

STELLA'S VOICE

England & Wales · Charity number 276520

Details

Other names	NEW HOPE TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	01382673
Registered	1978-10-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: Protecting the vulnerable. A source of help & hope at home and abroad.

Classification

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

Geography

- Moldova
- Scotland
- Hampshire
- Portsmouth City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,677,406	£1,587,272	£897,448	42
2024-03-31	£1,441,031	£1,373,667	£807,314	41
2023-03-31	£1,217,215	£1,278,012	£739,950	38
2022-03-31	£1,072,851	£1,118,043	£639,888	38
2021-03-31	£953,707	£745,736	£685,080	26

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Ritchie Ross		2025-11-20
MARK MORGAN		2013-07-19
Robert Patrick Frawley		2024-10-09
Wayne Keeping		2016-07-28

Accounts

Registered number: 01382673
Charity numbers: SC040458 & 276520

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	Mr M Morgan Mr R Gillies (Resigned 16 July 2024) Mr W Keeping Rev B Paterson (Resigned 5 April 2024) Mrs A Spackman (Resigned 5 April 2024) Mr P Spackman (Resigned 5 April 2024) Mr R Frawley (Appointed 9 October 2024) David Ross (Appointed 20 November 2025)
Company registered number	01382673
Charity registered numbers	SC040458 and 276520
Registered office	Flat 1 Richards Terrace Aberdare Rhondda Cynon Taf CF44 0BB
Company secretary	Mark Morgan
Chief executive officer	Mark Morgan
Independent auditors	AAB Audit & Accountancy Limited Kingshill View Prime Four Business Park Kingswells Aberdeen AB15 8PU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102) 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)'.

Objectives and activities

Our Cause

The purpose of the charity as set out in our governing document is for the advancement of the Christian faith and other charitable purposes as the Trust shall from time to time determine.

The Board of Trustees have agreed an amendment to our charitable purposes that will better reflect our current activities. The new Aims and Objectives are:

Stella's Voice is a Christian organisation that works to support the vulnerable and be a source of help and hope at home and abroad.

Achievements and performance

The charity conducts a wide range of activities in the outworking of its charitable aims as detailed below. These activities provide benefit to our local communities in the various parts of the UK in which we are based and also to the causes overseas that we are involved in.

The continuing war in Ukraine

The ongoing impact of the war in Ukraine on Stella's Voice is not to be understated. We continue to send aid into Ukraine to support those who have been displaced internally. As the bombing and fighting continues in Ukraine, people continue to be forced from their homes have become ever more reliant on help from others.

The number of refugees from Ukraine coming to the UK is declining, but we continue to help those who come to us for help.

Our Story

Over the past couple of years our story has evolved. This has been driven by an alarming increase in poverty here in the UK. On almost every turn we are confronted by abject poverty and situations of real deprivation. We have seen over the past three years or so an alarming, significant increase in calls for help locally. This huge increase in calls for help has been a significant burden on us this past year as the output has increased significantly but the income has not risen as fast to meet the demand.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

United Kingdom

Charity Shops

The main charitable activity in the UK that supports our work relates to charity shops and large-scale reuse projects. There are now 3 retail locations and Stella's Voice works on the principal that every item, no matter how small, helps to change lives. Each store is fully stocked with donated items. Products are either sold to generate much needed funds or used directly in our humanitarian efforts. The shops adopt best practice on recycling and are recognised as such by their local authorities and communities. Stella's Voice is an ARC (Approved Reuse Centre).

We continue to improve many aspects of our shop infrastructure, making efficiency savings and utilising technology to maximise the funds generated through these shops.

We continue to work in contracts with the local councils as a supplier of re-use/second-hand goods supporting the homeless and victims of abuse.

Recycling

We are seeing significant challenges arising in the handling of donated items. Staffing costs and other costs have increased significantly, all while the quality of items donated continues to decline and the funds we are able to generate from these activities continues to fall. Combined with the rising waste costs it is becoming ever more difficult to keep these activities sustainable.

Community activities

We continue with our partnership to repair and reuse bicycles and help get them to those who are not in a position to purchase a bike. NESTRANS has continued to fund this work (for which we are extremely grateful). We collect bikes from several HWRC sites across Aberdeenshire.

As well as being a local employer, we also provide several placement opportunities, including people who are looking to get back into work, people with learning difficulties and social issues for example. We provide a safe environment for people to develop their existing skills, learn new skills and grow in confidence. All of this while they are engaged in meaningful work that is helping others in need. We continue to be a source of help and hope in our local communities, providing furniture, other household items and clothing, feeding and clothing the homeless and organising various community events throughout the year.

We continue to see growth in our work in partnership with some local supermarkets and third sector organisations with the distribution of food that is near its end of life to ensure as much need is met as possible and that waste is minimised. We also assist in the donation of goods to people in need across the areas where we are based. This can be anything from the supply of a few items of clothing to helping furnish a flat or house.

Technology/Digital

We continually look to learn and embrace digital technology where it can result in efficiency savings and expand our reach to potentially gain new supporters and donors. This is a never-ending cycle due to the constant changes in technology and a constant challenge due to financial constraints.

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New donors

In an ever-changing world with so many unprecedented challenges (Global inflation, economic downturn, geo-political factors and the impact of the war in Ukraine for example) retaining existing and gaining new donors continues to be challenging with so many needs competing for ever shrinking sources of income. We are continually looking for intuitive and creative ways to reach out to potential donors and develop a relationship that sees them become long-term supporters.

Volunteers

Volunteers continue to play a vital role in our work. This past year has seen huge challenges in recruiting new volunteers. Without volunteers, we simply could not continue all the work that we do. Their work is invaluable and is a key part in enabling the charity to fulfil its obligations. As we ever seek to increase our volunteer base, we also work with our volunteers where possible to train, develop and teach new skills which in turn become of greater benefit to the charity.

Financial review

Principal funding sources

The company's funding comes from its trading activities, grants and from donations in cash and kind from the general public in support of Stella's Voice relief work.

Reserves Policy

As at 31 March 2025, the charitable company has restricted reserves of £313,026 (2024 - £174,294) and unrestricted reserves of £584,422 (2024 - £633,020). The charitable company has deficit reserves of £34,553 (2024 - £37,384 deficit) after adding back the value of unrestricted fixed assets of £618,975 (2024 - £670,404). The directors constantly monitor this position and are always looking at steps to take to improve the financial base of the charity. They aim to evolve a specific reserves policy in time.

The directors also monitor the charity's cash position and operating results at each retail location. They are also reviewing costs and overheads to limit expenditure, ensuring the commitments to secured lenders and HMRC are met when they fall due.

Going concern

The directors are satisfied that the charity has sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due within the next 12 months.

Future plans

We continue to develop links and relationships to help feed and clothe the homeless and others in need of help and support.

We are exploring and developing opportunities with other organisations and individuals.

We thankfully continue to operate, continue to grow and of course continue to adapt to the ever-changing scenarios we find ourselves facing. We are still working towards our goals and fully expect to reach or even exceed them in terms of growth and results.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity with both the Charities Commission in England and Wales Charity No 276520 and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator in Scotland Charity No SC040458. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up each member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

The chief officer of the charitable company is responsible to the Board of Directors for the financial and overall management of the company.

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel's pay levels are reviewed by the board annually.

Mark Morgan – Chief Executive Officer
Wayne Keeping - Director of Operations

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M Morgan
Mr W Keeping

Recruitment and Appointment of Board Members

Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the directors, must retire each year, but a retiring director shall be eligible for re-election.

All new directors are selected with a view to ensuring that the board has an appropriate balance of experience and skills relevant to Stella's Voice strategic and operational requirements.

Directors' Induction and Training

New directors are fully briefed on the organisation by the Chief Executive Officer and meet with the senior staff as part of their induction. A comprehensive information pack is given to all new directors.

Risk Management

In the opinion of the directors, the major risk to the charitable company would be the withdrawal of public support for the charitable company's relief work. The lack of cash reserves is a concern, providing little in the way of a contingency fund against any unbudgeted expenditure however this is being monitored and managed by the directors.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Auditor

AAB were appointed as auditor to the company and a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mark Morgan

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Mr M Morgan
Trustee

Date: 22 December 2025

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Stella's Voice (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 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, Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to note 2.2 in the financial statements, which indicates that the charity's ability to operate as a going concern is dependent on meeting certain assumptions in its cashflow projections, including achieving a certain level of grant funding which has not yet been confirmed at the date of approval of these financial statements. As stated in note 2.2, these events or conditions, along with the other matters as set forth in note 2.2, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE (CONTINUED)

Opinion 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.
- 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 our 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 Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require 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 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Act 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 Auditors' 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 obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 2019. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities including fraud to be:

- Management override of controls to manipulate the charity's key performance indicators to meet targets
- Timing and completeness of income recognition
- Compliance with relevant laws and regulations which directly impact the financial statements and those that the charity needs to comply with for the purpose of trading

Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included:

- Testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness
- Evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business
- Reviewing judgements made by management in their calculation of accounting estimates for potential management bias
- Enquiries of management about litigation and claims and inspection of relevant correspondence
- Reviewing legal and professional fees to identify indications of actual or potential litigation, claims and any non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Testing a sample of income transactions to source documentation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE (CONTINUED)

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, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with 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 and trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' 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 its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Graeme Penman

Graeme Penman (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

AAB Audit & Accountancy Limited

Statutory Auditor

Kingshill View

Prime Four Business Park

Kingswells

Aberdeen

AB15 8PU

Date: 23 December 2025

AAB Audit & Accountancy Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

STELLA'S VOICE**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	162,955	475,601	638,556	584,006
Charitable activities	5	1,038,850	-	1,038,850	857,025
Total income		1,201,805	475,601	1,677,406	1,441,031
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	1,250,403	336,869	1,587,272	1,373,667
Total expenditure		1,250,403	336,869	1,587,272	1,373,667
Net movement in funds		(48,598)	138,732	90,134	67,364
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		633,020	174,294	807,314	739,950
Total funds carried forward		584,422	313,026	897,448	807,314

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

The notes on pages 15 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 01382673

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	896,555	829,533
Investment property	11	250,000	250,000
		<u>1,146,555</u>	<u>1,079,533</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	12	502	502
Debtors	13	100,789	116,081
Cash at bank and in hand		6,979	74,627
		<u>108,270</u>	<u>191,210</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(125,609)	(198,199)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>(17,339)</u>	<u>(6,989)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,129,216</u>	<u>1,072,544</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(231,768)	(265,230)
Total net assets		<u><u>897,448</u></u>	<u><u>807,314</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	17	313,026	174,294
Unrestricted funds	17	584,422	633,020
Total funds		<u><u>897,448</u></u>	<u><u>807,314</u></u>

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mark Morgan

Mr M Morgan
 Trustee
 Date: 22 December 2025

The notes on pages 15 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

STELLA'S VOICE**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	98,133	189,604
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(132,470)	(88,129)
Net cash used in investing activities	(132,470)	(88,129)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of bank loans	(33,311)	(31,927)
Net cash used in financing activities	(33,311)	(31,927)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(67,648)	69,548
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	74,627	5,079
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>6,979</u>	<u>74,627</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 31 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. General information

Stella's Voice is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and is a charity registered in both Scotland and England. The registered office is Flat 1 Richards Terrace, Aberdare, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Wales, CF44 0BB and the business address is Faith Acres, Inverugie, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, AB42 3DQ.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Stella's Voice meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

In arriving at this conclusion, the trustees have prepared cashflow projections to cover the period of 12 months from the approval of these financial statements. The projections prepared are underpinned by certain assumptions around trading conditions, the wider economic environment and availability of banking facilities which, while the trustees consider to be reasonable and prudent, will be required to materialise in order for the Charity to continue as a going concern. In particular the projections indicate that the charity is reliant on a certain level of grant funding which is yet to be secured, although it is considered to be likely by the trustees based on positive discussions with funders to date.

The trustees closely monitor the free reserves position of the Charity, and the Charity's cash position. After the year end, all liabilities are being met as they fall due and the trustees are confident, based on the projections prepared, that the Charity will be able to meet its liabilities for at least 12 months from the date of signing these accounts.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a straight line and reducing balance basis..

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property	-	2% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	-	20% Straight Line
Fixtures and fittings	-	15% Reducing Balance

2.6 Investment properties

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the Charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of financial activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.14 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****2. Accounting policies (continued)****2.15 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The trustees consider that the following critical estimates and judgements have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities.

The freehold building and the investment property values are estimated by the trustees based on a professional property valuation in 2017.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations				
Donations and gifts	47,071	-	47,071	20,165
Overseas and UK missions	115,884	4,742	120,626	194,018
Donations in kind	-	153,417	153,417	122,501
	<u>162,955</u>	<u>158,159</u>	<u>321,114</u>	<u>336,684</u>
Donations	-	6,000	6,000	-
Grants	-	311,442	311,442	247,322
	<u>162,955</u>	<u>475,601</u>	<u>638,556</u>	<u>584,006</u>
Total 2025				
Total 2024	<u>129,284</u>	<u>454,722</u>	<u>584,006</u>	

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Donations in kind relate to donated goods and services which were distributed to the Charity's beneficiaries without charge. A corresponding cost in relation to these items is included within expenditure on charitable activities (note 6).

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Recycling Income	24,992	24,992	51,197
Facilities rental income	5,280	5,280	5,280
Shop and barn income	1,008,578	1,008,578	800,548
	<u>1,038,850</u>	<u>1,038,850</u>	<u>857,025</u>
Total 2024	<u>857,025</u>	<u>857,025</u>	

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Charitable Activities	<u>948,164</u>	<u>639,108</u>	<u>1,587,272</u>	<u>1,373,667</u>
Total 2024	<u>795,436</u>	<u>578,231</u>	<u>1,373,667</u>	

In the prior year expenditure on charitable activities relating to unrestricted funds totalled £973,744 and and £399,923 related to restricted funds.

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	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	532,291	451,138
Depreciation	59,448	51,082
Rates and water	12,255	11,870
Heat & light	50,121	44,153
Sundries	3,350	33,210
Travelling	257	-
Shop supplies	7,577	8,015
Telephone	6,314	8,692
Motor expenses	49,640	56,961
Equipment leasing	5,791	6,335
Loss on sale of fixed assets	6,000	-
Other charitable expenditure	45,399	1,453
Donations in kind	167,521	122,527
Conferencing expenses	2,200	-
	<u>948,164</u>	<u>795,436</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	389,398	322,683
Insurance and heat & light	26,897	23,232
Travelling and vehicles expenses	4,280	3,701
Telephone	8,711	1,104
Bank charges	23,248	35,144
Advertising and office expenses	14,685	18,417
Bank interest	18,482	18,976
Rent and rates	76,446	71,343
IT and repairs & renewals	54,528	53,405
Governance costs	22,433	30,226
	<u>639,108</u>	<u>578,231</u>

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	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit of the Charity's annual accounts	14,800	14,600

8. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Employment costs		
Wages and salaries	847,141	712,021
Social security costs	54,017	49,561
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	20,531	12,239
	<u>921,689</u>	<u>773,821</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Administrative	<u>42</u>	<u>41</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	-

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, two trustees were remunerated in their capacity as European Director and Director of Operations with total remuneration of £110,022 (2024 - £105,714). There was no additional remuneration paid to trustees during the current or comparative year.

Payments made to trustees are allowed by provision in the charity's memorandum and articles of association.

