

# THE SIMON COMMUNITY

England & Wales · Charity number 283938

## Details

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Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	<a href="#">01602161</a>
Registered	1982-02-12
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE RELIEF OF POVERTY OF POOR PERSONS GENERALLY, THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT IN ANY WAY LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING WORDS) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY OF PERSONS WHO BY REASON OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL INFIRMITY ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL THEIR DUTIES AS CITIZENS OR THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO THEIR FAMILIES OR TO THEIR EMPLOYERS.

**Activities:** We support and campaign for people who are homeless, or rootless and particularly those for whom no other provision exists.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Area of benefit: UNDEFINED
- Throughout London

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£138,102	£228,155	-	-
2024-03-31	£315,894	£289,933	-	-
2023-03-31	£415,343	£209,639	-	-
2022-03-31	£216,686	£222,714	-	-
2021-03-31	£395,949	£220,069	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Christopher John Hunton</b>	Chair	2021-08-07
ALAN COLE		
Alexander Edward Pickering		2019-01-09
Dagnija Lienite O'Connell		2022-10-29
Gesa Bukowski		2021-04-19
Peter Stuart McKay		2023-07-17
Rev Martin Andrew Kwarpong		2025-11-15

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# Accounts

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**THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

Trustees' report and financial statements

Company number: 01602161

Charity number: 283938

31 March 2025

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## **Reference and administrative details**

<b>Charity number</b>	283938
<b>The Board of Trustees</b>	Chris Hunton (Chair) Alexander Pickering (Treasurer) Alan Cole Gesa Bukowski Mark Pritchard Dagnija O'Connell Peter McKay
<b>Registered office</b>	129 Malden Road Kentish Town London NW5 4HS
<b>Accountants</b>	Mercer & Hole LLP The Pinnacle 170 Midsummer Boulevard Milton Keynes MK9 1BP
<b>Bankers</b>	HSBC 176 Camden High Street London NW1 8QL
<b>Investment Managers</b>	Brooks Macdonald 21 Lombard Street London EC3V 9AH

## Trustees' report

Below the trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### Objectives and activities

The principal objective of the charity is the relief of poverty of persons who by reason of mental or physical infirmity are unable to fulfil their duties as citizens or their obligations to their families or to their employers. This objective is put into practice via the following:

- By establishing, managing and improving houses of hospitality and shelters, clubs, cafes, day or night centres, residential settlements and sheltered workshops or other schemes for homeless and rootless, socially inadequate and mainly unemployable persons and provide them with the care, treatment, security and love to which they are entitled.
- By providing material relief care and comfort to those people sleeping rough and with no fixed abode.
- By providing, arranging, paying for or contributing towards the cost of providing board, lodging, meals and medical expenses for the homeless and rootless.
- By arranging for homeless and rootless people to be placed in suitable employment and by assisting in such manner as the Simon Community sees fit.

### Public benefit

The trustees ensure that the activities of the charity are consistent with its charitable objectives and aims. In agreeing our annual plans, the trustees take into account public benefit as set out in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in relation to the prevention and relief of poverty, the advancement of education and health and the relief of those in need. The trustees believe there is clear public benefit derived from the activities of the charity.

### Achievements and performance

#### Chair's note

Summarized below are the services undertaken during the year ended 31 March 2025:

