

**SOLENT SKY LIMITED**

**Directors' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 May 2023**

**Company No. 960329**

**SOLENT SKY LIMITED**

**Company Information**

**DIRECTORS:**

J G U Clark  
P D Dimmick  
A Jones  
Mrs KE Jones  
RAR Little

**SECRETARY:**

Mrs K E Jones

**REGISTERED OFFICE:**

Solent Sky  
Albert Road South  
Southampton  
Hampshire  
SO14 3FR

**COMPANY NUMBER:**

960329

**CHARITY NUMBER:**

262995

**ACCOUNTANTS:**

David Gamblin Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
71 The Hundred  
Romsey  
Hampshire  
SO41 8BZ

**BANKERS:**

National Westminster Bank Plc  
12 High Street  
Southampton  
Hampshire  
SO14 2BF

# SOLENT SKY LIMITED

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## **SOLENT SKY LIMITED**

### **Directors' Report on the Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 May 2023**

#### **Governance**

The company was incorporated on 15 August 1969, and is governed by memorandum and articles of association. It was also registered as a charity, number 262995. The company's working name is Solent Sky.

Three new persons have come forward to serve on the Board of Trustees. They all have something to offer and have experience in museum work. They will be appointed to the Board of Trustees shortly.

#### **Objectives, Achievement and Performance**

The principal activity of the company is to advance the education of the public in matters relating to aviation by the maintenance of a museum as a permanent memorial to R J Mitchell, the designer of the Schneider Trophy S6B Seaplane and the Spitfire and as a memorial to the 26 aircraft companies from the Solent area, plus other Southampton engineering heritage.

The directors, who are also the charity trustees, consider the state of affairs of the company to be satisfactory and that the level of funds held is sufficient to enable it to continue to meet its charitable objectives.

The main purpose of the charity is to keep the museum open for public viewing and to promote its educational opportunities. All other activities are directed towards raising funds to supplement the income from admission charges, the museum shop and obtaining new exhibits. The Trustees consider that they have considered the Charities Commission's published guidance on the public benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

A significant measure of achievement is 35 years uninterrupted opening to the public. As ever the company has operated on minimal finance, receiving no grants from local authorities but, as the museum now has international as well as national recognition as the authority on the aviation history it covers, this has given more scope for fund raising.

The company also continues to host on the site, exhibits and volunteers from the Hampshire Police and Hampshire Fire Authorities memorabilia. These were installed at the museum during 2017 and remain to be on display.

The lottery grant has helped to cover the increased display and information costs.

## SOLENT SKY LIMITED

### Directors' Report on the Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 May 2023

#### Directors and Directors' Interests

The directors who served during the year were:

J G U Clark  
P D Dimmick  
A Jones  
Mrs KE Jones  
R A R Little

The interest of the directors at the year end in the share capital of the company were as follows: -

£1 ordinary shares at  
beginning and end of period

J G U Clark	1
A Jones	1

The Companies House registered number is: - 960329  
The Charity registration number is: - 262995

The Charity operates from: - Albert Road South, Southampton, Hampshire. SO14 3FR,  
which is also the Charity's registered office.

#### Reserves

The directors are satisfied that the level of reserves maintained by the charity, of approximately three to six months of total expenditure, are sufficient to meet its needs.

The trustees consider that the balance sheet value does not correctly reflect the true asset value of the Company, which they consider to be nearer £2.5 million pounds, as there is a lease value, with 123 years to run and, museum exhibits and archives worth in excess of £2 million.

#### Risk Management Statement

The trustees are satisfied that the major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, are being reviewed, and systems are being established to mitigate those risks.

## SOLENT SKY LIMITED

### Directors' Report on the Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 May 2023

#### Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company at the end of the period and of its surplus or deficit for the period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to: -

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the statement of recommended practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and, in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the board on 27 February 2024, and signed on its behalf.



**J G U Clark**  
Director

**SOLENT SKY LIMITED**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS  
OF SOLENT SKY LIMITED**

We report on the Unaudited Financial Statements of the company for the year ended 31 May 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 16.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners**

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and, that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied ourselves that the company is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to: -

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act and,
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of Independent examiners' report**

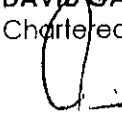
Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a full review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and, a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual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

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with the examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the method and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met, or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**DAVID GAMBLIN LIMITED**  
Chartered Accountants