		2025 £	2024 £
Mr M Morgan	Remuneration	60,341	58,219
	Pension contributions paid	1,321	1,321
Mr W Keeping	Remuneration	47,133	45,011
	Pension contributions paid	1,227	1,163

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

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	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Assets under construction £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 April 2024	550,000	210,965	335,278	131,000	1,227,243
Additions	78,621	-	53,849	-	132,470
Disposals	-	(9,000)	-	-	(9,000)
Transfers between classes	131,000	-	-	(131,000)	-
At 31 March 2025	759,621	201,965	389,127	-	1,350,713
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024	44,000	97,438	256,272	-	397,710
Charge for the year	13,751	33,173	12,524	-	59,448
On disposals	-	(3,000)	-	-	(3,000)
At 31 March 2025	57,751	127,611	268,796	-	454,158
Net book value					
At 31 March 2025	701,870	74,354	120,331	-	896,555
At 31 March 2024	506,000	113,527	79,006	131,000	829,533

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11. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2024	250,000
At 31 March 2025	<u>250,000</u>

The fair value of investment property at 31 March 2025 has been arrived at by the trustees on the basis of valuations carried out at 15 August 2017 by Graham & Sibbald who are independent professionally qualified valuers.

The trustees consider there to be no material change at 31 March 2025 from the 2017 valuation.

12. Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>502</u>	<u>502</u>

13. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	21,670	4,881
Other debtors	62,716	76,917
Prepayments	16,403	34,283
	<u>100,789</u>	<u>116,081</u>

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	2025 £	2024 £
Bank overdrafts	9,451	-
Bank loans	31,260	31,109
Other loans	1,776	1,776
Trade creditors	36,069	120,821
Other taxation and social security	13,095	11,675
Other creditors	7,555	2,896
Accruals and deferred income	26,403	29,922
	<u>125,609</u>	<u>198,199</u>

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans	226,144	257,830
Other loans	5,624	7,400
	<u>231,768</u>	<u>265,230</u>

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Between one and two years		
Bank loans	23,760	31,109
Other loans	1,776	1,776
	<u>25,536</u>	<u>32,885</u>
Between two and five years		
Bank loans	63,781	65,827
Other loans	3,848	5,624
	<u>67,629</u>	<u>71,451</u>
Over five years		
Bank loans	138,603	160,894
	<u>138,603</u>	<u>160,894</u>

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A Bank of Scotland (BOS) loan of £179,596 (2024: £194,785) was outstanding at the year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments with the final instalment falling due November 2033. Interest is charged at base rate plus 2.25% per annum.

A further BOS loan of £31,976 (2024: £35,117) was outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments with the final installment falling due in January 2033. Interest is charged at base rate plus 3.2% per annum.

A further BOS loan of £33,332 (2024: £36,564) was outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments with the final installment falling due in May 2033. Interest is charged at base rate plus 3.0% per annum.

A further BOS bounce back loan of £12,500 (2024: £22,500) was also outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments with the final instalment falling due in June 2026. Interest is charged at a fixed 2.5% per annum.

The BOS bank loans are secured by a standard security over Faith Acres, Peterhead and 210/212 King Street, Aberdeen.

An Energy Saving Trust loan of £7,400 (2024: £9,176) was outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly instalments with the final instalment falling due in May 2029. This is an interest free loan.

16. Financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	6,979	74,627

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise of cash at bank in hand.

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	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Funds	633,020	1,201,805	(1,250,403)	584,422
Restricted funds				
Food and Household Goods	-	100,264	(100,264)	-
Cycle Hub	151,629	289,034	(143,082)	297,581
Ukraine Appeal	15,165	74,675	(74,395)	15,445
Mini Bus	7,500	-	(7,500)	-
Community Learning Exchange	-	1,629	(1,629)	-
Poverty Alleviation Fund	-	9,999	(9,999)	-
	174,294	475,601	(336,869)	313,026
Total of funds				
	807,314	1,677,406	(1,587,272)	897,448

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****17. Statement of funds (continued)****Statement of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Funds	620,455	986,309	(973,744)	633,020
Restricted funds				
Moldova Activities	887	55,014	(55,901)	-
Electrical Van	4,832	-	(4,832)	-
Food and Household Goods	-	48,963	(48,963)	-
Cycle Hub	91,000	247,322	(186,693)	151,629
Ukraine Appeal	22,776	46,342	(53,953)	15,165
Mini Bus	-	9,000	(1,500)	7,500
Roof Repairs	-	48,081	(48,081)	-
	119,495	454,722	(399,923)	174,294
Total of funds	739,950	1,441,031	(1,373,667)	807,314

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

The Moldova Activities fund relates to proceeds raised through grants, appeals and donations in the form of monetary and non-monetary contributions. The income has been fully spent on activities over in Moldova in line with the charities objectives.

The Food and Household Goods fund relates to food, flowers and household goods that are received by Stella's Voice from local companies that are then distributed to those in need in the local community.

The Electrical Van funding was obtained to assist Stella's Voice with purchasing an electric van, that is used to carry out day to day activities to support the Charity.

The Ukraine appeal fund relates to the fundraising efforts for the support of Ukrainians refugees who have fled to Moldova following the outbreak of war.

The Cycle Hub fund represents amounts received for capital improvements to support in the creation of a Cycle Hub.

The Minibus fund represent amounts received to purchase a new minibus.

The Roof Repairs fund represents amounts secured to support Stella's Voice in undertaking necessary roof maintenance.

The Community Learning Exchange fund represents amounts secured to allow for team members to travel and learn best practice from other reuse organisations in Scotland.

The Poverty Aleviation fund represents amounts received to cover staff and vehicle costs supporting the donation and delivery of urgent help to those most in need across Aberdeenshire

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****18. Summary of funds****Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
General funds	633,020	1,201,805	(1,250,403)	584,422
Restricted funds	174,294	475,601	(336,869)	313,026
	<u>807,314</u>	<u>1,677,406</u>	<u>(1,587,272)</u>	<u>897,448</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
General funds	620,455	986,309	(973,744)	633,020
Restricted funds	119,495	454,722	(399,923)	174,294
	<u>739,950</u>	<u>1,441,031</u>	<u>(1,373,667)</u>	<u>807,314</u>

19. Analysis of net assets between funds**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	618,975	277,580	896,555
Investment property	250,000	-	250,000
Current assets	72,824	35,446	108,270
Creditors due within one year	(125,609)	-	(125,609)
Creditors due in more than one year	(231,768)	-	(231,768)
Total	<u>584,422</u>	<u>313,026</u>	<u>897,448</u>

STELLA'S VOICE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****19. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)****Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	670,404	159,129	829,533
Investment property	250,000	-	250,000
Current assets	176,045	15,165	191,210
Creditors due within one year	(198,199)	-	(198,199)
Creditors due in more than one year	(265,230)	-	(265,230)
Total	633,020	174,294	807,314

20. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	90,134	67,364
Adjustments for:		
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	6,000	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	59,448	51,082
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	15,292	60,312
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(72,741)	10,846
Net cash provided by operating activities	98,133	189,604

21. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash in hand	6,979	74,627
Total cash and cash equivalents	6,979	74,627

STELLA'S VOICE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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	At 1 April 2024	Cash flows	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	74,627	(67,648)	6,979
Bank overdrafts repayable on demand	-	(9,451)	(9,451)
Debt due within 1 year	(32,885)	(151)	(33,036)
Debt due after 1 year	(265,230)	33,462	(231,768)
	<u>(223,488)</u>	<u>(43,788)</u>	<u>(267,276)</u>

23. Capital commitments

	2025 £	2024 £
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements		
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>60,000</u>

24. Pension commitments

The Charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £15,567 (2024 - £12,239). Contributions totalling £7,555 (2024 - £2,896) were payable to the fund at the Balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2025 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	47,574	48,002
Between two and five years	110,539	82,278
	<u>158,113</u>	<u>130,280</u>

Amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities as an expense during the period in respect of operating lease arrangements were £52,210 (2024 - £51,382).

Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Trustees	Mr M Morgan Mr R Gillies (Resigned 16 July 2024) Mr W Keeping Rev B Paterson (Resigned 5 April 2024) Mrs A Spackman (Resigned 5 April 2024) Mr P Spackman (Resigned 5 April 2024) Mr R Frawley (Appointed 9 October 2024)
Company registered number	01382673
Charity registered numbers	SC040458 and 276520
Registered office	131 Chalton Lane Clanfield PO8 0RQ
Company secretary	Mark Morgan
Chief executive officer	Mark Morgan
Independent auditors	Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP Kingshill View Prime Four Business Park Kingswells Aberdeen AB15 8PU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102) 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)'.

Objectives and activities

Our Cause

The purpose of the charity as set out in our governing document is for the advancement of the Christian faith and other charitable purposes as the Trust shall from time to time determine.

Stella's Voice is a charity that is constantly evolving to respond to the greatest needs. We work to support the vulnerable and help protect them from the dangers of trafficking, abuse and the consequences of abject poverty. We also aim to be a leading source of help and hope in the areas where we operate. Stella's Voice delivers its charitable purpose through work both in the UK and overseas.

Achievements and performance

The charity conducts a wide range of activities in the outworking of its charitable aims as detailed below. These activities provide benefit to our local communities in the various parts of the UK in which we are based and also to the causes overseas that we are involved in.

The continuing war in Ukraine

The ongoing impact of the war in Ukraine on Stella's Voice is not to be understated. We continue to take aid into Ukraine to support those who have been displaced internally.

One of the most pressing needs is the alarming rise in children who have been orphaned as a result of the war. Most of our aid relief in Ukraine is presently focused on helping these orphans.

We continue to help increasing number of refugees from Ukraine here in the UK.

In the UK we continue to run appeals for aid to help Ukraine – both for those who end up in the UK as refugees and those displaced in Ukraine. This continues to have a profound impact on our workload and raises ongoing challenges such as a lack of space and facilities to deal with the increased volumes along with the extra manpower needed to process it all.

We have been able to increase our capacity by getting temporary use of warehouse space. This has proven challenging due to the constant changing from one temporary facility to the other. In partnership with local Councils and businesses, we are looking for more of a permanent solution.

Our Story

The vision for Stella's Voice began at the fall of communism when the media was first allowed into Eastern Europe and began showing the dire conditions of the state-run orphan homes. In response to the desperate need, our teams started taking aid to these homes.

We also watched young people age out of orphan homes and get put on the streets. One in particular-Stella-was exploited by human traffickers, sold, and eventually died from AIDS at 19 years old. The year was 1996, and the mission of Stella's Voice was birthed.

The principal European activities are based in Moldova. The legal structure in Moldova is delivered by a local not for profit organisation – Stella's Voice. The Moldovan entity operates 3 care homes as detailed below:

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Girls' Homes - 2 homes

Our 2 girls' homes are for orphan girls who have been aged out of state-run facilities and are prime targets for sex traffickers, those who want to trap them in modern slavery.

While living at our homes in Moldova, the girls complete their education, learn life skills, and grow in an environment that changes their mind-set, so instead of becoming a child trafficking statistic, these children are loved and given a chance at a victorious life.

Boys' Home - 1 home

Our boys' house is a home for orphan boys who have aged out of state-run facilities and are at risk to slavery in construction and other forced labour. While living here, the boys complete their education, learn life skills, and grow in an environment that changes their mind-set from 'I am just an orphan' to 'I am worthy of being loved'.

Many of the boys are relatives of the girls in our home. They use their gifts and talents to contribute to the upkeep of the home, and they often spend their weekends mentoring other children in orphanages.

Children's Home

Stella's Voice helps support a Children's Placement Centre (formerly an orphanage) where we had invested many years getting to know and love the children. This is not far from the orphanage where Stella, our inspiration and namesake, was raised.

Some of the work that we have done over the years includes replacing the roof, windows, heating system, water well, and plumbing. Before this work was carried out most of the children were living in unthinkable poverty. For many, this is the first place they've ever felt 'at home'.

Stella's Voice is extremely concerned about the poverty and plight of orphaned and destitute children across the world.

The aim of Stella's Voice in supporting the vulnerable dictates that those we help have the means eventually to support themselves, and never again to be in a position of vulnerability, where there is a danger of falling victim to trafficking, abuse, etc.

We have helped many people – of all ages over the years who have moved on to independent living, found employment and are no longer vulnerable to the dangers of trafficking, abuse, etc. This is what success looks like for Stella's Voice.

United Kingdom

Charity Shops

The main charitable activity in the UK that supports our work relates to charity shops and large-scale reuse projects. There are 6 retail locations in the UK and Stella's Voice works on the principal that every item, no matter how small, helps to change lives. Each store is fully stocked with donated items. Products are either sold to generate much needed funds or used directly in our humanitarian efforts. The shops adopt best practice on recycling and are recognised as such by their local authorities and communities. Stella's Voice is an ARC (Approved Reuse Centre), accredited across the whole of the UK.

We continue to improve many aspects of our shop infrastructure, making efficiency savings and utilising technology to maximise the funds generated through these shops.

Across the UK we continue to work in contracts with the local councils as a supplier of re-use/second-hand goods supporting the homeless, refugees and victims of abuse.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Recycling

We continue to see an increase in the volume handled through our recycling activities year on year. As a result, it gives a very positive return and contributes towards better environments in the communities in which we are based.

Community activities

We continue with our partnership to repair and reuse bicycles and help get them to those who are not in a position to purchase a bike. This CycleHub is a four-way partnership between NESTRAN, Angus Cycle Hub, The Bikery (run by Gordon Rural Action in Huntly) and ourselves. We now collect bikes from several HWRC sites across Aberdeenshire.

Our community Market Garden has seen a lot of development over the past year with a lot of different products grown and a few small orchard being planted. The aim is to develop a multi-faceted growing space that has learning and community involvement at its heart.

As well as being a local employer in the areas in which we are based across the UK, we also provide several placement opportunities, including people who are looking to get back into work, people with learning difficulties and social issues for example. We provide a safe environment for people to develop their existing skills, learn new skills and grow in confidence. All of this while they are engaged in meaningful work that is helping others in need. We continue to be a source of help and hope in our local communities, providing furniture, other household items and clothing, feeding and clothing the homeless and organising various community events throughout the year.

We continue to see growth in our work in partnership with some local supermarkets and third sector organisations with the distribution of food that is near its end of life to ensure as much need is met as possible and that waste is minimised. We also assist in the donation of goods to people in need across the areas where we are based. This can be anything from the supply of a few items of clothing to helping furnish a flat or house.

Technology/Digital

We continually look to learn and embrace digital technology where it can result in efficiency savings and expand our reach to potentially gain new supporters and donors. This is a never-ending cycle due to the constant changes in technology and a constant challenge due to financial constraints.

New donors

In an ever-changing world with so many unprecedented challenges (Global inflation and the impact of the war in Ukraine for example) retaining existing and gaining new donors is continuously challenging with so many needs competing for ever shrinking sources of income. We are continually looking for intuitive and creative ways to reach out to potential donors and develop a relationship that sees them become long-term supporters.

Volunteers

Volunteers continue to play a vital role in our work. Without volunteers, we simply could not continue all the work that we do. Their work is invaluable and is a key part in enabling the charity to fulfil its obligations. As we ever seek to increase our volunteer base, we also work with our volunteers where possible to train, develop and teach new skills which in turn become of greater benefit to the charity.

Financial review

Principal funding sources

The company's funding comes from its trading activities, grants and from donations in cash and kind from the general public in support of Stella's Voice relief work.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

As at 31 March 2024, the charitable company has restricted reserves of £174,294 (2023 - £119,495) and unrestricted reserves of £633,020 (2023 - £620,455). The charitable company has deficit reserves of £37,384 (2023 - £76,199 deficit) after adding back the value of unrestricted fixed assets of £670,404 (2023 - £696,654). The directors constantly monitor this position and are always looking at steps to take to improve the financial base of the charity. They aim to evolve a specific reserves policy in time.

