented in Willenhall.

Various improvements were undertaken in the community houses of London, Liverpool and Welwyn Garden City.

Young people

During the year 2020/2021 all youth activities at local, national (Scotland, England and Wales) and international level were organised via zoom. Only during the weekend of 2 - 3 October 2020 a first youth gathering was organised at the Focolare Centre in Welwyn Garden City as part of a wider Mariapolis meeting which was still organised via zoom.

The main project for the youth has been their participation in and activities for the United World Week (UWW) during the first week of May 2020 : "The 1000 events that made up this year's UWW came from over 100 countries in over 400 cities. It was the most global UWW ever." (see New City July 2020)

Also this year a major programme for the youth was launched under the name "Dare to Care", which will engage young people over the coming years in a different major contemporary issue each year.

Among the many things there is also an active contributing to the preparations for COP26 in Glasgow from 1-12 November 2021. (see New City Aug/Sept 2020)

As part of 'Dare to Care' In September 2020 an event on line was organised in the UK under the name "Wings for Peace 2020". (see New City November 2020)

Many of the Focolare youth also participated actively in the conference called by Pope Francis: The Economy of Francesco. It took place from 19-21 November 2020. (see New City January 2021)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING TRUSTEES' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Building Community

Relationships continue to grow with groups and local communities in Wales and in different parts of England and Scotland, for example in Glasgow, Leyland, Liverpool, Oxford, Falkirk, Plymouth, and other places.

However, over the period of 2020/2021 all these activities were restricted to 'zoom' meetings, and have only been taken up again with small scale meetings after lockdown restrictions were started to being lifted.

Ecumenism

Because of Covid restrictions, the weekly ecumenical prayer meeting at the Centre for Unity in Welwyn Garden City was being transmitted via zoom. This resulted in a much wider participation, where people linked up from as far away as the USA and Russia.

In April 2020 New City published a book about the ecumenical journey of Focolare founder Chiara Lubich called: My Ecumenical Journey.

Interfaith Experience

The Study Group which started in 2018 and comprises Christians from the Catholic and Anglican tradition and members of a Shi'a Muslim community has continued during lockdown via zoom. It is now a regular appointment. Approximately every 6 weeks members of both communities came together via zoom to share insights on a specific topic. The Anglican Bishop of Hertford, Michael Beasley has been participating on a regular basis. Only in September were we able to have our first face to face meeting again, which was held at the Centre for Unity in Welwyn Garden City.

New City

New City magazine and the websites www.focolare.org.uk and www.newcity.co.uk are being continually improved and updated.

In the reporting period the following new titles were printed: 'Prophet of Unity' by Maurizio Gentilini (a new biography of Chiara Lubich); 'My Ecumenical Journey' by Chiara Lubich; 'The Giant Christmas Pudding' by Cathy Beer; and a handbook for the Retrouvaille Movement.

And the following titles were reprinted: 'Gym for the Soul', 'New Horizons'.

In total 26 titles are in preparation by New City to be printed over the coming years, among which 3 titles for the volunteers of the Focolare Movement.

Focolare Centre for Unity

During this reporting year the Focolare Centre for Unity was mainly closed for activities because of Covid restrictions. However, the local and Hertfordshire police force continued to use it for specific meeting. It was also used by the NHS as a centre for Covid testing.

Chiara Lubich's Centenary Event

After the Centenary celebration of Chiara Lubich's birth, the foundress of the Focolare Movement, with nearly four hundred people on 18th January 2020 in the Elgar Concert Hall, University of Birmingham, all other activities planned for 2020 were cancelled because of the Covid restrictions. Also the centenary celebrations for the town of Welwyn Garden City planned to be held at the Centre for Unity have been cancelled.

Focolare activities in Scotland

All activities in Scotland have become virtual via 'zoom' over this reporting year.

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Financial review

A summary of the year's results can be found on pages 15 - 16 of the attached accounts. For the year to 28 February 2021, the incoming resources of the charity amounted to £350,761 (2020 - £372,087), including £315,231 (2020 - £315,194) from voluntary income and £34,412 (2020 - £53,660) from incoming resources from charitable activities.

Total expenditure in the year was £284,118 (2020 - £401,081) including £52,416 (2020 - £138,898) for grants payments; £1,374 (2020 - £23,293) for provision of conferences; £58,535 (2020 - £51,599) for the publication of books and magazines; and £171,793 (2020 - £187,291) for support of members of the Movement.