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27.2.2024 Dated

**SOLENT SKY LIMITED**

**Unaudited Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 May 2023  
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Total 2023</u>	<u>Total 2022</u>
		£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3.1	68233	68233	212874
Generated funds	3.1	117026	117026	81817
Bank interest		869	869	35
Grants	3.1	37420	37420	-
Funds transferred	3.2	-	-	1185
<b>Total</b>		<b>223548</b>	<b>223548</b>	<b>295911</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Costs of generating funds				
Fundraising trading: costs of goods sold and other costs		1795	1795	6434
Charitable activities	4	222125	222125	195607
Governance costs	5	2900	2900	2800
<b>Total</b>		<b>226820</b>	<b>226820</b>	<b>204841</b>
<b>Net (deficit)/income for the year</b>		<b>( 3272)</b>	<b>( 3272)</b>	<b>91070</b>
Total funds at 31 May 2022		395617	395617	304547
Transferred		-	-	-
<b>Total funds at 31 May 2023</b>		<b>392345</b>	<b>392345</b>	<b>395617</b>

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

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.



**SOLENT SKY LIMITED**  
**Company No. 960329**

**Unaudited Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2023**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	9	£ 170574	£ 149182
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock	10	£ 23391	£ 9271
Debtors	11	984	647
Cash at bank and in hand		221035	253079
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		245410	262997
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<hr/> (23637) <hr/>	<hr/> (16560) <hr/>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<hr/> 221773 <hr/>	<hr/> 246437 <hr/>
<b>Net assets</b>		<hr/> £ 392347 <hr/>	<hr/> £ 395619 <hr/>
 <b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called-up share capital	13	£ 2	£ 2
Accumulated unrestricted funds	14	392345	395617
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<b>Total charitable funds</b>		<hr/> £ 392347 <hr/>	<hr/> £ 395619 <hr/>

**SOLENT SKY LIMITED**  
**Company No. 960329**

**Unaudited Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2023**

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of S.477 of the Companies Act 2006. Members have not required the company under S.476 of the Companies Act 2006, to obtain an audit for the year ended 31 May 2023. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with S.386 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 May 2023, and of its result for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies, subject to the small companies' regime and, in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The accounts were approved by the Board on the 27 February 2024, and signed on its behalf.



**J G U Clark**  
Director

## **SOLENT SKY LIMITED**

### **Notes to the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2023**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, the Financial Reporting Charities Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) Statement of recommended practice and, with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

##### **1.2 Change of accounting policy**

The accounts present a true and fair view and include the following changes to accounting policy: -

###### **Museum artefacts**

The directors have decided not to continue to depreciate the carrying value of the museum artefacts as shown in note 9. This reflects more accurately the value of these items. This has resulted in lower costs of £2910 in the 2023 accounts.

##### **1.3 Changes to accounting estimates**

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

##### **1.4 Material prior year errors**

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

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### Notes to the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2023

#### 1.5 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds: Funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. These are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds: Funds to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meet these criteria is charged to the fund.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised for ongoing use within the company, where the individual cost of the asset exceeds £200. Assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, less depreciation.

Depreciation is charged on tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Museum buildings	40 years straight line
Displays and equipment	15% reducing balance
Museum artefacts	Nil (from 2022)
Vehicles	15% reducing balance

#### 1.7 Stock

Stock is stated in the balance sheet at the lower of the cost and estimated sale price, less estimated costs to realise.

#### 1.8 Incoming resources

Donations are recognised as the gross amount when received, or on the date at which the company becomes absolutely entitled to it, if earlier. Admissions Income and shop sales are included, where applicable, net of value added tax. Grants are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they become receivable.

Advertising income is included at the time of invoice for the services, or receipt of monies if earlier.

#### 1.9 Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid recovered is considered as part of the original gift and is included in the same fund.

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### **Notes to the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2023**

#### **2.0 Debtors**

Debtors are measured at settlement amounts, less any provisions or impairments.

#### **2.1 Volunteer help**

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts. Volunteers generally provide their services for exhibit and building maintenance.

#### **2.2 Resources expended**

Resources expended have been wholly allocated to the relevant SOFA heading for expenditure as appropriate and have been recognised in the period in which they are incurred.

Costs of generating funds: These are costs incurred by the charitable company in raising funds for the charitable work.

Charitable activities: Resources expended on charitable activities comprise all the resources applied by the charity in undertaking its work to meet its charitable objectives.

Governance costs: Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the statutory requirements of the charity and include the accountancy fees.

#### **2.3 Creditors:**

Creditors: The Charity has creditors, which are measured at settlement amounts, less any trade discounts.

No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

#### **2.4 Going concern**

At the date of approval of these accounts, there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue to trade.