The directors also monitor the charity's cash position and operating results at each retail location. They are also reviewing costs and overheads to limit expenditure, ensuring the commitments to secured lenders and HMRC are met when they fall due.

Future plans

We continue to develop links and relationships to help feed and clothe the homeless and others in need of help and support across the UK.

We are exploring and developing opportunities with other organisations and individuals in Moldova and in other countries who are working with vulnerable children and young people.

We thankfully continue to operate, continue to grow and of course continue to adapt to the ever-changing scenarios we find ourselves facing. We are still working towards our goals and fully expect to reach or even exceed them in terms of growth and results.

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity with both the Charities Commission in England and Wales Charity No 276520 and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator in Scotland Charity No SC040458. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up each member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

The Chief Officer of the charitable company is responsible to the Board of Directors for the financial and overall management of the company.

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel's pay levels are reviewed by the board annually.

Mark Morgan - European Director
Wayne Keeping - Director of Operations

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M Morgan
Mr W Keeping

Recruitment and Appointment of Board Members

Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the directors, must retire each year, but a retiring director shall be eligible for re-election.

All new directors are selected with a view to ensuring that the board has an appropriate balance of experience and skills relevant to Stella's Voice strategic and operational requirements.

The Board are actively looking to add to the number of Trustees, but are also taking time to ensure the right people are added.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Directors' Induction and Training

New directors are fully briefed on the organisation by the Chief Executive Officer and meet with the senior staff as part of their induction. A comprehensive information pack is given to all new directors.

Risk Management

In the opinion of the directors, the major risk to the charitable company would be the withdrawal of public support for the charitable company's relief work. The lack of cash reserves is a concern, providing little in the way of a contingency fund against any unbudgeted expenditure however this is being monitored and managed by the directors.

Auditor

AAB were appointed as auditor to the company and a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Mr M Morgan
Trustee

Date:

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr M Morgan
Trustee
Date:

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE

Opinion

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

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 charitable company'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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' 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.

Opinion 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.
- 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 our 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 Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require 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 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Act 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 Auditors' 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 obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 2019. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities including fraud to be:

- Management override of controls to manipulate the charity's key performance indicators to meet targets
- Timing and completeness of income recognition
- Compliance with relevant laws and regulations which directly impact the financial statements and those that the charity needs to comply with for the purpose of trading

Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included:

- Testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness
- Evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business
- Reviewing judgements made by management in their calculation of accounting estimates for potential management bias
- Enquiries of management about litigation and claims and inspection of relevant correspondence
- Reviewing legal and professional fees to identify indications of actual or potential litigation, claims and any non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Testing a sample of income transactions to source documentation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE (CONTINUED)

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, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with 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 and trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' 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 its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Graeme Penman (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP

Statutory Auditor

Kingshill View

Prime Four Business Park

Kingswells

Aberdeen

AB15 8PU

Date:

Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	129,284	454,722	584,006	536,483
Charitable activities	5	857,025	-	857,025	841,591
Total income		986,309	454,722	1,441,031	1,378,074
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	973,744	399,923	1,373,667	1,278,012
Total expenditure		973,744	399,923	1,373,667	1,278,012
Net movement in funds		12,565	54,799	67,364	100,062
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		620,455	119,495	739,950	639,888
Total funds carried forward		633,020	174,294	807,314	739,950

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

The notes on pages 15 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	829,533	792,486
Investment property	11	250,000	250,000
		<u>1,079,533</u>	<u>1,042,486</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	12	502	502
Debtors	13	116,081	176,393
Cash at bank and in hand		74,627	5,346
		<u>191,210</u>	<u>182,241</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(198,199)	(187,805)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>(6,989)</u>	<u>(5,564)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,072,544</u>	<u>1,036,922</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(265,230)	(296,972)
Total net assets		<u><u>807,314</u></u>	<u><u>739,950</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	17	174,294	119,495
Unrestricted funds	17	633,020	620,455
Total funds		<u><u>807,314</u></u>	<u><u>739,950</u></u>

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Mr M Morgan
Trustee
Date:

The notes on pages 15 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	189,604	83,023
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	-	96,750
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(88,129)	(283,341)
Net cash used in investing activities	(88,129)	(186,591)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of bank loans	(31,927)	(33,913)
Net cash used in financing activities	(31,927)	(33,913)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	69,548	(137,481)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	5,079	142,560
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>74,627</u>	<u>5,079</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 30 form part of these financial statements

STELLA'S VOICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. General information

Stella's Voice is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and is a charity registered in both Scotland and England. The registered office is 131 Chalton Lane, Clanfield, PO8 0RQ and the business address is Faith Acres, Inverugie, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, AB42 3DQ.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Stella's Voice meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees closely monitor the free reserves position of the Charity, and the Charity's cash position. After the year end, all liabilities are being met as they fall due and the trustees are confident, based on the current cash position of the Charity, that the Charity will be able to meet its liabilities for at least 12 months from the date of signing these accounts.

In addition, included in investment property is development land which the trustees intend to realise in the next few years to generate funds to finance the continuance of the Charity's activities.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a straight line and reducing balance basis..

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property	-	2% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	-	20% Straight Line
Fixtures and fittings	-	15% Reducing Balance

2.6 Investment properties

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the Charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of financial activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.14 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.15 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The trustees consider that the following critical estimates and judgements have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities.

The freehold building and the investment property values are estimated by the trustees based on a professional property valuation in 2017.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations				
Donations and gifts	20,165	-	20,165	49,741
Overseas and UK missions	109,119	84,899	194,018	152,418
Donations in kind	-	122,501	122,501	173,465
	<u>129,284</u>	<u>207,400</u>	<u>336,684</u>	<u>375,624</u>
Grants	-	247,322	247,322	160,859
Total 2024	<u>129,284</u>	<u>454,722</u>	<u>584,006</u>	<u>536,483</u>
Total 2023	<u>127,111</u>	<u>409,372</u>	<u>536,483</u>	

Donations in kind relate to donated goods and services which were distributed to the Charity's beneficiaries without charge. A corresponding cost in relation to these items is included within expenditure on charitable activities (note 6).

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5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Recycling Income	51,197	51,197	57,256
Facilities rental income	5,280	5,280	5,280
Shop and barn income	800,548	800,548	779,055
	<u>857,025</u>	<u>857,025</u>	<u>841,591</u>
Total 2023	<u>841,591</u>	<u>841,591</u>	

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Charitable Activities	<u>795,436</u>	<u>578,231</u>	<u>1,373,667</u>	<u>1,278,012</u>
Total 2023	<u>758,298</u>	<u>519,714</u>	<u>1,278,012</u>	

In the prior year expenditure on charitable activities relating to unrestricted funds totalled £967,215 and and £310,797 related to restricted funds.

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	451,138	393,649
Depreciation	51,082	37,291
Rates and water	11,870	9,220
Heat & light	44,153	37,955
Sundries	33,210	44,947
Shop supplies	8,015	7,965
Telephone	8,692	9,055
Motor expenses	56,961	59,218
Equipment leasing	6,335	3,154
(Gain)/Loss on sale of fixed assets	-	(17,621)
Other charitable expenditure	1,453	-
Donations in kind	122,527	173,465
	<u>795,436</u>	<u>758,298</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	322,683	281,564
Insurance and heat & light	23,232	20,214
Travelling and vehicles expenses	3,701	5,009
Telephone	1,104	10,396
Bank charges	35,144	10,743
Advertising and office expenses	18,417	14,486
Bank interest	18,976	14,188
Rent and rates	71,343	53,344
IT and repairs & renewals	53,405	73,576
Governance costs	30,226	36,194
	<u>578,231</u>	<u>519,714</u>

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7. Auditors' remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit of the Charity's annual accounts	14,600	14,300

8. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Employment costs		
Wages and salaries	712,021	623,219
Social security costs	49,561	42,156
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	12,239	9,838
	<u>773,821</u>	<u>675,213</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Administrative	<u>41</u>	<u>38</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, two trustees were remunerated in their capacity as European Director and Director of Operations with total remuneration of £105,714 (2023 - £93,371). There was no additional remuneration paid to trustees during the current or comparative year.

Payments made to trustees are allowed by provision in the charity's memorandum and articles of association.

		2024 £	2023 £
Mr M Morgan	Remuneration	58,219	50,274
	Pension contributions paid	1,321	1,230
Mr W Keeping	Remuneration	45,011	43,098
	Pension contributions paid	1,163	1,106

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Assets under construction £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 April 2023	550,000	183,465	314,649	91,000	1,139,114
Additions	-	27,500	20,629	40,000	88,129
At 31 March 2024	550,000	210,965	335,278	131,000	1,227,243
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2023	33,000	67,657	245,971	-	346,628
Charge for the year	11,000	29,781	10,301	-	51,082
At 31 March 2024	44,000	97,438	256,272	-	397,710
Net book value					
At 31 March 2024	506,000	113,527	79,006	131,000	829,533
At 31 March 2023	517,000	115,808	68,678	91,000	792,486

The fair value of freehold property at 31 March 2024 has been arrived at by the trustees on the basis of a valuation carried out at 15 August 2017 by Graham & Sibbald who are independent professionally qualified valuers. The trustees believe there is no material change at 31 March 2024 from the 2017 valuation. The valuation was arrived at by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties in their location and takes into account the current state of the market in the areas where the properties are situated.

The historical cost of the freehold land and buildings and the investment property in Note 11 is £808,076.

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11. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2023	250,000
At 31 March 2024	<u>250,000</u>

The fair value of investment property at 31 March 2024 has been arrived at by the trustees on the basis of valuations carried out at 15 August 2017 by Graham & Sibbald who are independent professionally qualified valuers.

The trustees consider there to be no material change at 31 March 2024 from the 2017 valuation.

12. Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>502</u>	<u>502</u>

13. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	4,881	97,915
Other debtors	76,917	55,031
Prepayments and accrued income	34,283	23,447
	<u>116,081</u>	<u>176,393</u>

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14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank overdrafts	-	267
Bank loans	31,109	31,294
Other loans	1,776	1,776
Trade creditors	120,821	116,396
Other taxation and social security	11,675	10,994
Other creditors	2,896	4,601
Accruals and deferred income	29,922	22,477
	<u>198,199</u>	<u>187,805</u>

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	257,830	287,795
Other loans	7,400	9,177
	<u>265,230</u>	<u>296,972</u>

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Between one and two years		
Bank loans	31,109	31,294
Other loans	1,776	1,776
	<u>32,885</u>	<u>33,070</u>
Between two and five years		
Bank loans	65,827	76,892
Other loans	5,624	7,401
	<u>71,451</u>	<u>84,293</u>
Over five years		
Bank loans	160,894	179,609
	<u>160,894</u>	<u>179,609</u>

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A Bank of Scotland (BOS) loan of £194,785 (2023: £208,941) was outstanding at the year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments with the final instalment falling due November 2033. Interest is charged at base rate plus 2.25% per annum.

A further BOS loan of £35,117 (2023: £38,014) was outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments with the final installment falling due in January 2033. Interest is charged at base rate plus 3.2% per annum.

A further BOS loan of £36,564 (2023: £39,635) was outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments with the final installment falling due in May 2033. Interest is charged at base rate plus 3.0% per annum.

A further BOS bounce back loan of £22,500 (2023: £32,500) was also outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments with the final instalment falling due in June 2026. Interest is charged at a fixed 2.5% per annum.

The BOS bank loans are secured by a standard security over Faith Acres, Peterhead and 210/212 King Street, Aberdeen.

An Energy Saving Trust loan of £9,176 (2023: £10,952) was outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly instalments with the final instalment falling due in May 2029. This is an interest free loan.

16. Financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	74,627	5,346

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise of cash at bank in hand.

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17. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Funds	620,455	986,309	(973,744)	633,020
Restricted funds				
Moldova Activities	887	55,014	(55,901)	-
Electrical Van	4,832	-	(4,832)	-
Food and Household Goods	-	48,963	(48,963)	-
Cycle Hub	91,000	247,322	(186,693)	151,629
Ukraine Appeal	22,776	46,342	(53,953)	15,165
Mini Bus	-	9,000	(1,500)	7,500
Roof Repairs	-	48,081	(48,081)	-
	119,495	454,722	(399,923)	174,294
Total of funds	739,950	1,441,031	(1,373,667)	807,314

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Funds	618,968	968,702	(967,215)	620,455
Restricted funds				
Moldova Activities	10,278	61,241	(70,632)	887
Kickstart	-	30,859	(30,859)	-
Electrical Van	10,642	-	(5,810)	4,832
Food and Household Goods	-	50,421	(50,421)	-
Cycle Hub	-	130,000	(39,000)	91,000
Ukraine Appeal	-	136,851	(114,075)	22,776
	20,920	409,372	(310,797)	119,495
Total of funds	639,888	1,378,074	(1,278,012)	739,950

The Moldova Activities fund relates to proceeds raised through grants, appeals and donations in the form of monetary and non-monetary contributions. The income has been fully spent on activities over in Moldova in line with the charities objectives.

The Food and Household Goods fund relates to food, flowers and household goods that are received by Stella's Voice from local companies that are then distributed to those in need in the local community.

The Kickstart fund relates to funding received for a Government scheme launched on the back of lockdown to try and get 16-24 year olds back into work as that age bracket had been disproportionately affected with job losses during lockdown. These costs were given to cover salary, training and startup costs for taking on these young individuals.

The Electrical Van funding was obtained to assist Stella's Voice with purchasing an electric van, that is used to carry out day to day activities to support the Charity.

The Ukraine appeal fund relates to the fundraising efforts for the support of Ukrainians refugees who have fled to Moldova following the outbreak of war.

The Cycle Hub fund represents amounts received for capital improvements to support in the creation of a Cycle Hub.

The Minibus fund represent amounts received to purchase a new minibus.

The Roof Repairs fund represents amounts secured to support Stella's Voice in undertaking necessary roof maintenance.

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18. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
General funds	620,455	986,309	(973,744)	633,020
Restricted funds	119,495	454,722	(399,923)	174,294
	<u>739,950</u>	<u>1,441,031</u>	<u>(1,373,667)</u>	<u>807,314</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General funds	618,968	968,702	(967,215)	620,455
Restricted funds	20,920	409,372	(310,797)	119,495
	<u>639,888</u>	<u>1,378,074</u>	<u>(1,278,012)</u>	<u>739,950</u>

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	670,404	159,129	829,533
Investment property	250,000	-	250,000
Current assets	176,045	15,165	191,210
Creditors due within one year	(198,199)	-	(198,199)
Creditors due in more than one year	(265,230)	-	(265,230)
Total	<u>633,020</u>	<u>174,294</u>	<u>807,314</u>

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19. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	696,654	95,832	792,486
Investment property	250,000	-	250,000
Current assets	158,578	23,663	182,241
Creditors due within one year	(187,805)	-	(187,805)
Creditors due in more than one year	(296,972)	-	(296,972)
Total	620,455	119,495	739,950

20. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	67,364	100,062
Adjustments for:		
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(17,621)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	51,082	37,291
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	60,312	(124,243)
Increase in creditors	10,846	87,534
Net cash provided by operating activities	189,604	83,023

21. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand	74,627	5,079
Total cash and cash equivalents	74,627	5,079

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22. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	5,346	69,281	74,627
Bank overdrafts repayable on demand	(267)	267	-
Debt due within 1 year	(33,070)	185	(32,885)
Debt due after 1 year	(296,972)	31,742	(265,230)
	<u>(324,963)</u>	<u>101,475</u>	<u>(223,488)</u>

23. Capital commitments

	2024 £	2023 £
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements		
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	<u>60,000</u>	<u>-</u>

24. Pension commitments

The Charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £12,239 (2023 - £9,838). Contributions totalling £2,896 (2023 - £NIL) were payable to the fund at the Balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2024 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	48,002	30,597
Between two and five years	82,278	11,836
	<u>130,280</u>	<u>42,433</u>

Amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities as an expense during the period in respect of operating lease arrangements were £51,382 (2023 - £36,227).