After making appropriate enquiries, the members of the council have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

In 2016 Mariapolis Ltd was authorised by a British citizen, living in Germany and member of Focolare, Arthur George Baum, to sell his flat and to keep the revenue as a restricted fund until his death. After his death the balance would be left as a legacy to Mariapolis Ltd. At the last accounting date of 28 Feb 2021 this fund amounted to £58,890. Arthur George Baum died on 4 February 2021. Awaiting the completion of the instructions of his Last Will and Testament, the restriction on this fund can possibly be lifted soon in the near future.

During the night of 14 to 15 May 2020 a fire broke out in the garage of our community house at 14 Sinclair Drive, Liverpool. All repair costs have been covered by the insurance.

Reserves policy and financial position

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level of at least six month's expenditure. The Members of Council consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The company's reserves increased from £3,485,840 to £3,623,108. The net book value of fixed assets decreased from £2,109,752 to £2,098,810. The policy is to hold all assets in the form of residential property for direct use. Such assets are of fundamental importance to the charity; without the assets the charity would be unable to fulfil its charitable aims and objectives. The value of such assets, therefore, would not be easily realizable, if needed to meet future contingencies. To emphasize this point the net book value of these assets amounted to £1,679,895 has been set aside, by the directors, in a tangible fixed assets fund.

Free reserves available to support the work of the members in the future are those shown on the balance sheet as unrestricted income funds and, at 28 February 2021, equate to £1,828,448. The directors are of the opinion that this level of free reserves is in line with the above policy.

In the opinion of the Members of Council, the current open market value of the charity's interests in land and buildings exceeds the book value by £4m.

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Investments

On 16 July a further £100,000 was invested in Kames Ethical Cautious Managed B Acc, and £150,000 in the ASI Multi-manager Ethical Portfolio. Further investments in the above accounts followed in April and May 2021 specially after the sales of the property of 14 Sinclair Drive in Liverpool in view of the acquisition of a new property in Birmingham in the not too far off future.

The market value of the investment portfolio increased from £510,528 to £831,154.

The Cash investment in the COIF Charities Deposit Fund was stopped and the balance sent to the General Mariapolis Ltd account on 12 November 2020 to be invested elsewhere.

Future plans 2021-22

In 2020-21 we have continued our discernment process regarding the community houses in Britain. In September 2019 through a conference call we asked our wider communities and all our volunteers to take up the challenge of where the Focolare houses should be and said that we would be consulting representatives of the different sections of the Movement and different local communities.

In March 2020, Catherine Burke and Henri-Louis Roche, Delegates for the Movement in Western Europe, came to stay in Welwyn Garden City and met all the men and women currently living in the Focolare houses.

The weekend focussed on the priorities and vision for the future. The following priorities were agreed:

- to support the Focolare houses
- children and young people
- dialogue – ecumenical and interfaith

Working on these priorities, the proposal was made that the women's Focolare house for the North, in Liverpool, should remain and be reinforced, but that the men's community house would move to Birmingham. The men's and women's Focolare houses in London should be suspended and the temporary women's Focolare project in Birmingham should become a permanent house. The women's Focolare in Glasgow would also remain. Up to today, the men's Focolare house in Liverpool and the Women's Focolare house in London have been closed. Temporary accommodation for the men has been found in Willenhall and for the women in Darlaston (both near Birmingham). The search continues for two permanent addresses in the Birmingham area not too far from each other.

At the time of writing, the men's community house in London is still open and being prepared for closing in the next few years.

Following discussions with the Core Group and people responsible for the Focolare houses, the Trustees confirmed the following specific objectives for the coming year in keeping with our general aims:

- To continue supporting Focolare consecrated members in Great Britain, as well as our Focolare International Centres in Brussels and Rome.
- To continue prioritising our work with young people.
- To continue working for ecumenical and interreligious dialogue locally and abroad.
- To support people who most suffered the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, both in GB and abroad.
- To invest in communications and in new creative ways to continue pursuing Focolare aims and activities during the pandemic.
- To continue reviewing our governance structure and sustainability, investing at the same time in greater accompaniment of Focolare communities, families and individual members. In particular to monitor the Centre for Unity's and New City's sustainability.
- To continue supporting AMU and projects for international solidarity with the Focolare world-wide.

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Auditor

A resolution proposing that George Arthur Limited be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the members.

In preparing this report, the members of the council have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the Members of Council 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 directors' report was approved by the Board of Members Of Council.