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**Notes to the unaudited financial statements  
for the year ended 31 May 2023**

<b>3.1</b>	<b>Voluntary income</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Donations and grants	105653	105653	212874

<b>Charitable activities:</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Admission fees	99977	99977	68811
Sale of goods	17049	17049	13006
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	117026	117026	81817
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**3.2 Funds transferred**

During the 2017 year, the Charity accommodated the collections of the Hampshire Police Authority and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority

No transfers were received during the 2023 year.

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>4 Expenditure – Other costs</b>			
Staff costs	83166	83166	78556
Premises costs	61884	61884	25197
Insurance	9801	9801	8118
Repairs, maintenance and equipment hire	11508	11508	27917
Office costs	43337	43337	41972
Finance costs	6896	6896	2829
Depreciation	5533	5533	11018
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	222125	222125	195607
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## Notes to the unaudited financial statements For the year ended 31 May 2023

<b>5</b>	<b>Governance costs</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	Accountancy and examination	2800	2800
	Independent examiner's fees	800	800
	Accountancy work	2000	2000
<b>6</b>	<b>Staff costs</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	Salaries and wages	£ 83166	£ 78556
	Employee's national Insurance	2525	2041
	Pension costs	230	338
	Total staff costs	£ 85921	£ 80935

The above payments were made to individuals for work done for the company.

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year were:

	<b><u>No.</u></b>	<b><u>No.</u></b>
Museum attendants	1	1
Part-time office staff	2	2
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period.

### **7 Pension contributions**

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme for its employees. Contributions are charged against profit as they become payable.

The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in a separately administered fund.

### **8 Taxation**

The company is registered as a charity under the Charities Act 2011 and no provision has been made for corporation tax on the understanding that any trading profits will be exempt.

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**Notes to the unaudited financial statements  
for the year ended 31 May 2023**

**9 Tangible fixed assets**

	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Museum Buildings</u>	<u>Displays &amp; equipment</u>	<u>Museum artefacts</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>COST</b>					
Brought forward	5939	191284	192724	116415	506362
Additions	-	17020	9905	-	26925
At 31 May 2023	5939	208304	202629	116415	533287
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
Brought forward	5593	141103	149550	60934	357180
Charge for the year	52	5481	-	-	5533
At 31 May 2023	5645	146584	149550	60934	362713
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 May 2023	294	61720	53079	55481	170574
At 31 May 2022	346	50181	43174	55481	149182

In the opinion of the directors, the current market value of the museum building and museum artefacts is significantly in excess of the net book values shown above.

<b>10 Stock</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Goods for resale - purchased	£ 23391	£ 9271
	£ 23391	£ 9271
<b>11 Debtors</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Sundry debtors	£ 337	£ -
Taxation	-	-
Prepayments	647	647
	£ 984	£ 647



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**Notes to the unaudited financial statements  
for the year ended 31 May 2023**

12	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u><b>2023</b></u>	<u><b>2022</b></u>
	Accruals	£ 2800	£ 2800
	Trade creditors	16207	7133
	Social security and other taxes	2687	2187
	Card	1943	4395
	Pension contributions	-	45
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		£ 23637	£ 16560
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13	<b>Called-up share capital</b>	<u><b>2023</b></u>	<u><b>2022</b></u>
	<b>Allotted, issued and fully paid:</b>		
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2
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**14 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<u><b>Unrestricted funds</b></u>	<u><b>Total 2023</b></u>	<u><b>Total 2022</b></u>
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	170574	170574	149182
Current assets	245410	245410	262997
Current liabilities	(23637)	(23637)	(16560)
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	392347	392347	395619
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## **SOLENT SKY LIMITED**

### **Notes to the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2023**

#### **15 Related party transactions**

Payments of £45960 (2022: £45960) were made to Retroplan Limited, a management company engaged for the day to day management of the museum. Mr A Jones is a director of Retroplan Limited.

Mr A Jones provides workshop accommodation, container storage and open storage for Solent Sky museums reserve collection. The service is provided for £7200 per year as a gesture at an amount which the Trustees believe is well below the commercial rate.

Mr A Jones also holds a £1 share in Solent Sky Limited but, cannot derive any financial benefit from this shareholding as it is barred by the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Mr JGU Clark holds a £1 share in Solent Sky Limited but, is restricted from receiving any financial benefit from this shareholding by the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### **16 Additional Information**

The company is a charitable company, limited by shares and, registered in England.

The registered number is: 960329

The registered office address is: Albert Road South  
Southampton  
Hampshire  
SO14 3FR