Accounts

Registered number: 01382673
Charity numbers: SC040458 & 276520

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Trustees	Mr M Morgan Mr R Gillies Mr W Keeping Rev B Paterson Mrs A Spackman Mr P Spackman
Company registered number	01382673
Charity registered numbers	SC040458 and 276520
Registered office	131 Chalton Lane Clanfield PO8 0RQ
Company secretary	Mark Morgan
Chief executive officer	Mark Morgan
Independent auditors	Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP Statutory Auditor Kingshill View Prime Four Business Park Kingswells Aberdeen AB15 8PU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102) 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)'.

Objectives and activities

Our Cause

The purpose of the charity as set out in our governing document is for the advancement of the Christian faith and other charitable purposes as the Trust shall from time to time determine.

Stella's Voice has evolved as a charity set up to protect the world's vulnerable from trafficking. We also aim to be a leading source of help and hope in the areas where we operate. Stella's Voice delivers its charitable purpose through work both in the UK and Europe.

Achievements and performance

The charity conducts a wide range of activities in the outworking of its charitable aims as detailed below. These activities provide benefit to our local communities in the various parts of the UK in which we are based and also to the causes overseas that we are involved in.

War in Ukraine

The impact of the war in Ukraine on Stella's Voice is not to be understated. We continue to have a live evacuation plan for everyone in our care in Moldova as there is still a real and continuing threat of invasion from Russia, even though the war is in its second year. We continue to support refugees from Ukraine at refugee centres in Moldova.

We have also helped an increasing number of refugees from Ukraine here in the UK.

We continue to take aid into Ukraine to support those who have been displaced internally, most recently Odessa, where many have fled from Kherson after the breaching of the dam which flooded the region.

In the UK we continue to run appeals for aid to help those fleeing Ukraine – both for those who end up in the UK as refugees and those who come to Moldova or are displaced internally in Ukraine. This continues to have a profound impact on our workload and raises ongoing challenges such as a lack of space and facilities to deal with the increased volumes along with the extra manpower needed to process it all.

We have been able to increase our capacity by getting temporary use of warehouse space. This has proven challenging due to the constant changing from one temporary facility to the other. In partnership with local Councils and businesses, we are looking for more of a permanent solution.

EUROPE

Our Story

The vision for Stella's Voice began at the fall of communism when the media was first allowed into Eastern Europe and began showing the dire conditions of the state-run orphan homes. In response to the desperate need, our teams started taking aid to these homes.

We also watched young people age out of orphan homes and get put on the streets. One in particular-Stella-was exploited by human traffickers, sold, and eventually died from AIDS at 19 years old. The year was 1996, and the mission of Stella's Voice was birthed.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The principal European activities are based in Moldova. The legal structure in Moldova is delivered by a local not for profit organisation – Stella's Voice. The Moldovan entity operates 3 care homes as detailed below:

Girls' Homes - 2 homes

Our 2 girls' homes are for orphan girls who have been aged out of state-run facilities and are prime targets for sex traffickers, those who want to trap them in modern slavery.

While living at our homes in Moldova, the girls complete their education, learn life skills, and grow in an environment that changes their mind-set, so instead of becoming a child trafficking statistic, these children are loved and given a chance at a victorious life.

Boys' Home - 1 home

Our boys' house is a home for orphan boys who have aged out of state-run facilities and are at risk to slavery in construction and other forced labour. While living here, the boys complete their education, learn life skills, and grow in an environment that changes their mind-set from 'I am just an orphan' to 'I am worthy of being loved'.

Many of the boys are relatives of the girls in our home. They use their gifts and talents to contribute to the upkeep of the home, and they often spend their weekends mentoring other children in orphanages.

Children's Home

Stella's Voice helps support a Children's Placement Centre (formerly an orphanage) where we had invested many years getting to know and love the children. This is not far from the orphanage where Stella, our inspiration and namesake, was raised.

Some of the work that we have done over the years includes replacing the roof, windows, heating system, water well, and plumbing. Before this work was carried out most of the children were living in unthinkable poverty. For many, this is the first place they've ever felt 'at home'.

Stella's Voice is extremely concerned about the poverty and plight of orphaned and destitute children in Moldova.

The aim of Stella's Voice in preventing trafficking dictates that those we help have the means eventually to support themselves, and never again to be in a position of vulnerability, where there is a danger of falling victim to trafficking.

We have seen many young people move on from Stella's Voice having completed their education and training. They have moved on to independent living, found employment and are not at risk of being trafficked anymore. This is what success looks like for Stella's Voice.

Since Covid we have been able to restart our annual Camp Program at the Children's Home. This usually results in a Christmas Program and a Summer Camp run over several days – both programs involve a lot of fun, teaching, learning and are supported with volunteers from the UK, USA and Canada.

UNITED KINGDOM

Charity Shops

The main charitable activity in the UK that supports the Moldova operation relates to charity shops. There are 5 retail locations in the UK and Stella's Voice works on the principal that every item, no matter how small, helps to change lives. Each store is fully stocked with donated items. Products are either sold to generate much needed funds or used directly in our humanitarian efforts. The shops adopt best practice on recycling and are recognised as such by their local authorities and communities. Stella's Voice has been awarded Revolve accreditations in Scotland (A Scotland only accreditation) and is ARC (Approved Reuse Centre), accredited across the whole of the UK.

We continue to improve many aspects of our shop infrastructure, making efficiency savings and utilising technology to maximise the funds generated through these shops.

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In Scotland we continue to work in a contract with the local council as a supplier of reuse/second-hand goods. In England we work with the County Council supplying furniture to the council team housing Afghanistan refugees.

Recycling

We continue to see an increase in the volume handled through our recycling activities year on year. As a result, it gives a very positive return and contributes towards better environments in the communities in which we are based.

Community activities

We have recently setup a new partnership to repair and reuse bicycles and help get them to those who are not in a position to purchase a bike. This CycleHub is a four-way partnership between NESTRAN, Angus Cycle Hub, The Bikery (run by Gordon Rural Action in Huntly) and ourselves. As part of the development of this project, we have been able to secure grants to add a new floor to our warehouse which will become the new base. We are also in the process of signing SLA's (Service Level Agreements) with Aberdeen City & Shire Councils to collect bikes from HWRC across the region.

Over the past year we have begun work on developing a community Market Garden at our site in Peterhead. The aim is to develop a multi-faceted growing space that has learning and community involvement at its heart.

As well as being a local employer in the areas in which we are based across the UK, we also provide several placement opportunities, including people who are looking to get back into work, people with learning difficulties and social issues for example. We provide a safe environment for people to develop their existing skills, learn new skills and grow in confidence. All of this while they are engaged in meaningful work that is helping others in need. We continue to be a source of help and hope in our local communities, providing furniture, other household items and clothing, feeding and clothing the homeless and organising various community events throughout the year.

We continue to see growth in our work in partnership with some local supermarkets and third sector organisations with the distribution of food that is near its end of life to ensure as much need is met as possible and that waste is minimised. We also assist in the donation of goods to people in need across the areas where we are based. This can be anything from the supply of a few items of clothing to helping furnish a flat or house.

Technology/Digital

We continually look to learn and embrace digital technology where it can result in efficiency savings and expand our reach to potentially gain new supporters and donors. This is a never-ending cycle due to the constant changes in technology and a constant challenge due to financial constraints.

New donors

In an ever-changing world with so many unprecedented challenges (Global inflation and the impact of the war in Ukraine for example) gaining new donors is continuously challenging with so many needs competing for ever shrinking sources of income. We are continually looking for intuitive and creative ways to reach out to potential donors and develop a relationship that sees them become long-term supporters.

Volunteers

Volunteers continue to play a vital role in our work, both in the UK and overseas. Without volunteers, we simply could not continue all the work that we do. Their work is invaluable and is a key part in enabling the charity to fulfil its obligations. As we ever seek to increase our volunteer base, we also work with our volunteers where possible to train, develop and teach new skills which in turn become of greater benefit to the charity.

Financial review

Principal funding sources

The company's funding comes from its trading activities, grants and from donations in cash and kind from the general public in support of Stella's Voice relief work.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Reserves policy

As at 31 March 2023, the charitable company has restricted reserves of £119,495 (2022 - £20,920) and unrestricted reserves of £620,455 (2022 - £618,968). The charitable company has deficit reserves of (£76,199) (2022 - £4,045) after adding back the value of unrestricted fixed assets of £696,654 (2022 - £614,923). The directors constantly monitor this position and are always looking at steps to take to improve the financial base of the charity. They aim to evolve a specific reserves policy in time.

The directors also monitor the charity's cash position and operating results at each retail location. They are also reviewing costs and overheads to limit expenditure, ensuring the commitments to secured lenders and HMRC are met when they fall due.

Going concern

The directors are satisfied that the charity has sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due within the next 12 months.

Future plans

We continue to develop links and relationships to help feed and clothe the homeless and others in need of help and support across the UK.

We are exploring and developing opportunities with other organisations and individuals in Moldova and in other countries who are working with vulnerable children and young people.

We thankfully continue to operate, continue to grow and of course continue to adapt to the ever-changing scenarios we find ourselves facing. We are still working towards our goals and fully expect to reach or even exceed them in terms of growth and results.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity with both the Charities Commission in England and Wales Charity No 276520 and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator in Scotland Charity No SC040458. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up each member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

The chief officer of the charitable company is the European Director who is responsible to the Board of Directors for the financial and overall management of the company.

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel's pay levels are reviewed by the board annually.

Mark Morgan - European Director

Wayne Keeping - Director of Operations

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M Morgan

Mr W Keeping

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Recruitment and Appointment of Board Members

Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the directors, must retire each year, but a retiring director shall be eligible for re-election.

All new directors are selected with a view to ensuring that the board has an appropriate balance of experience and skills relevant to Stella's Voice strategic and operational requirements.

Our Structure and relationship with other Stella Voice organisations globally

The UK charity donates funds and goods to promote the activities of the Moldovan legal entity Stella's Voice (Filial).

The three properties detailed above in Moldova are held in trust by the American charity Stella's Voice Inc. a non-profit organisation chartered under the laws of the State of Alabama. Stella's Voice (Filial) is a branch office of the US organisation as Stella's Voice Inc. is the founder of that new organisation. There are 2 US nationals appointed as officers locally who run the charity in Moldova on a day to day basis, together with the board of Stella's Voice (Filial).

Stella's Voice (Filial) in Moldova is an independent entity to Stella's Voice UK.

The directors of Stella's Voice UK are also the same people who sit on the board of Stella's Voice Inc. the US entity. Therefore, although two separate entities in their own right, they are governed by the same people on both boards.

The registered entity in Moldova is governed by its own Board. However, the Founder of the Moldovan entity is the USA organisation which can appoint/remove directors of the Moldovan entity at its discretion.

The charitable company's structure has been designed to ensure that the charitable company focuses on its mission and objectives and continues to finance its operations and obligations and that each entity has oversight of the activities in Moldova. However, each entity operates very differently in their respective locations. They all have a common purpose of raising some funds for Moldova; however, there are also wider local charitable purposes that are met. As a result of this the financial results of all the entities have not been consolidated as this would not be an accurate or useful reflection of the charities collective activities.

Directors' Induction and Training

New directors are fully briefed on the organisation by the European Director and meet with the senior staff as part of their induction. A comprehensive information pack is given to all new directors

Risk Management

In the opinion of the directors, the major risk to the charitable company would be the withdrawal of public support for the charitable company's relief work. The lack of cash reserves is a concern, providing little in the way of a contingency fund against any unbudgeted expenditure however this is being monitored and managed by the directors.

Auditor

AAB were appointed as auditor to the company and a resolution proposing that they be reappointed will be put at a General Meeting.

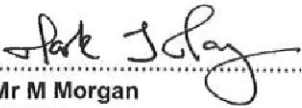
STELLA'S VOICE

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Disclosure of information to auditor

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees and signed on their behalf by:


.....
Mr M Morgan
Trustee

Date: 15/12/2023

STELLA'S VOICE

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Stella's Voice (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 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, Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 charitable company'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.

STELLA'S VOICE

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' 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.

Opinion 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.
- 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 our 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 Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require 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 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.

STELLA'S VOICE

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, Section 114 of the Charities Act 2011 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Act 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 Auditors' 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 obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 2019. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities including fraud to be:

- Management override of controls to manipulate the charity's key performance indicators to meet targets
- Timing and completeness of income recognition
- Compliance with relevant laws and regulations which directly impact the financial statements and those that the charity needs to comply with for the purpose of trading

Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included:

- Testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness
- Evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business
- Reviewing judgements made by management in their calculation of accounting estimates for potential management bias
- Enquiries of management about litigation and claims and inspection of relevant correspondence
- Reviewing legal and professional fees to identify indications of actual or potential litigation, claims and any non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Testing a sample of income transactions to source documentation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE (CONTINUED)

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, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with 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 and trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' 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 its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anderson Anderson and Brown Audit LLP

Graeme Penman (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP

Statutory Auditor

Kingshill View

Prime Four Business Park

Kingswells

Aberdeen

AB15 8PU

Date: *18 December 2023*

Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	127,111	409,372	536,483	392,856
Charitable activities	5	841,591	-	841,591	679,995
Total income		968,702	409,372	1,378,074	1,072,851
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	967,215	310,797	1,278,012	1,118,043
Total expenditure		967,215	310,797	1,278,012	1,118,043
Net movement in funds		1,487	98,575	100,062	(45,192)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		618,968	20,920	639,888	685,080
Total funds carried forward		620,455	119,495	739,950	639,888

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

The notes on pages 16 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

STELLA'S VOICE
REGISTERED NUMBER: 01382673

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	792,486	625,565
Investment property	11	250,000	250,000
		<u>1,042,486</u>	<u>875,565</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	12	502	502
Debtors	13	176,393	52,150
Cash at bank and in hand		5,346	142,560
		<u>182,241</u>	<u>195,212</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(187,805)	(102,701)
Net current liabilities / assets		<u>(5,564)</u>	<u>92,511</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,036,922</u>	<u>968,076</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(296,972)	(328,188)
Total net assets		<u><u>739,950</u></u>	<u><u>639,888</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	16	119,495	20,920
Unrestricted funds	16	620,455	618,968
Total funds		<u><u>739,950</u></u>	<u><u>639,888</u></u>

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Mr M Morgan
 Trustee
 Date: 15/12/2023

The notes on pages 16 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

STELLA'S VOICE

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	19	83,023	11,278
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets		96,750	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(283,341)	(43,787)
Net cash used in investing activities		(186,591)	(43,787)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds of new bank loans		-	14,273
Repayment of bank loans		(33,913)	(32,689)
Net cash used in financing activities		(33,913)	(18,416)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(137,481)	(50,925)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		142,560	193,485
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20	5,079	142,560

The notes on pages 16 to 31 form part of these financial statements

STELLA'S VOICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. General information

Stella's Voice is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and is a charity registered in both Scotland and England. The registered office is 131 Chalton Lane, Clanfield, PO8 0RQ and the business address is Faith Acres, Inverugie, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, AB42 3DQ.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Stella's Voice meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees closely monitor the free reserves position of the Charity, and the Charity's cash position. After the year end, all liabilities are being met as they fall due and the trustees are confident, based on the current cash position of the Charity, that the Charity will be able to meet its liabilities for at least 12 months from the date of signing these accounts.