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Frank Johnson

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Francis Thomas Johnson

Director

Dated: 22 December 2021

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

The Members of Council, who are also the directors of Mariapolis Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Members of Council to prepare financial statements 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 financial statements, the Members of Council 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 financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Members of Council 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 financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 trustees confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by section 418(3) of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware. They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION ON UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

In relation to the financial statements which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the related notes:

- The Members of Council approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgments underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the charity will continue in operation.
- The Members of Council confirm that they have made available to George Arthur Limited, all the charity's accounting records and provided all the information necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.
- The Members of Council confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all transactions of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2021.

On behalf of the board

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Francis Thomas Johnson
Director

22 December 2021

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MARIAPOLIS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Mariapolis Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 28 February 2021 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).

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, and in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 28 February 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Members of Council have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MARIAPOLIS LIMITED

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the directors' report; or
- sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Members of Council

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the Members of Council, 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 Members of Council 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 Members of Council 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 Members of Council 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

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

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.

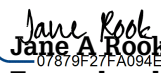
Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Members of Council are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF MARIAPOLIS LIMITED

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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 company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


Jane A Rook (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of George Arthur Limited Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditor

Suite 6b, Wentworth Lodge
Great North Road
Welwyn Garden City
Herts
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Dated: 22 December 2021

George Arthur Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
		funds	unrestricted	funds		funds	unrestricted	funds	
		2021	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020	2020
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>									
Donations and legacies	3	315,231	-	-	315,231	315,194	-	-	315,194
Conference	4	130	-	-	130	19,572	-	-	19,572
New City and Publications	5	34,282	-	-	34,282	34,088	-	-	34,088
Investments	6	1,118	-	-	1,118	3,233	-	-	3,233
Total income		350,761	-	-	350,761	372,087	-	-	372,087
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
<u>Charitable activities</u>									
Donations and grants payable	7	52,416	-	-	52,416	138,898	-	-	138,898
Provision of retreats and conferences	7	1,374	-	-	1,374	23,293	-	-	23,293
Support of members of the Movement	7	156,188	15,605	-	171,793	166,558	20,733	-	187,291
New City and Publications	7	58,535	-	-	58,535	51,599	-	-	51,599
Total charitable expenditure		268,513	15,605	-	284,118	380,348	20,733	-	401,081
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		82,248	(15,605)	-	66,643	(8,261)	(20,733)	-	(28,994)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
		funds	unrestricted	funds		funds	unrestricted	funds	
		2021	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020	2020
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>									
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		82,248	(15,605)	-	66,643	(8,261)	(20,733)	-	(28,994)
Other recognised gains and losses									
Revaluation of fixed assets	12	70,625	-	-	70,625	15,704	-	-	15,704
Net movement in funds		152,873	(15,605)	-	137,268	7,443	(20,733)	-	(13,290)
As originally reported		1,731,450	1,695,500	58,890	3,485,840	1,420,307	2,019,933	58,890	3,499,130
Prior year adjustment		-	-	-	-	303,700	(303,700)	-	-
Fund balances at 1 March 2020		1,731,450	1,695,500	58,890	3,485,840	1,724,007	1,716,233	58,890	3,499,130
Fund balances at 28 February 2021		1,884,323	1,679,895	58,890	3,623,108	1,731,450	1,695,500	58,890	3,485,840

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	2,098,810		2,109,752	
Investments	14	831,154		510,528	
		<u>2,929,964</u>		<u>2,620,280</u>	
Current assets					
Stocks	15	45,136		46,930	
Debtors	16	323,461		192,221	
Cash at bank and in hand		337,421		638,389	
		<u>706,018</u>		<u>877,540</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(12,874)		(11,980)	
Net current assets		<u>693,144</u>		<u>865,560</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,623,108</u>		<u>3,485,840</u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds	18	58,890		58,890	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	19	1,679,895		1,695,500	
General unrestricted funds	21	1,745,285		1,678,741	
Revaluation reserve	21	139,038		52,709	
		<u>3,564,218</u>		<u>3,426,950</u>	
		<u>3,623,108</u>		<u>3,485,840</u>	

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 28 February 2021, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

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 under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, 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.

The financial statements were approved by the Members Of Council on 22 December 2021

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Francis Thomas Johnson
Trustee

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Paul Anthony Gateshill
Trustee

Company Registration No. 00930265

MARIAPOLIS LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	24		(37,017)		(166,397)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(27,314)		(600)	
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		2,246		1,000	
Repayment of investment loans and receivables		10,000		(500)	
Purchase of investments		(250,000)		-	
Interest received		1,118		3,233	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(263,950)		3,133
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(300,967)		(163,264)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			638,389		801,650
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			337,421		638,389

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Members of Council 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.