Service	Description	No. Guests seen in the year	Services provided in the year
<b>Street work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Street Work involves walking along the streets of London at night, between 8.30 and 11pm. We go out to offer a cup of tea or coffee and food and spend some time with and talk to people.</li> <li>- We use this service as a grapevine to get provisions for people who are in need. Our regular guests will often alert us to someone who is new or in trouble and we can get them what they need quickly, such as shoes, a coat or a sleeping bag. If we find someone who is very ill prepared, we are able to get word back to the house to get them what they need.</li> <li>- We aim to develop supportive relationships with those who are vulnerable and isolated. We kept in touch with people as they went in and out of emergency accommodation in the lockdowns and were able to give them news of each other which was important when they had no way of keeping in touch.</li> <li>- Meeting people for the first time is a chance to build a rapport with them and to try to understand their needs.</li> </ul>	8,344	198
<b>Residential Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our residential project (129 Malden Road) is a truly unique space. Unlike any homeless hostel you may have seen before, it is a space for our guests to heal through living in community, developing stronger relationships, and supporting people still on the streets.</li> <li>- Staffed by three full time staff and one live in volunteer, together with the resident group, staff and volunteers prepare and deliver outreach services. We support other volunteers on services, some of whom have given years of service to London's street homeless population.</li> <li>- From our house hundreds of meals are prepared and distributed to those still on the streets each week.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We currently offer 4 spaces to people experiencing homelessness that we have met through our street outreach. We prioritise people who are not suited to alternative provision or a quick move to independent living due to complex needs, trauma and PTSD.</li> <li>- We give people the time they need to heal, whether that is a few months or a few years. This is the opposite of a quick fix, but ultimately it will save government decades of investment in sticking plaster solutions that do not address the trauma of experiencing long-term street homelessness.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
<b>Visits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once guests or residents move on to alternative accommodation they are supported by the community through visits. We also visit people who have moved from the streets into accommodation who are in need of community if they have not been residents in the residential project but are known to the community through the street homeless community. In the year we undertook 321 hours of visits.</li> <li>- We have ex-residents that need our help for many years after they leave. The pandemic has propelled a digital revolution that excludes many of the people that we help. Without a digital presence it is extremely difficult to navigate any health and social care systems, those who get left behind tend to opt out of a system that they cannot access, which puts their income, health and tenancies in jeopardy. We advocate for and support people who are unable to access these systems. Following the lockdown restrictions, guests and members have been able to come to the house for this support. Many of our visiting hours were taken up with hospital visits to ex-residents or community members who rely on the community as their main source of support</li> </ul>

Source: Simon Community

Over the course of the year to March 2025 we delivered 198 services to London's hardest to reach street-homeless people.

Our AGM was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024. It was brilliant to see everyone and to see the support from all corners of the Community, old members and new. The Community meeting has been developing as a decision-making forum and was held 6 times in the year in alternating months to the Board meetings.

In April 2024 we started the first new indoor service since the pandemic. Following a workshop at the Old Diorama Arts Centre we became part of the centre's Camden Colab project and they agreed to let us use a room free of charge to hold weekly ukulele sessions. We re-engaged our old teacher from Music Tuesday – a Simon Community project that ran from 2013 to 2016 – and he came back to teach Ukulele. The group has been going from strength to strength and now has a regular core that attend weekly and has even performed at this year's "Regents Roots" festival. Bringing people together to make music has been a great way to build community. When someone comes for 4 weeks we provide them with their own ukulele.

We were fortunate to secure some funding from Safe Haven and the Turley Foundation. This was to be used to take homeless guests shopping for items that they could not find donated elsewhere. This support work has taken place every week where we meet with guests, go shopping with them and help them find what they need to alleviate their suffering while they are experiencing homelessness.

We want to take a special moment to appreciate all our donors. Thank you for your support particularly during these challenging and difficult times. Your loyalty and commitment to our cause has meant that we can adapt quickly to the changing needs of our guests and continue to provide consistent support.

The charity does not fundraise from on-the-street public sources and there were no fundraising complaints received in the year.

## **Trustees' report (continued)**

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association and is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the Simon Community undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event the charity is wound up whilst he/she is a member, such sum as may be required not exceeding £1.

#### ***Financial Review***

Total income for the year is £138k (FY24: £316k) and total expenditure £228k (FY24: £290k), resulting in £81k net expenditure (FY24: £45k net income), after unrealised investment gains of £9k (FY24: £19k unrealised gains). Once again, we are immensely grateful to our donor base who continue to support us including those who leave legacies to us in their death estates which have contributed greatly in recent times to our overall income. Furthermore, the focus of the operational team continues to ensure a manageable cost base.

The trustees acknowledge the increasing pressures on the charitable sector particularly given the wider economic environment in the UK, including unprecedented levels of high inflation, translating into a cost-of-living crisis for many individuals and families. The charity's cash position was £266k (FY24: £250k) providing sufficient funds in the near term to absorb expected lower donations in the coming year.

#### ***Investment management***

The trustees have an investment policy setting out the investment objectives, attitude to risk, time horizon and ethical policy. During the year unrealised gains amounted to £9,221 (FY24: £19,424 unrealised gains).

#### ***Risk management***

The trustees continue to monitor the risks to the charity using a risk register. This is reviewed annually, and all trustees are made aware of the risks and their duty to assist in mitigating them.