In addition, included in investment property is development land which the trustees intend to realise in the next few years to generate funds to finance the continuance of the Charity's activities.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a straight line and reducing balance basis..

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property	-	2% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	-	20% Straight Line
Fixtures and fittings	-	15% Reducing Balance
Other fixed assets	-	

2.6 Investment properties

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the Charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of financial activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.14 Pensions

The Charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.15 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The trustees consider that the following critical estimates and judgements have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities.

The freehold building and the investment property values are estimated by the trustees based on a professional property valuation in 2017.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations				
Donations and gifts	49,741	-	49,741	8,189
Overseas and UK missions	77,370	75,048	152,418	116,774
Donations in kind	-	173,465	173,465	123,833
	<u>127,111</u>	<u>248,513</u>	<u>375,624</u>	<u>248,796</u>
Grants	-	160,859	160,859	144,060
	<u>127,111</u>	<u>409,372</u>	<u>536,483</u>	<u>392,856</u>
Total 2022	<u>99,269</u>	<u>293,587</u>	<u>392,856</u>	

Donations in kind relate to donated goods which were distributed to the Charity's beneficiaries without charge. A corresponding cost in relation to these items is included within expenditure on charitable activities (note 6).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2021 As restated £
Recycling Income	57,256	57,256	39,999
Facilities rental income	5,280	5,280	4,880
Shop and barn income	779,055	779,055	635,116
	<u>841,591</u>	<u>841,591</u>	<u>679,995</u>
Total 2022	<u>679,995</u>	<u>679,995</u>	

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Charitable Activities	<u>758,298</u>	<u>519,714</u>	<u>1,278,012</u>	<u>1,118,043</u>
Total 2022	<u>658,152</u>	<u>459,891</u>	<u>1,118,043</u>	

In the current year expenditure on charitable activities related to unrestricted funds totalled £876,215 (2022 - £845,376) and £401,797 (2022 - £272,667) related to restricted funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	393,649	358,442
Depreciation	37,291	28,812
Rates and water	9,220	4,911
Heat & light	37,955	22,084
Sundries	44,947	45,451
Shop supplies	7,965	9,219
Telephone	9,055	8,518
Motor expenses	59,218	46,691
Equipment leasing	3,154	10,018
Loss/(Gain) on sale of fixed assets	(17,621)	173
Donations in kind	173,465	123,833
	<u>758,298</u>	<u>658,152</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	281,564	256,381
Insurance and heat & light	20,214	16,322
Travelling and vehicles expenses	5,009	2,900
Telephone	10,396	13,220
Bank charges	10,743	8,845
Advertising and office expenses	14,486	11,533
Bank interest	14,188	8,464
Rent	53,344	44,805
IT and repairs & renewals	73,576	69,972
Governance costs	36,194	27,449
	<u>519,714</u>	<u>459,891</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7. Auditors' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit of the Charity's annual accounts	14,300	13,000

8. Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Employment costs		
Wages and salaries	623,219	573,154
Social security costs	42,156	27,514
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	9,838	14,155
	<u>675,213</u>	<u>614,823</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Administrative	38	38

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, two trustees were remunerated in their capacity as European Director and Director of Operations with total remuneration of £93,371 (2022 - £80,801). There was no additional remuneration paid to trustees during the current or comparative year.

Payments made to trustees are allowed by provision in the charity's memorandum and articles of association.

		2023 £	2022 £
Mr M Morgan	Remuneration	50,274	43,117
	Pension contributions paid	1,230	1,106
Mr W Keeping	Remuneration	43,098	37,683
	Pension contributions paid	1,106	943

During the year ended 31 March 2023, no trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Assets under construction £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 April 2022	550,000	135,668	297,878	-	983,546
Additions	-	175,570	16,771	91,000	283,341
Disposals	-	(127,773)	-	-	(127,773)
At 31 March 2023	550,000	183,465	314,649	91,000	1,139,114
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2022	22,000	99,875	236,106	-	357,981
Charge for the year	11,000	16,426	9,865	-	37,291
On disposals	-	(48,644)	-	-	(48,644)
At 31 March 2023	33,000	67,657	245,971	-	346,628
Net book value					
At 31 March 2023	517,000	115,808	68,678	91,000	792,486
At 31 March 2022	528,000	35,793	61,772	-	625,565

The fair value of freehold property at 31 March 2023 has been arrived at by the trustees on the basis of a valuation carried out at 15 August 2017 by Graham & Sibbald who are independent professionally qualified valuers. The trustees believe there is no material change at 31 March 2023 from the 2017 valuation. The valuation was arrived at by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties in their location and takes into account the current state of the market in the areas where the properties are situated.

The historical cost of the freehold land and buildings and the investment property in Note 11 is £808,076.

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11. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Fair Value	
At 1 April 2022	250,000
At 31 March 2023	<u>250,000</u>

The fair value of investment property at 31 March 2023 has been arrived at by the trustees on the basis of valuations carried out at 15 August 2017 by Graham & Sibbald who are independent professionally qualified valuers.

The trustees consider there to be no material change at 31 March 2023 from the 2017 valuation.

12. Stocks

	2023 £	2022 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>502</u>	<u>502</u>

13. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	97,915	3,056
Other debtors	55,031	24,168
Prepayments and accrued income	23,447	24,926
	<u>176,393</u>	<u>52,150</u>

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14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank overdrafts	267	-
Bank loans	31,294	33,991
Other loans	1,776	1,776
Trade creditors	116,396	36,731
Other taxation and social security	10,994	8,940
Other creditors	4,601	4,025
Accruals and deferred income	22,477	17,238
	<u>187,805</u>	<u>102,701</u>

Included within other creditors are amounts totalling £2,635 (2022 - £Nil) due to a trustee. The amounts due are not under a formal lending arrangement and no interest is charged on the balance.

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	287,795	317,236
Other loans	9,177	10,952
	<u>296,972</u>	<u>328,188</u>

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Between one and two years		
Bank loans	31,294	33,991
Other loans	1,776	1,776
	<u></u>	<u></u>
Between two and five years		
Bank loans	76,892	94,474
Other loans	7,401	5,328
	<u></u>	<u></u>
Over five years		
Bank loans	179,609	188,771
Other loans	-	3,848
	<u></u>	<u></u>

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A Bank of Scotland (BOS) loan of £208,941 (2022: £224,955) was outstanding at the year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments with the final instalment falling due November 2033. Interest is charged at base rate plus 2.25% per annum.

A further BOS loan of £38,014 (2022: £41,203) was outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments with the final installment falling due in January 2033. Interest is charged at base rate plus 3.2% per annum.

A further BOS loan of £39,635 (2022: £42,568) was outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments with the final installment falling due in May 2033. Interest is charged at base rate plus 3.0% per annum.

A further BOS bounce back loan of £32,500 (2022: £42,500) was also outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments with the final instalment falling due in June 2026. Interest is charged at a fixed 2.5% per annum.

The BOS bank loans are secured by a standard security over Faith Acres, Peterhead and 210/212 King Street, Aberdeen.

An Energy Saving Trust loan of £10,952 (2022: £12,728) was outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly instalments with the final instalment falling due in May 2029. This is an interest free loan.

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16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Funds	618,968	968,702	(967,215)	620,455
Restricted funds				
Moldova Activities	10,278	61,241	(70,632)	887
Kickstart	-	30,859	(30,859)	-
Electrical Van	10,642	-	(5,810)	4,832
Food and Household Goods	-	50,421	(50,421)	-
Aberdeenshire Council	-	130,000	(39,000)	91,000
Ukraine Appeal	-	136,851	(114,075)	22,776
	20,920	409,372	(310,797)	119,495
Total of funds	639,888	1,378,074	(1,278,012)	739,950

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Funds	685,080	779,264	(845,376)	618,968
Restricted funds				
Moldova Activities	-	138,159	(127,881)	10,278
Kickstart	-	82,901	(82,901)	-
Electrical Van	-	15,000	(4,358)	10,642
Lighting Works	-	6,117	(6,117)	-
The Ramp	-	3,539	(3,539)	-
Food and Household Goods	-	47,871	(47,871)	-
	-	293,587	(272,667)	20,920
Total of funds	685,080	1,072,851	(1,118,043)	639,888

The Moldova Activities fund relates to proceeds raised through grants, appeals and donations in the form of monetary and non-monetary contributions. The income has been fully spent on activities over in Moldova in line with the charities objectives.

The Food and Household Goods fund relates to food, flowers and household goods that are received by Stella's Voice from local companies that are then distributed to those in need in the local community.

The Kickstart fund relates to funding received for a Government scheme launched on the back of lockdown to try and get 16-24 year olds back into work as that age bracket had been disproportionately affected with job losses during lockdown. These costs were given to cover salary, training and startup costs for taking on these young individuals.

The Electrical Van funding was obtained to assist Stella's Voice with purchasing an electric van, that is used to carry out day to day activities to support the Charity.

The Ukraine appeal fund relates to the fundraising efforts for the support of Ukrainians refugees who have fled to Moldova following the outbreak of war.

The Aberdeenshire Council Fund represents amounts received for capital improvements to support in the creation of a cycle hub.

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17. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General funds	618,968	968,702	(967,215)	620,455
Restricted funds	20,920	409,372	(310,797)	119,495
	<u>639,888</u>	<u>1,378,074</u>	<u>(1,278,012)</u>	<u>739,950</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General funds	685,080	779,264	(845,376)	618,968
Restricted funds	-	293,587	(272,667)	20,920
	<u>685,080</u>	<u>1,072,851</u>	<u>(1,118,043)</u>	<u>639,888</u>

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	696,654	95,832	792,486
Investment property	250,000	-	250,000
Current assets	158,578	23,663	182,241
Creditors due within one year	(187,805)	-	(187,805)
Creditors due in more than one year	(296,972)	-	(296,972)
Total	<u>620,455</u>	<u>119,495</u>	<u>739,950</u>

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	614,923	10,642	625,565
Investment property	250,000	-	250,000
Current assets	184,934	10,278	195,212
Creditors due within one year	(102,701)	-	(102,701)
Creditors due in more than one year	(328,188)	-	(328,188)
Total	618,968	20,920	639,888

19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	100,062	(45,192)
Adjustments for:		
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(17,621)	173
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	37,291	28,812
Increase in debtors	(124,243)	(20,051)
Increase in creditors	87,534	47,536
Net cash provided by operating activities	83,023	11,278

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	5,079	142,560
Total cash and cash equivalents	5,079	142,560

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21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2022	Cash flows	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	142,560	(137,214)	5,346
Bank overdrafts repayable on demand	-	(267)	(267)
Debt due within 1 year	(35,767)	2,697	(33,070)
Debt due after 1 year	(328,188)	31,216	(296,972)
	<u>(221,395)</u>	<u>(103,568)</u>	<u>(324,963)</u>

22. Capital commitments

	2023 £	2022 £
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements		
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	-	69,500

23. Pension commitments

The Charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £9,838 (2022 - £14,155). Contributions totalling £NIL (2022 - £2,991) were payable to the fund at the Balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

24. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2023 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	30,597	32,926
Between two and five years	11,836	42,433
	<u>42,433</u>	<u>75,359</u>

Amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities as an expense during the period in respect of operating lease arrangements were £36,227 (2021 - £37,320)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Trustees	Mr M Morgan Mr R Gillies Mr W Keeping Rev B Paterson Mrs A Spackman Mr P Spackman
Company registered number	01382673
Charity registered numbers	SC040458 and 276520
Registered office	131 Chalton Lane Clanfield PO8 0RQ
Company secretary	Mark Morgan
Chief executive officer	Mark Morgan
Independent auditors	Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP Statutory Auditor Kingshill View Prime Four Business Park Kingswells Aberdeen AB15 8PU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102) 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)'.

Objectives and activities

Our Cause

The purpose of the charity as set out in our governing document is for the advancement of the Christian faith and other charitable purposes as the Trust shall from time to time determine.

Stella's Voice has evolved as a charity set up to protect the world's vulnerable from trafficking. We also aim to be a leading source of help and hope in the areas where we operate. Stella's Voice delivers its charitable purpose through work both in the UK and Europe.

Achievements and performance

The charity conducts a wide range of activities in the outworking of its charitable aims as detailed below. These activities provide benefit to our local communities in the various parts of the UK in which we are based and also to the causes overseas that we are involved in.

War in Ukraine

The impact of the war in Ukraine on Stella's Voice is not to be understated. We have had to put in place a live evacuation plan for everyone in our care in Moldova as there is a real and continuing threat of invasion from Russia. We have looked after refugees from Ukraine in our homes in Moldova since the start of Russia's invasion. This has meant adjustment, challenges, extra expenses, etc.

In the UK we have responded by running appeals to take aid to help those fleeing Ukraine – both for those who end up in the UK as refugees and those who come to Moldova. This has had a profound impact on our workload and raised several new challenges such as a lack of space and facilities to deal with the increased volumes along with the extra manpower needed to process it all.

EUROPE

Our Story

The vision for Stella's Voice began at the fall of communism when the media was first allowed into Eastern Europe and began showing the dire conditions of the state-run orphan homes. In response to the desperate need, our teams started taking aid to these homes.

We also watched young people age out of orphan homes and get put on the streets. One in particular-Stella-was exploited by human traffickers, sold, and eventually died from AIDS at 19 years old. The year was 1996, and the mission of Stella's Voice was birthed.

The principal European activities are based in Moldova. The legal structure in Moldova is delivered by a local not for profit organisation – Stella's Voice. The Moldovan entity operates 3 care homes as detailed below:

Girls' Homes - 2 homes

We call our girl's homes Stella's House, and they are homes for orphan girls who have been aged out of state-run facilities and are prime targets for sex traffickers, those who want to trap them in modern slavery.

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While living at Stella's House, the girls complete their education, learn life skills, and grow in an environment that changes their mind-set, so instead of becoming a child trafficking statistic, these children are loved and given a chance at a victorious life.

Boy's Home - 1 home

Our boys house is a home for orphan boys who have aged out of state-run facilities and are at risk to slavery in construction and other forced labour. While living here, the boys complete their education, learn life skills, and grow in an environment that changes their mind-set from 'I am just an orphan' to 'I am worthy of being loved'.

Many of the boys are relatives of the girls at Stella's House. They use their gifts and talents to contribute to the upkeep of the home, and they often spend their weekends mentoring other children in orphanages.

Children's Home

Stella's Voice helps support a Children's Placement Centre (formerly an orphanage) where we had invested many years getting to know and love the children. This is not far from the orphanage where Stella, our inspiration and namesake, was raised.

Some of the work that we have done over the years includes replacing the roof, windows, heating system, water well, and plumbing. Before this work was carried out most of the children were living in unthinkable poverty. For many, this is the first place they've ever felt 'at home'.

Stella's Voice is extremely concerned about the poverty and plight of orphaned and destitute children in Moldova.

The aim of Stella's Voice in preventing trafficking dictates that those we help have the means eventually to support themselves, and never again to be in a position of vulnerability, where there is a danger of falling victim to trafficking.

We have seen many young people move on from Stella's Voice having completed their education and training. They have moved on to independent living, found employment and are not at risk of being trafficked anymore. This is what success looks like for Stella's Voice.

UNITED KINGDOM

Charity Shops

The main charitable activity in the UK that supports the Moldova operation relates to charity shops. There are six retail locations in the UK and Stella's Voice works on the principal that every item, no matter how small, helps to change lives. Each store is fully stocked with donated items. Products are either sold to generate much needed funds or used directly in our humanitarian efforts. The shops adopt best practice on recycling and are recognised as such by their local authorities and communities. Stella's Voice has been awarded Revolve accreditations in Scotland (A Scotland only accreditation) and is ARC (Approved Reuse Centre), accredited across the whole of the UK.