Estimated impairment of property and plant and equipment: The company tests annually whether the such assets have suffered any impairment, in accordance with the accounting policy stated in note 1.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

Mariapolis Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Unit 1, Polaris Centre, 41 Brownfields, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL7 1AN.

2.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). 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 financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of fixed asset investments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Members of Council have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Members of Council continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Members of Council in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

2.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity 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 charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

2.5 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

2.6 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.

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:

Land	No depreciation
Freehold and long leasehold buildings	1% on cost
Improvements to freehold properties	4% on cost
Plant and equipment	15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance

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.

Capital items under £250 are not capitalised in the accounts.

2.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

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2.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

2.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2.11 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.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

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.

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Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

2.12 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021 £	2020 £
Donations and gifts	37,158	20,170
Covenants received	278,073	295,024
	<u>315,231</u>	<u>315,194</u>
Donations and gifts		
Donation received	37,158	20,170
	<u>37,158</u>	<u>20,170</u>

4 Conference

	2021 £	2020 £
Conference income	<u>130</u>	<u>19,572</u>

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5 New City and Publications

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
New City and Publications	23,194	21,565
Subscriptions received	10,534	11,589
Royalties received	554	934
New City and Publications	34,282	34,088

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Income from listed investments	545	355
Interest receivable	573	2,878
	1,118	3,233

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7 Charitable activities

	Donations and grants payable	Provision of retreats and conferences	Support of members of the Movement	New City and Publications	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	-	-	15,605	20,405	36,010	37,704
Activities undertaken directly	-	1,374	151,869	13,490	166,733	197,491
Support costs	-	-	4,319	24,640	28,959	26,988
	-	1,374	171,793	58,535	231,702	262,183
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	52,416	-	-	-	52,416	138,898
	52,416	1,374	171,793	58,535	284,118	401,081
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	52,416	1,374	156,188	58,535	268,513	380,348
Designated unrestricted funds	-	-	15,605	-	15,605	20,733
	52,416	1,374	171,793	58,535	284,118	401,081
For the year ended 29 February 2020						
Unrestricted funds	138,898	23,293	166,558	51,599		380,348
Designated unrestricted funds	-	-	20,733	-		20,733
	138,898	23,293	187,291	51,599		401,081

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8 Grants payable

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Pia Associazione Maschile Opera di Maria (PAMOM)	30,027	100,000
Foyer de L'Unite	4,500	4,000
Burkina Faso	-	33,197
Focolare - Pakistan	2,286	-
Focolare - Madagascar	10,147	-
	<u>46,960</u>	<u>137,197</u>
Grants to individuals	5,456	1,701
	<u>52,416</u>	<u>138,898</u>

9 Members Of Council

None of the Members of Council (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

The Members of the Council receive benefits attributable to the other members of the community.

10 Auditor's remuneration

The analysis of auditor's remuneration is as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees for the company's annual accounts	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,852</u>

11 Employees

There were no employees during the year (2020 - none).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more (2020 - none).

12 Revaluation of fixed assets

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments		
Revaluation of investments	<u>70,625</u>	<u>15,704</u>

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Land Improvements to freehold properties		Plant and Motor vehicles equipment		Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 March 2020	2,171,676	113,426	116,190	32,989	2,434,281
Additions	-	-	7,694	19,620	27,314
Disposals	-	-	-	(11,082)	(11,082)
At 28 February 2021	2,171,676	113,426	123,884	41,527	2,450,513
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 March 2020	173,459	59,541	75,210	16,320	324,530
Depreciation charged in the year	14,837	4,537	7,301	8,236	34,911
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	(7,738)	(7,738)
At 28 February 2021	188,296	64,078	82,511	16,818	351,703
Carrying amount					
At 28 February 2021	1,983,380	49,348	41,373	24,709	2,098,810
At 29 February 2020	1,998,217	53,885	40,980	16,670	2,109,752

The carrying value of land included in land and buildings comprises:

	2021 £	2020 £
Freehold	1,267,268	1,274,149
Long leasehold	716,112	724,068
	1,983,380	1,998,217

The directors are of the opinion that the land and buildings which are stated at cost of £2,171,676 in the balance sheet have a market value in excess of £4m.

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14 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 March 2020	510,528
Additions	250,000
Valuation changes	70,626
At 28 February 2021	831,154
Carrying amount	
At 28 February 2021	831,154
At 29 February 2020	510,528

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments were revalued at market value at year end date. The historical cost of the listed investments as at 28 February 2021 was £706,247 (2020 - £456,247).

15 Stocks

	2021 £	2020 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	45,136	46,930

16 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	1,143	3,564
Other debtors	1,092	11,334
Prepayments and accrued income	2,920	2,594
	5,155	17,492
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	318,306	174,729
Total debtors	323,461	192,221

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17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,305	2,396
Other creditors	2,983	3,176
Accruals and deferred income	8,586	6,408
	<u>12,874</u>	<u>11,980</u>

18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 March 2019	Incoming resources	Balance at 1 March 2020	Incoming resources	Balance at 28 February 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Mr A G Baum	58,890	-	58,890	-	58,890
	<u>58,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,890</u>

In 2016 Mariapolis Ltd was authorised by a British citizen, living in Germany and member of Focolare, Arthur George Baum, to sell his flat and to keep the revenue as a restricted fund until his death. After his death the balance would be left as a legacy to Mariapolis Ltd. At the last accounting date of 28 Feb 2021 this fund amounted to £58,890. Arthur George Baum died on 4 February 2021. Awaiting the completion of the instructions of his Last Will and Testament, the restriction on this fund can possibly be lifted soon in the near future.

19 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 March 2019	Resources expended	Balance at 1 March 2020	Resources expended	Balance at 28 February 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets Fund	1,716,233	(20,733)	1,695,500	(15,605)	1,679,895
	<u>1,716,233</u>	<u>(20,733)</u>	<u>1,695,500</u>	<u>(15,605)</u>	<u>1,679,895</u>

Tangible Fixed Assets Fund represents funds specifically relating to fixed assets directly used by the charity.

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20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 28 February 2021 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	418,915	1,679,895	-	2,098,810	2,109,752
Investments	831,154	-	-	831,154	510,528
Current assets/(liabilities)	634,254	-	58,890	693,144	865,560
	<u>1,884,323</u>	<u>1,679,895</u>	<u>58,890</u>	<u>3,623,108</u>	<u>3,485,840</u>

21 Unrestricted funds

	General unrestricted funds £	Revaluation reserve £	Total £
Balance brought forward	1,678,741	52,709	1,731,450
Transfer	(15,704)	15,704	-
	<u>1,663,037</u>	<u>68,413</u>	<u>1,731,450</u>
Net movement in funds	82,247	70,626	152,873
	<u>1,745,284</u>	<u>139,039</u>	<u>1,884,323</u>

Revaluation reserve is the unrealised profit on the revaluation of the investment portfolio.

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22 Related party transactions

Mariapolis Ltd is the name of the charity under which the world-wide Focolare Movement operates in Great Britain together with Focolare Trust.

Activities world-wide are coordinated by its global centre in Rome, Italy, under the names of the NGOs PAMOM and PAFOM. The Focolare's regional centre in Western Europe is based in Brussels and operates as an NGO under the name of Foyer de l'unité. Regular contributions are sent to these NGO's to sustain their activities. During the year contributions in the form of grants were given as follows:

PAMON - £30,027 (2020 - £100,000)

Foyer de l'unité - £ 4,500 (2020 - £4,000)

During the year Mariapolis Ltd was being asked to support a Focolare activity or project directly as was the case with the acquisitions of a new car for the Focolare activities in Madagascar amounted to £10,147.

A substantial loan has been given to the Focolare community in Spain to help them finish the construction of their centre in Madrid. It will be reimbursed in yearly instalments. The construction has been completed and to date almost 40% of the loan has been reimbursed. Also a bridging loan of Euro 200,000 has been given to the Focolare community in Spain which needs to be paid back within a span of 3 years. As at 28 February 2021 the balance outstanding was amounted to £318,305 (2020- £174,029).

Another bridging loan of £65,000 has been given to Focolare Trust which has been repaid in full.

All Focolare / Mariapolis Ltd's activities in Great Britain are coordinated via the communities living in the three community houses where consecrated community members with religious vows dedicate their lives to the aims of the charity.

The upkeep of these community members is therefore a priority activity of the charity as without them none of the activities would be possible. The number of consecrated community members over this financial year varied between 14 and 18. During the year the upkeep costs amounted to £151,869 (2020 - £160,399).

23 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

24 Cash generated from operations	2021	2020
	£	£
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	66,643	(28,994)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,118)	(3,233)
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	1,099	50
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	34,911	37,653
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in stocks	1,794	3,379
(Increase) in debtors	(141,240)	(172,978)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	894	(2,274)
Cash absorbed by operations	(37,017)	(166,397)