We continue to improve many aspects of our shop infrastructure, making efficiency savings and utilising technology to maximise the funds generated through these shops.

In Scotland we continue to work in a contract with the local council as a supplier of re-use/second-hand goods. In England we work with the County Council supplying furniture to the council team housing Afghanistan refugees.

Recycling

We continue to see an increase in the volume handled through our recycling activities year on year. As a result, it gives a very positive return and contributes towards better environments in the communities in which we are based.

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Community Activities

As well as being a local employer in the areas in which we are based across the UK, we also provide several placement opportunities, including people who are looking to get back into work, people with learning difficulties and social issues for example. We provide a safe environment for people to develop their existing skills, learn new skills and grow in confidence. All of this while they are engaged in meaningful work that is helping others in need. We continue to be a source of help and hope in our local communities, providing furniture, other household items and clothing, feeding and clothing the homeless and organising various community events throughout the year.

We continue to see growth in our work in partnership with some local supermarkets and third sector organisations with the distribution of food that is near its end of life to ensure as much need is met as possible and that waste is minimised. We also assist in the donation of goods to people in need across the areas where we are based. This can be anything from the supply of a few items of clothing to helping furnish a flat or house.

Technology/Digital

We continually look to learn and embrace digital technology where it can result in efficiency savings and expand our reach to potentially gain new supporters and donors. This is a never-ending cycle due to the constant changes in technology and a constant challenge due to financial constraints.

New Donors

In an ever-changing world with so many unprecedented challenges (Global inflation and the impact of the war in Ukraine for example) gaining new donors is continuously challenging with so many needs competing for ever shrinking sources of income. We are continually looking for intuitive and creative ways to reach out to potential donors and develop a relationship that sees them become long-term supporters.

Volunteers

Volunteers continue to play a vital role in our work, both in the UK and overseas. Without volunteers, we simply could not continue all the work that we do. Their work is invaluable and is a key part in enabling the charity to fulfil its obligations. As we ever seek to increase our volunteer base, we also work with our volunteers where possible to train, develop and teach new skills which in turn become of greater benefit to the charity.

Financial review

Principal funding sources

The company's funding comes from its trading activities and from donations in cash and kind from the general public in support of Stella's Voice relief work.

Reserves policy

As at 31 March 2022, the charitable company has restricted reserves of £20,920 (2021 - £nil) and unrestricted reserves of £618,968 (2021 - £685,080). The charitable company has free reserves of £4,045 (2021 - £74,316) after adding back the value of unrestricted fixed assets of £614,923 (2021 - £610,764). The directors constantly monitor this position and are always looking at steps to take to improve the financial base of the charity. They aim to evolve a specific reserves policy in time.

The directors also monitor the charity's cash position and operating results at each retail location. They are also reviewing costs and overheads to limit expenditure, ensuring the commitments to secured lenders and HMRC are met when they fall due.

Going concern

The directors are satisfied that the charity has sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due within the next 12 months.

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Future plans

We continue to develop links and relationships to help feed and clothe the homeless and others in need of help and support across the UK.

We are exploring and developing opportunities with other organisations and individuals in Moldova and in other countries who are working with vulnerable children and young people.

The delivery of some of our plans has been impacted by the war in Ukraine. This has impacted our plans and schedule here in the UK and our work in Moldova (which is next to Ukraine). We thankfully continue to operate, continue to grow and of course continue to adapt to the ever-changing scenarios we find ourselves facing. We are still working towards our goals and fully expect to reach or even exceed them in terms of growth and results.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity with both the Charities Commission in England and Wales Charity No 276520 and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator in Scotland Charity No SC040458. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up each member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

The chief officer of the charitable company is the European Director who is responsible to the Board of Directors for the financial and overall management of the company.

Key management personnel

The key management personnel's pay levels are reviewed by the board annually.

Mark Morgan - European Director
Wayne Keeping - Director of Operations

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M Morgan
Mr W Keeping

Recruitment and appointment of board members

Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the directors, must retire each year, but a retiring director shall be eligible for re-election.

All new directors are selected with a view to ensuring that the board has an appropriate balance of experience and skills relevant to Stella's Voice strategic and operational requirements.

Our structure and relationship with other Stella's Voice organisations globally

The UK charity donates funds and goods to promote the activities of the Moldovan legal entity Stella's Voice (Filial).

The three properties detailed above in Moldova are held in trust by the American charity Stella's Voice Inc. a non-profit organisation chartered under the laws of the State of Alabama. Stella's Voice (Filial) is a branch office of the US organisation as Stella's Voice Inc. is the founder of that new organisation. There are 2 US nationals appointed as officers locally who run the charity in Moldova on a day to day basis, together with the board of Stella's Voice (Filial).

Stella's Voice (Filial) in Moldova is an independent entity to Stella's Voice UK.

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The directors of Stella's Voice UK are also the same people who sit on the board of Stella's Voice Inc, the US entity. Therefore, although two separate entities in their own right, they are governed by the same people on both boards.

The registered entity in Moldova is governed by its own Board. However, the Founder of the Moldovan entity is the USA organisation which can appoint/remove directors of the Moldovan entity at its discretion.

The charitable company's structure has been designed to ensure that the charitable company focuses on its mission and objectives and continues to finance its operations and obligations and that each entity has oversight of the activities in Moldova. However, each entity operates very differently in their respective locations. They all have a common purpose of raising some funds for Moldova; however, there are also wider local charitable purposes that are met. As a result of this the financial results of all the entities have not been consolidated as this would not be an accurate or useful reflection of the charities collective activities.

Directors' induction and training

New directors are fully briefed on the organisation by the European Director and meet with the senior staff as part of their induction. A comprehensive information pack is given to all new directors.

Risk management

In the opinion of the directors, the major risk to the charitable company would be the withdrawal of public support for the charitable company's relief work. The lack of cash reserves is a concern, providing little in the way of a contingency fund against any unbudgeted expenditure however this is being monitored and managed by the directors.

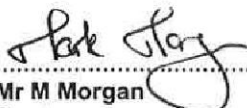
Auditor

AAB were appointed as auditor to the company and a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees and signed on their behalf by:


.....
Mr M Morgan
Trustee

Date: 20/12/2022

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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.

STELLA'S VOICE

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Stella's Voice (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 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, Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 charitable company'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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' 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.

Opinion 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.
- 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 our 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 Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require 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 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, Section 114 of the Charities Act 2011 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Act 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 Auditors' 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 obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 2019. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities including fraud to be:

- Management override of controls to manipulate the charity's key performance indicators to meet targets
- Timing and completeness of income recognition
- Compliance with relevant laws and regulations which directly impact the financial statements and those that the charity needs to comply with for the purpose of trading

Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included:

- Testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness
- Evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business
- Reviewing judgements made by management in their calculation of accounting estimates for potential management bias
- Enquiries of management about litigation and claims and inspection of relevant correspondence
- Reviewing legal and professional fees to identify indications of actual or potential litigation, claims and any non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Testing a sample of income transactions to source documentation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STELLA'S VOICE (CONTINUED)

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, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with 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 and trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' 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 its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anderson Anderson and Brown Audit LLP

Graeme Penman (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP

Statutory Auditor

Kingshill View

Prime Four Business Park

Kingswells

Aberdeen

AB15 8PU

Date: 20 December 2022

Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 As restated £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	99,269	293,587	392,856	644,625
Charitable activities	5	679,995	-	679,995	309,082
Total income		<u>779,264</u>	<u>293,587</u>	<u>1,072,851</u>	<u>953,707</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	845,376	272,667	1,118,043	745,736
Total expenditure		<u>845,376</u>	<u>272,667</u>	<u>1,118,043</u>	<u>745,736</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(66,112)</u>	<u>20,920</u>	<u>(45,192)</u>	<u>207,971</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		685,080	-	685,080	477,109
Total funds carried forward		<u>618,968</u>	<u>20,920</u>	<u>639,888</u>	<u>685,080</u>

The prior year accounts have been restated to reallocate income from charitable activities to income from donations and legacies.

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

The notes on pages 15 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

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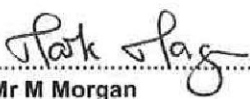
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	625,565	610,764
Investment property	11	250,000	250,000
		<u>875,565</u>	<u>860,764</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	12	502	502
Debtors	13	52,150	32,099
Cash at bank and in hand		142,560	193,485
		<u>195,212</u>	<u>226,086</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(102,701)	(49,038)
Net current assets		<u>92,511</u>	<u>177,048</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>968,076</u>	<u>1,037,812</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(328,188)	(352,732)
Total net assets		<u><u>639,888</u></u>	<u><u>685,080</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted Funds	16	20,920	-
Unrestricted funds	16	618,968	685,080
Total funds		<u><u>639,888</u></u>	<u><u>685,080</u></u>

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Mr M Morgan
Trustee
Date: 20-12-2022

The notes on pages 15 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	19	11,278	221,561
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(43,787)	(40,079)
Net cash used in investing activities		(43,787)	(40,079)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds of new bank loans		14,273	50,000
Repayments of borrowing		-	(6,000)
Repayment of bank loans		(32,689)	(11,654)
Payment of obligations under finance leases		-	(11,250)
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		(18,416)	21,096
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(50,925)	202,578
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		193,485	(9,093)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20	142,560	193,485

The notes on pages 15 to 30 form part of these financial statements

STELLA'S VOICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. General information

Stella's Voice is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and is a charity registered in both Scotland and England. The registered office is 131 Chalton Lane, Clanfield, PO8 0RQ and the business address is Faith Acres, Inverugie, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, AB42 3DQ.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Stella's Voice meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees closely monitor the free reserves position of the Charity, and the Charity's cash position. After the year end, all liabilities are being met as they fall due and the trustees are confident, based on the current cash position of the Charity, that the Charity will be able to meet its liabilities for at least 12 months from the date of signing these accounts.

In addition, included in investment property is development land which the trustees intend to realise in the next few years to generate funds to finance the continuance of the Charity's activities

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a straight line and reducing balance basis..

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property	-	2% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	-	20% Straight Line
Fixtures and fittings	-	15% Reducing Balance

2.6 Investment properties

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Finance leases and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the Charity. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of financial activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.14 Pensions

The Charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.15 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The trustees consider that the following critical estimates and judgements have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities.

The freehold building and the investment property values are estimated by the trustees based on a professional property valuation in 2017.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 As restated £
Donations				
Donations and gifts	8,189	-	8,189	483,194
Overseas and UK missions	51,038	65,736	116,774	31,263
Donations in kind	-	123,833	123,833	9,127
	<u>59,227</u>	<u>189,569</u>	<u>248,796</u>	<u>523,584</u>
Grants	<u>40,042</u>	<u>104,018</u>	<u>144,060</u>	<u>121,041</u>
Subtotal	<u>40,042</u>	<u>104,018</u>	<u>144,060</u>	<u>121,041</u>
	<u>99,269</u>	<u>293,587</u>	<u>392,856</u>	<u>644,625</u>
Total 2021	<u>564,642</u>	<u>79,983</u>	<u>644,625</u>	

Donations in kind relate to donated goods which were distributed to the Charity's beneficiaries without charge. A corresponding cost in relation to these items is included within expenditure on charitable activities (note 6).

The prior year accounts have been restated to reallocate income from charitable activities to income from donations and legacies.

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5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 As restated £
Recycling Income	39,999	39,999	25,536
Facilities rental income	4,880	4,880	2,800
Shop and barn income	635,116	635,116	280,746
	<u>679,995</u>	<u>679,995</u>	<u>309,082</u>
Total 2021	<u>309,082</u>	<u>309,082</u>	

The prior year accounts have been restated to reallocate income from charitable activities to income from donations and legacies

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Charitable Activities	<u>658,152</u>	<u>459,891</u>	<u>1,118,043</u>	<u>745,736</u>
Total 2021	<u>409,361</u>	<u>336,375</u>	<u>745,736</u>	

In the current year expenditure on charitable activities related to unrestricted funds totalled £845,376 (2021 - £665,753) and £272,667 (2021 - £79,983) related to restricted funds.

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	358,442	265,124
Depreciation	28,812	38,719
Rates and water	4,911	3,122
Heat & light	22,084	14,613
Sundries	45,451	18,885
Travelling	-	14
Shop supplies	9,219	13,953
Telephone	8,518	8,739
Motor expenses	46,691	22,335
Equipment leasing	10,018	10,698
Cleaning	-	1,037
Loss/(Gain) on sale of fixed assets	173	(1,100)
Other charitable expenditure	-	4,095
Donations in kind	123,833	9,127
	<u>658,152</u>	<u>409,361</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	256,381	189,177
Insurance and heat & light	16,322	15,333
Travelling and vehicles expenses	2,900	146
Telephone	13,220	14,090
Bank charges	8,845	4,140
Advertising and office expenses	11,533	21,631
Bank interest	8,464	7,911
Rent	44,805	37,826
IT and repairs & renewals	69,972	35,374
Governance costs	27,449	10,747
	<u>459,891</u>	<u>336,375</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7. Auditors' remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit of the Charity's annual accounts	13,000	6,000

8. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Employment costs		
Wages and salaries	573,154	422,729
Social security costs	27,514	24,560
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	14,155	7,012
	<u>614,823</u>	<u>454,301</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Administrative	38	26

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, two trustees were remunerated in their capacity as European Director and Director of Operations with total remuneration of £80,801 (2021 - £75,304). There was no additional remuneration paid to trustees during the current or comparative year.

Payments made to trustees are allowed by provision in the charity's memorandum and articles of association.

		2022 £	2021 £
Mr M Morgan	Remuneration	43,117	42,619
	Pension contributions paid	1,106	1,093
Mr W Keeping	Remuneration	37,683	32,685
	Pension contributions paid	943	818

During the year ended 31 March 2022, no trustee expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2021	550,000	106,618	283,500	940,118
Additions	-	29,050	14,737	43,787
Disposals	-	-	(359)	(359)
At 31 March 2022	<u>550,000</u>	<u>135,668</u>	<u>297,878</u>	<u>983,546</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	11,000	91,818	226,536	329,354
Charge for the year	11,000	8,057	9,755	28,812
On disposals	-	-	(185)	(185)
At 31 March 2022	<u>22,000</u>	<u>99,875</u>	<u>236,106</u>	<u>357,981</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2022	<u>528,000</u>	<u>35,793</u>	<u>61,772</u>	<u>625,565</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>539,000</u>	<u>14,800</u>	<u>56,964</u>	<u>610,764</u>

The fair value of freehold property at 31 March 2022 has been arrived at by the trustees on the basis of a valuation carried out at 15 August 2017 by Graham & Sibbald who are independent professionally qualified valuers. The trustees believe there is no material change at 31 March 2022 from the 2017 valuation. The valuation was arrived at by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties in their location and takes into account the current state of the rental market in the areas where the properties are situated.

The historical cost of the freehold land and buildings and the investment property in Note 11 is £808,076.

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11. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Fair Value	
At 1 April 2021	250,000
At 31 March 2022	<u>250,000</u>

The fair value of investment property at 31 March 2022 has been arrived at by the trustees on the basis of valuations carried out at 15 August 2017 by Graham & Sibbald who are independent professionally qualified valuers.

The trustees consider there to be no material change at 31 March 2022 from the 2017 valuation.

12. Stocks

	2022 £	2021 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>502</u>	<u>502</u>

13. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	3,056	3,175
Other debtors	24,168	15,251
Prepayments and accrued income	24,926	13,673
	<u>52,150</u>	<u>32,099</u>

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	35,767	29,640
Trade creditors	36,731	2,375
Other taxation and social security	8,940	9,187
Other creditors	4,025	447
Accruals and deferred income	17,238	7,389
	<u>102,701</u>	<u>49,038</u>

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15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	328,188	352,732
Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:		
	2022 £	2021 £
Between one and two years		
Bank loans	35,767	29,640
Between two and five years		
Bank loans	99,802	99,354
Over five years		
Bank loans	192,619	223,738

A Bank of Scotland (BOS) loan of £224,955 (2021: £242,455) was outstanding at the year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments. Interest is charged at base rate plus 2.25% per annum.

A further BOS loan of £41,203 (2021: £44,555) was outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by 180 monthly installments with the final installment falling due in January 2033. Interest is charged at base rate plus 3.2% per annum.

A further BOS loan of £42,568 (2021: £45,361) was outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments with the final installment falling due in May 2033. Interest is charged at base rate plus 3.0% per annum.

A further BOS bounce back loan of £42,500 (2021: £50,000) was also outstanding at year end. The loan is repayable by monthly installments of £833 plus 2.5% interest commencing on 26 July 2021. Interest is charged at a fixed 2.5% per annum.

The BOS bank loans are secured by a standard security over Faith Acres, Peterhead and 210/212 King Street, Aberdeen.

A loan from the Energy Saving Trust was received in the year of £14,273. The repayments of the loan take place every month commencing in June 2021 with a first repayment of £213. The loan will then continue to be repaid with a further 95 monthly repayments of £148. This is an interest free loan.

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16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Funds	685,080	779,264	(845,376)	618,968
Restricted funds				
Moldova Activities	-	138,159	(127,881)	10,278
Kickstart	-	82,901	(82,901)	-
Electrical Van	-	15,000	(4,358)	10,642
Lighting Works	-	6,117	(6,117)	-
The Ramp	-	3,539	(3,539)	-
Food and Household Goods	-	47,871	(47,871)	-
	-	293,587	(272,667)	20,920
Total of funds	685,080	1,072,851	(1,118,043)	639,888

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Funds	477,109	873,724	(665,753)	685,080
Restricted funds				
The Ramp	-	40,115	(40,115)	-
Moldova Activities	-	9,127	(9,127)	-
Food and Household Goods	-	30,741	(30,741)	-
	-	79,983	(79,983)	-
Total of funds	477,109	953,707	(745,736)	685,080

One employee of Stella's Voice also operates a charity in England called The Ramp. This charity donates the gross salary of Mr Reeser to Stella's Voice to cover his cost of employment and other ancillary costs.

The Moldova Activities fund relates to proceeds raised through grants, appeals and donations in the form of monetary and non-monetary contributions. The income has been fully spent on activities over in Moldova in line with the charities objectives.

The Food and Household Goods fund relates to food, flowers and household goods that are received by Stella's Voice from local companies that are then distributed to those in need in the local community.

The Kickstart fund relates to funding received for a Government scheme launched on the back of lockdown to try and get 16-24 year olds back into work as that age bracket had been disproportionately affected with job losses during lockdown. These costs were given to cover salary, training and startup costs for taking on these young individuals.

The Electrical Van funding was obtained to assist Stella's Voice with purchasing an electric van, that is used to carry out day to day activities to support the Charity.

The Lighting Works fund relates to funding obtained to assist with lighting works required at the Barn. This funding was to reduce the cost burden on Stella's Voice for replacing the lighting works.

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17. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General funds	685,080	779,264	(845,376)	618,968
Restricted funds	-	293,587	(272,667)	20,920
	<u>685,080</u>	<u>1,072,851</u>	<u>(1,118,043)</u>	<u>639,888</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
General funds	477,109	873,724	(665,753)	685,080
Restricted funds	-	79,983	(79,983)	-
	<u>477,109</u>	<u>953,707</u>	<u>(745,736)</u>	<u>685,080</u>

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	614,923	10,642	625,565
Investment property	250,000	-	250,000
Current assets	184,934	10,278	195,212
Creditors due within one year	(102,701)	-	(102,701)
Creditors due in more than one year	(328,188)	-	(328,188)
Total	<u>618,968</u>	<u>20,920</u>	<u>639,888</u>

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	610,764	610,764
Investment property	250,000	250,000
Current assets	226,086	226,086
Creditors due within one year	(49,038)	(49,038)
Creditors due in more than one year	(352,732)	(352,732)
Total	685,080	685,080

19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(45,192)	207,971
Adjustments for:		
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	173	(1,100)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	28,812	38,719
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(20,051)	16,985
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	47,536	(41,014)
Net cash provided by operating activities	11,278	221,561

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	142,560	193,485
Total cash and cash equivalents	142,560	193,485

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21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	193,485	(50,925)	142,560
Debt due within 1 year	(29,640)	(6,127)	(35,767)
Debt due after 1 year	(352,732)	24,544	(328,188)
	<u>(188,887)</u>	<u>(32,508)</u>	<u>(221,395)</u>

22. Capital commitments

	2022 £	2021 £
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements		
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	<u>69,500</u>	<u>-</u>

23. Pension commitments

The Charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £14,155 (2021 - £7,012). Contributions totalling £2,991 (2021 - £nil) were payable to the fund at the Balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

24. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2022 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	32,926	34,500
Between two and five years	42,433	97,083
	<u>75,359</u>	<u>131,583</u>

Amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities as an expense during the period in respect of operating lease arrangements were £37,320 (2021 - £34,500)

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25. Related party transactions

M. Morgan, trustee, received remuneration in his capacity as European Director of £43,117 (2021: £42,619) and W. Keeping, trustee, received remuneration of £37,683 (2021: £32,685) in his capacity as director of operations.

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 276520 (England and Wales)

Charity Registration No. SC040458 (Scotland)

Company Registration No. 01382673 (England and Wales)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr M Morgan Mr R Gillies Mr W Keeping Rev B Paterson Mrs A Spackman Mr P Spackman
Secretary	Mr M Morgan
Charity number (Scotland)	SC040458
Charity number (England and Wales)	276520
Company number	01382673
Registered office	131 Chalton Lane CLANFIELD PO8 0RQ
Auditor	Johnston Carmichael LLP Bishop's Court 29 Albyn Place ABERDEEN AB10 1YL

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") 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).

Objectives and activities

Our Cause

The purpose of the charity as set out in our governing document is for the advancement of the Christian faith and other charitable purposes as the Trust shall from time to time determine.

Stella's Voice has evolved as a charity set up to protect the world's vulnerable from trafficking. We also aim to be a leading source of help and hope in the areas where we operate. Stella's Voice delivers its charitable purpose through work both in the UK and Europe.

Achievements and performance

The charity conducts a wide range of activities in the outworking of its charitable aims as detailed below. These activities provide benefit to our local communities in the various parts of the UK in which we are based and also to the causes overseas that we are involved in.

EUROPE

Our Story

The vision for Stella's Voice began at the fall of communism when the media was first allowed into Eastern Europe and began showing the dire conditions of the state-run orphan homes. In response to the desperate need, our teams started taking aid to these homes.

We also watched young people age out of orphan homes and get put on the streets. One in particular-Stella-was exploited by human traffickers, sold, and eventually died from AIDS at 19 years old. The year was 1996, and the mission of Stella's Voice was birthed.

The principal European activities are based in Moldova. The legal structure in Moldova is delivered by a local not for profit organisation – Stella's Voice. The Moldovan entity operates 3 care homes as detailed below:

Girls' Homes - 2 homes

We call our girl's homes Stella's House, and they are homes for orphan girls who have been aged out of state-run facilities and are prime targets for sex traffickers, those who want to trap them in modern slavery.

While living at Stella's House, the girls complete their education, learn life skills, and grow in an environment that changes their mind-set, so instead of becoming a child trafficking statistic, these children are loved and given a chance at a victorious life.

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Boy's Home - 1 home

Our boys house is a home for orphan boys who have aged out of state-run facilities and are at risk to slavery in construction and other forced labour. While living here, the boys complete their education, learn life skills, and grow in an environment that changes their mind-set from 'I am just an orphan' to 'I am worthy of being loved'.

Many of the boys are relatives of the girls at Stella's House. They use their gifts and talents to contribute to the upkeep of the home, and they often spend their weekends mentoring other children in orphanages.

Children's Home

Stella's Voice helps support a Children's Placement Centre (formerly an orphanage) where we had invested many years getting to know and love the children. This is not far from the orphanage where Stella, our inspiration and namesake, was raised.

Some of the work that we have done over the years includes replacing the roof, windows, heating system, water well, and plumbing. Before this work was carried out most of the children were living in unthinkable poverty. For many, this is the first place they've ever felt 'at home'.

Stella's Voice is extremely concerned about the poverty and plight of orphaned and destitute children in Moldova.

The aim of Stella's Voice in preventing trafficking dictates that those we help have the means eventually to support themselves, and never again to be in a position of vulnerability, where there is a danger of falling victim to trafficking.

We have now seen many young people move on from Stella's Voice having completed their education and training. They have moved on to independent living, found employment and are not at risk of being trafficked anymore. This is what success looks like for Stella's Voice.

UNITED KINGDOM

Charity Shops

The main charitable activity in the UK that supports the Moldova operation relates to charity shops. There are six retail locations in the UK and Stella's Voice works on the principal that every item, no matter how small, helps to change lives. Each store is fully stocked with donated items. Products are either sold to generate much needed funds or used directly in our humanitarian efforts. The shops adopt best practice on recycling and are recognised as such by their local authorities and communities. Stella's Voice has been awarded Revolve accreditations in Scotland (A Scotland only accreditation).

We continue to improve many aspects of our shop infrastructure, making efficiency savings and utilising technology to maximise the funds generated through these shops. This year we have replaced all the lighting in our Peterhead warehouses with energy efficient led lighting.

In Scotland we continue to work in a contract with the local council, Aberdeenshire, as a supplier of re-use/second-hand goods. The expected growth has not materialised, mainly due to the impact of the pandemic, but the venture is still worthwhile.

During the year our charity shops have, unfortunately, been impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic and the Government imposed trading restrictions. This resulted in our charity shops closing for a number of months. We applied for and received Government grants and furloughed staff to support us through these periods.

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Recycling

We continue to see an increase in the volume handled through our recycling activities year on year. As a result, it gives a very positive return and contributes towards better environments in the communities in which we are based.

Community activities

As well as being a local employer in the areas in which we are based across the UK, we also provide several placement opportunities, including people who are looking to get back into work, people with learning difficulties and social issues for example. We provide a safe environment for people to develop their existing skills, learn new skills and grow in confidence. All of this while they are engaged in meaningful work that is helping others in need. We continue to be a source of help and hope in our local communities, providing furniture, other household items and clothing, feeding and clothing the homeless and organising various community events throughout the year.

The agreement and partnership with The Ramp UK, based in Manchester is finished at the end of May 2021, more information on this can be seen per note 19.

We continue to see growth in our work in partnership with some local supermarkets and third sector organisations with the distribution of food that is near its end of life to ensure as much need is met as possible and that waste is minimised. We also assist in the donation of goods to people in need across the areas where we are based. This can be anything from the supply of a few items of clothing to helping furnish a flat or house.

We have implemented appropriate safeguards to protect our staff and the community. We are delighted to still be able to support the community during this difficult time.

Technology/Digital

We continually look to learn and embrace digital technology where it can result in efficiency savings and expand our reach to potentially gain new supporters and donors. This is a never-ending cycle due to the constant changes in technology and a constant challenge due to financial constraints.

New donors

In an ever-changing world with so many unprecedented challenges (Brexit, Global Economy, and the impact of the pandemic) gaining new donors is continuously challenging with so many needs competing for ever shrinking sources of income. We are continually looking for intuitive and creative ways to reach out to potential donors and develop a relationship that sees them become long-term supporters.

Volunteers

Volunteers continue to play a vital role in our work, both in the UK and overseas. Without volunteers, we simply could not continue all the work that we do. Their work is invaluable and is a key part in enabling the charity to fulfil its obligations. As we ever seek to increase our volunteer base, we also work with our volunteers where possible to train, develop and teach new skills which in turn become of greater benefit to the charity. This has become an even greater benefit in the wake of the pandemic.

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Financial review

Principal funding sources

The company's funding comes from its trading activities and from donations in cash and kind from the general public in support of Stella's Voice relief work. We are also presently developing a strategy for corporate funding for some of our work.

At the year end, the cash position has improved, with funding coming from trading activities, grant funding and a COVID support loan.

Reserves policy

As at 31 March 2021, the charitable company has unrestricted reserves of £685,080 (2020 - £477,109). The charitable company has free reserves of £74,316 after adding back the value of fixed assets of £610,764. The directors are very concerned about this position and urgently considering steps to take to improve the financial base of the charity. They aim to evolve a specific reserves policy in time.

The directors are closely monitoring the charity's cash position and operating results at each retail location. They are also reviewing costs and overheads to limit expenditure, ensuring the commitments to secured lenders and HMRC are met when they fall due.

Going concern

Despite the impact of the pandemic during the year and the fall in trading income, the charities overall financial position improved as a result of COVID grant and loan support. Since the balance sheet date with improved trading (when we have been able to open), Government grants, bank funding, some new initiatives and cost efficiencies we continue to be in a good position to grow the charity to enable us to support more people at home and abroad.

Based on this, and our forecast cash flow projections, the directors are satisfied that the charity has sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due within the next 12 months and having identified no material uncertainties believe that it is correct that the accounts are prepared on a going concern basis.

Future plans

We continue to develop links and relationships to help feed and clothe the homeless and others in need of help and support across the UK.

The pandemic meant we were not able to pursue this. However, it is our intention to develop new programs aimed at primary and secondary aged children and college and university students to raise awareness of our work and encourage greater fundraising.

We are exploring and developing opportunities with other organisations and individuals in Moldova and in other countries who are working with vulnerable children and young people.

The delivery of some of our plans has been impacted due to the pandemic and its effects on our economy. Though there has been much uncertainty and many challenges, thankfully, many of the changes we were already working on stood us in good stead when the pandemic hit. We thankfully continue to operate, continue to grow and of course continue to adapt to the ever-changing scenarios we find ourselves facing. We are still working towards our goals and fully expect to reach or even exceed them in terms of growth and results.

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Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity with both the Charities Commission in England and Wales Charity No 276520 and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator in Scotland Charity No SC040458. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up each member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

The chief officer of the charitable company is the European Director who is responsible to the Board of Directors for the financial and overall management of the company.

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel's pay levels are reviewed by the board annually.

Mark Morgan - European Director
Wayne Keeping - Director of Operations

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M Morgan
Mr R Gillies
Mr W Keeping
Rev B Paterson
Mrs A Spackman
Mr P Spackman
Mr P Francis (resigned 12 October 2020)

Recruitment and Appointment of Board Members

Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the directors, must retire each year, but a retiring director shall be eligible for re-election.

All new directors are selected with a view to ensuring that the board has an appropriate balance of experience and skills relevant to Stella's Voice strategic and operational requirements.

Our Structure and relationship with other Stella's Voice organisations globally

The UK charity donates funds and goods to promote the activities of the Moldovan legal entity Stella's Voice.

The three properties detailed above in Moldova are held in trust by the American charity Stella's Voice Inc. a non-profit organisation chartered under the laws of the State of Alabama. Stella's Voice is a branch office of the US organisation as Stella's Voice Inc. is the founder of that new organisation.

Stella's Voice in Moldova is an independent entity to Stella's Voice UK.

The directors of Stella's Voice UK are also the same people who sit on the board of Stella's Voice Inc. the US entity. Therefore, although two separate entities in their own right, they are governed by the same people on both boards.

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The registered entity in Moldova is governed by its own Board. However, the Founder of the Moldovan entity is the USA organisation which can appoint/remove directors of the Moldovan entity at its discretion.

The charitable company's structure has been designed to ensure that the charitable company focuses on its mission and objectives and continues to finance its operations and obligations and that each entity has oversight of the activities in Moldova. However, each entity operates very differently in their respective locations. They all have a common purpose of raising some funds for Moldova; however, there are also wider local charitable purposes that are met. As a result of this the financial results of all the entities have not been consolidated as this would not be an accurate or useful reflection of the charities collective activities.

Directors' Induction and Training

New directors are fully briefed on the organisation by the European Director and meet with the senior staff as part of their induction. A comprehensive information pack is given to all new directors.

Risk Management

In the opinion of the directors, the major risk to the charitable company would be the withdrawal of public support for the charitable company's relief work. The lack of cash reserves is a concern, providing little in the way of a contingency fund against any unbudgeted expenditure however this is being monitored and managed by the directors.

Auditor

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

Disclosure of information to auditor

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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



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Mr M Morgan

Trustee 15 / 12 / 2021

Dated:

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees, who are also the directors of Stella's Voice for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company 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 trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF STELLA'S VOICE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Stella's Voice (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 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, Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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 charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF STELLA'S VOICE

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

- adequate and proper 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 trustees

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

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.

Extent to which an audit is considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF STELLA'S VOICE

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The most relevant frameworks we identified included FRS 102 and the Charities SORP, the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

We gained an understanding of how the charitable company is complying with these laws and regulations by making enquiries of management. We corroborated these enquiries through our review of submitted returns and board meeting minutes.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by meeting with management to understand where it was considered there was susceptibility to fraud. This evaluation also considered how management and those charged with governance were remunerated and whether this provided an incentive for fraudulent activity. We considered the overall control environment and how management and those charged with governance oversee the implementation and operation of controls. In areas of the financial statements where the risks were considered to be higher, we performed procedures to address each identified risk.

The following procedures were performed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free of material fraud or error:

- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing the level of and reasoning behind the charitable company's procurement of legal and professional fees;
- Performing audit work procedures over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to the risk of material misstatements 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 intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. 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 likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF STELLA'S VOICE

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, Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with 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 and trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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, the charitable company's members as a body, and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Keith Macpherson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Johnston Carmichael LLP

15 / 12 / 2021

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Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	533,379	79,983	613,362	194,989
Charitable activities	4	340,345	-	340,345	716,162
Total income		<u>873,724</u>	<u>79,983</u>	<u>953,707</u>	<u>911,151</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	5	<u>665,753</u>	<u>79,983</u>	<u>745,736</u>	<u>902,064</u>
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		207,971	-	207,971	9,087
Reconciliation of Funds					
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		<u>477,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>477,109</u>	<u>468,022</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		<u><u>685,080</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>685,080</u></u>	<u><u>477,109</u></u>

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 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10	610,764		608,304	
Investment properties	11	250,000		250,000	
		<u>860,764</u>		<u>858,304</u>	
Current assets					
Stocks	12	502		502	
Debtors	13	32,099		49,084	
Cash at bank and in hand		193,485		7,956	
		<u>226,086</u>		<u>57,542</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(49,038)		(116,317)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>177,048</u>		<u>(58,775)</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,037,812</u>		<u>799,529</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(352,732)		(322,420)	
Net assets		<u><u>685,080</u></u>		<u><u>477,109</u></u>	
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds		685,080		477,109	
		<u><u>685,080</u></u>		<u><u>477,109</u></u>	

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

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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on



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Mr M Morgan
Trustee

Company Registration No. 01382673

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	24		221,561		35,431
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(40,079)		(4,287)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(40,079)		(4,287)
Financing activities					
Repayment of borrowings		(6,000)		(5,854)	
Proceeds of new bank loans		50,000		-	
Repayment of bank loans		(11,654)		(21,598)	
Payment of obligations under finance leases		(11,250)		(15,000)	
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities			21,096		(42,452)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			202,578		(11,308)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			(9,093)		2,215
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			193,485		(9,093)
Relating to:					
Cash at bank and in hand			193,485		7,956
Bank overdrafts included in creditors payable within one year			-		(17,049)
			193,485		(9,093)

STELLA'S VOICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Stella's Voice is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and is a charity registered in both Scotland and England. The registered office is 131 Chalton Lane, CLANFIELD, PO8 0RQ and the business address is Faith Acres, Inverugie, PETERHEAD, Aberdeenshire, AB42 3DQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard, FRS 102 including Chapter 1A applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The charity has availed itself of S396 of the Companies Act 2006, as permitted in paragraph 4 (1) of Schedule 1 of SI 2008 No 409, and adapted the Companies Act formats to reflect the special nature of the charity's activities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Stella's Voice also has organisations based in the US and Moldova. The structure has been designed to ensure that each charity focuses on its mission and objectives and continues to finance its operations and obligations and that each entity has oversight of the activities in Moldova. However each entity operates very differently in their respective locations. They all have a common purpose of raising some funds for Moldova; however there are also wider local charitable purposes that are met. As a result of this, the financial results of all the entities have not been consolidated as this would not be an accurate or useful reflection of the charities' collective activities.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The charity has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the Government imposed trading restrictions. The charity has been required to close its charity shops under the restrictions, with the majority of staff being furloughed during the period. However we continued to generate some income which has been supplemented by Government grants and bank funding. Due to this, we have been able to continue to provide local support to the community under various community initiatives and have an improved cash position.

The trustees have considered a range of scenarios in relation to future trading, including further lockdowns. At the time of approving these financial statements, the directors believe the company has sufficient financial resources to continue for at least 12 months from the date of signing these accounts.

The Trustees closely monitor the free reserves position of the charity, and the charity cash position. At 31st March 2020 the charity had negative free reserves of £131,195, however this position has now reversed and the charity now has positive free reserves of £74,316. Since the year end, all liabilities have been met as they fell due and the trustees are confident, based on the current cash position of the charity, that the charity will be able to continue to meet its liabilities and will remain a going concern for at least 12 months from the date of signing these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

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In addition, included in investment property is development land which the trustees intend to realise in the next few years to generate funds to finance the continuance of the charity's activities.

Based on all of the above, the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis and there were no material uncertainties identified.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charity's 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.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charitable company is 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 charitable company 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 charitable company 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.

Donated goods are measured at their fair value and are incorporated as donations. When distributed, they are recognised as an expense in charitable activities at their carrying amount.

Recycling and shop and barn income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of VAT.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is allocated to expense headings on a direct cost basis. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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:

Freehold land and buildings	2% Straight Line
Fixtures and fittings	15% Reducing Balance
Motor vehicles	20% Straight Line

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 net income/(expenditure) for the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

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1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charitable company 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).

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to 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.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charitable company 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 charitable company's balance sheet when the charitable company 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 measured at transaction price including transaction costs.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

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Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.12 Employee benefits

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

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

1.13 Retirement benefits

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

1.14 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the asset's fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The trustees consider that the following critical estimates and judgements have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities.

- The freehold building and the investment property values are estimated by the trustees based on a professional property valuation in 2017.
- The preparation of the accounts as a going concern as disclosed in Note 1.2 is a critical judgement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £
Donations and gifts	412,338	79,983	492,321	30,170	164,819	194,989
Government grant - furlough income	121,041	-	121,041	-	-	-
	<u>533,379</u>	<u>79,983</u>	<u>613,362</u>	<u>30,170</u>	<u>164,819</u>	<u>194,989</u>

4 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Overseas and UK missions	31,263	56,219
Recycling income	25,536	42,730
Facilities rental income	2,800	-
Shop and barn income	280,746	617,213
	<u>340,345</u>	<u>716,162</u>

In the current and prior year all charitable activities income related to unrestricted funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

5 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs	265,124	285,974
Depreciation and impairment	38,719	25,190
Rent, rates and water	3,122	14,662
Heat & light	14,613	21,163
Postage and stationery	-	4,490
Sundries	28,012	28,458
Travelling	14	64
Shop supplies	13,953	127,699
Telephone	8,739	9,957
Motor expenses	22,335	25,108
Equipment leasing	10,698	9,480
Cleaning	1,037	2,391
Gain on sale of fixed assets	(1,100)	-
Other charitable expenditure	4,095	6,222
	<u>409,361</u>	<u>560,858</u>
Share of support costs (see note 6)	325,628	327,249
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	10,747	13,957
	<u>745,736</u>	<u>902,064</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	665,753	737,245
Restricted funds	79,983	164,819
	<u>745,736</u>	<u>902,064</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	189,177	-	189,177	199,720	-	199,720
Office expenses and advertising	21,631	-	21,631	8,254	-	8,254
Bank charges	4,140	-	4,140	6,321	-	6,321
IT and repairs & renewals	35,374	-	35,374	21,899	-	21,899
Other operating leases	37,826	-	37,826	44,261	-	44,261
Insurance and heat & light	15,333	-	15,333	14,635	-	14,635
Telephone	14,090	-	14,090	12,383	-	12,383
Travelling and vehicle expenses	146	-	146	9,412	-	9,412
Bank interest	7,911	-	7,911	10,364	-	10,364
Audit fees	-	6,000	6,000	-	6,920	6,920
Legal and professional	-	4,747	4,747	-	7,037	7,037
	<u>325,628</u>	<u>10,747</u>	<u>336,375</u>	<u>327,249</u>	<u>13,957</u>	<u>341,206</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>325,628</u>	<u>10,747</u>	<u>336,375</u>	<u>327,249</u>	<u>13,957</u>	<u>341,206</u>

7 Auditor's remuneration

The analysis of auditor's remuneration is as follows:

Fees payable to the charitable company's auditor and associates:	2021 £	2020 £
Audit of the charitable company's annual accounts	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,920</u>

8 Trustees

During the year, two trustees were remunerated in their capacity as European Director and Director of Operations with total remuneration of £75,304 (2020 - £81,721). There was no additional remuneration paid to trustees during the current or comparative year.

Further details regarding trustees' remuneration are disclosed in note 22.

There were no trustees' expenses or benefits paid for the current or comparative year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
	26	29
Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	422,729	452,263
Social security costs	24,560	29,322
Other pension costs	7,012	4,109
	454,301	485,694

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

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	550,000	254,066	97,873	901,939
Additions	-	29,434	12,745	42,179
Disposals	-	-	(4,000)	(4,000)
At 31 March 2021	550,000	283,500	106,618	940,118
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2020	-	219,203	74,432	293,635
Depreciation charged in the year	11,000	7,333	20,386	38,719
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
At 31 March 2021	11,000	226,536	91,818	329,354
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2021	539,000	56,964	14,800	610,764
At 31 March 2020	550,000	34,863	23,441	608,304

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

10 Tangible fixed assets

(Continued)

The fair value of freehold property at 31 March 2021 has been arrived at by the trustees on the basis of a valuations carried out at 15 August 2017 by Graham & Sibbald who are independent professionally qualified valuers. The trustees believe there is no material change at 31 March 2021 from the 2017 valuation. The valuation was arrived at by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties in their location and takes into account the current state of the rental market in the areas where the properties are situated.

The historical cost of the freehold land and buildings and the investment property in Note 11 is £808,076.

11 Investment property

2021
£

Fair value

At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021

250,000

The fair value of investment property at 31 March 2021 has been arrived at by the trustees on the basis of a valuations carried out at 15 August 2017 by Graham & Sibbald who are independent professionally qualified valuers.

12 Stocks

2021
£

2020
£

Finished goods and goods for resale

502

502

13 Debtors

2021
£

2020
£

Amounts falling due within one year:

Trade debtors

3,175

7,604

Other debtors

15,251

21,664

Prepayments and accrued income

13,673

19,816

32,099

49,084

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

14 Loans and overdrafts

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank overdrafts	-	17,049
Bank loans	382,372	344,026
Directors' loans	447	6,447
	<u>382,819</u>	<u>367,522</u>
Payable within one year	30,087	45,102
Payable after one year	<u>352,732</u>	<u>322,420</u>

Bank loans and overdrafts are secured by a standard security on Trust property with a net book value of £539,000.

15 Finance lease commitments

Future minimum lease payments due under finance leases:

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	<u>-</u>	<u>11,250</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	14	29,640	38,655
Obligations under finance leases	15	-	11,250
Other borrowings		447	6,447
Other taxation and social security		9,187	13,528
Trade creditors		2,375	21,401
Other creditors		-	7,381
Accruals and deferred income		7,389	17,655
		<u>49,038</u>	<u>116,317</u>

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	14	<u>352,732</u>	<u>322,420</u>

STELLA'S VOICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

18 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund.

The charge to statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £7,012 (2020 - £4,109).

19 Restricted funds

The 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		
	Income	Expenditure	Balance at	Income	Expenditure	Balance at
	£	£	1 April 2020 £	£	£	31 March 2021 £
The Ramp	46,426	(46,426)	-	40,115	(40,115)	-
Moldova Activities	89,233	(89,233)	-	9,127	(9,127)	-
Food and Household Goods	29,160	(29,160)	-	30,741	(30,741)	-
	<u>164,819</u>	<u>(164,819)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,983</u>	<u>(79,983)</u>	<u>-</u>

One employee of Stella's Voice also operates a charity in England called The Ramp. This charity donates the gross salary of Mr Reeser to Stella's Voice to cover his cost of employment and other ancillary costs.

The Moldova fund relates to proceeds raised through grants, appeals and donations in the form of monetary and non-monetary contributions. The income has been fully spent on activities over in Moldova in line with the charities objectives.

The Food and Household Goods fund relates to food, flowers and household goods that are received by Stella's Voice from local companies that are then distributed to those in need in the local community.

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20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	610,764	-	610,764	608,304	-	608,304
Investment properties	250,000	-	250,000	250,000	-	250,000
Current assets/ (liabilities)	177,048	-	177,048	(58,775)	-	(58,775)
Long term liabilities	(352,732)	-	(352,732)	(322,420)	-	(322,420)
	<u>685,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>685,080</u>	<u>477,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>477,109</u>

21 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charitable company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	34,500	43,000
Between two and five years	97,083	166,000
	<u>131,583</u>	<u>209,000</u>

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities as an expense during the period in respect of operating lease arrangements were £34,500 (2020 - £49,500).

22 Related party transactions

M. Morgan, trustee, received remuneration in his capacity as European Director of £42,619 (2020: £41,558) and W. Keeping trustee, received remuneration of £32,685 (2020: £40,163) in his capacity as Director of Operations. At the year-end, there were unpaid wages due to these trustees amounting to £nil (2020: £6,597).

Payments made to trustees are allowed by provision in the charity's memorandum and articles of association.

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23 Subsidiaries

Details of the charitable company's subsidiaries at 31 March 2021 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held	
				Direct	Indirect
Stella's Donuts	Scotland	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00	

The £1 investment in this entity has not been included in the accounts as it is immaterial.

24 Cash generated from operating activities	2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the year	207,971	9,087
Adjustments for:		
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(1,100)	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	38,719	25,190
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in debtors	16,985	9,805
(Decrease) in creditors	(41,014)	(8,651)
Cash generated from operating activities	221,561	35,431

25 Analysis of changes in net (debt)/funds	At 1 April 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	7,956	185,529	193,485
Bank overdrafts	(17,049)	17,049	-
	(9,093)	202,578	193,485
Loans falling due within one year	(21,606)	(8,034)	(29,640)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(322,420)	(30,312)	(352,732)
Obligations under finance leases	(11,250)	11,250	-
	(364,369)	175,482	(188,887)