#### ***Going concern***

Based on the charity's reserves position and the board's reasonable expectation that the charity has the resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, we believe there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The accounts have therefore been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

#### ***Reserves***

The board of trustees believe that the charity should hold financial reserves because:

- It has no endowment funding and is entirely dependent for income from year to year on donor funding, which is inevitably subject to fluctuation
- It requires protection against, and the ability to continue operating in the event of a serious lack of income
- There is a need to make provision for the development of the community's services

The trustees have a reserves policy which states that the target minimum level of free reserves should be equivalent of six months' unrestricted operating costs (FY24: six), calculated and reviewed annually, which amounts to approximately £100k on a pro-rata basis, based on current cost levels. At the financial year-end, there was £499k in general funds, as a result of un-budgeted legacies received during the financial year. It is expected that these excess funds will be utilized in the normal course of operations in the financial year ended 31 March 2026 and for renovations at one of the existing properties.

The Charity has designated £216,371 in a fixed asset fund to represent funds tied up in the Simon Community property portfolio and the Community Van used in the provision of services. The Charity has also designated £347,651 in a property fund to cover the future purchase of property (potentially with additional proceeds from the sale of another property, to be decided by the board in the coming financial year) and £17,480 for continued website development, work for which took place in the financial year.

## **Trustees' report (continued)**

### **Structure governance and management (continued)**

#### ***Board of trustees***

The board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and not less than 3 nor more than 12 other persons, all elected by the members. At each Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Chair and Treasurer retire from office and are eligible for re-election. Members are also eligible for election at the AGM. Up to one third of trustees can be drawn from residents or service users. The policy of the charity is that all trustees receive training about their roles and responsibilities as trustees. Trustees are recruited through the networks of members and are appointed through vote at the AGM.

The trustees who held office during the year were as follows:

Chris Hunton, Chair  
Alexander Pickering, Treasurer  
Alan Cole  
Gesa Bukowski  
Mark Pritchard  
Dagnija O'Connell  
Peter McKay

#### ***Organisational structure***

The charity is organised so that its trustees meet regularly (a minimum of 6 times per year) to manage its affairs and take strategic decisions on behalf of the charity. The day-to-day running of the Community is delegated to a Community Manager who reports to the Board. The Community Manager is supported by an Assistant Community Manager. They are both full time.

## **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' report and the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect 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.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 15 November 2025 and signed on its behalf, by:



**Chris Hunton, Chair**  
129 Malden Road, Kentish Town  
London, NW5 4HS

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 22.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

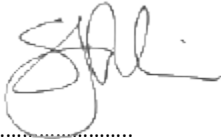
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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**Steve Robinson**  
**Mercer & Hole LLP**

170 Midsummer Boulevard  
Milton Keynes MK9 1BP

Dated 17 November 2025

**Statement of financial activities**  
*for the year ending 31 March 2025*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>Restricted Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	500	115,135	115,635	287,868
Investments	3	-	13,167	13,167	15,006
Charitable activities – homelessness activities	4	-	9,300	9,300	13,020
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>500</u>	<u>137,602</u>	<u>138,102</u>	<u>315,894</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Raising funds	5	-	(19,150)	(19,150)	(13,583)
Charitable activities - homelessness activities	6	(17,613)	(191,392)	(209,005)	(276,350)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>(17,613)</u>	<u>(210,542)</u>	<u>(228,155)</u>	<u>(289,933)</u>
Unrealised gains /(losses) on investments	15	-	9,221	9,221	19,424
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME</b>		<u>(17,113)</u>	<u>(63,719)</u>	<u>(80,832)</u>	45,385
<b>TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	13	7,500	(7,500)	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>(9,613)</u>	<u>(71,219)</u>	<u>(80,832)</u>	45,385
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
<i>Total funds at 1 April 2024</i>	17	<u>47,846</u>	<u>1,151,588</u>	<u>1,199,434</u>	<u>1,154,049</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2025</b>	13	<u>38,233</u>	<u>1,080,369</u>	<u>1,118,602</u>	<u>1,199,434</u>

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

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net increase in funds for the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**Balance sheet**  
*as at 31 March 2025*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2025</b>		<b>2024</b>	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	<i>10</i>		<b>216,371</b>		225,672
Investment	<i>15</i>		<b>561,734</b>		549,838
			<u><b>778,105</b></u>		<u>775,510</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	<i>11</i>	<b>83,158</b>		190,095	
Cash at bank		<b>265,908</b>		249,849	
		<u><b>349,066</b></u>		<u>439,944</u>	
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amounts falling due within one year	<i>12</i>	<b>(8,569)</b>		(16,020)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u><b>340,497</b></u>		<u>423,924</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u><b>1,118,602</b></u>		<u>1,199,434</u>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>					
Restricted funds	<i>13</i>		<b>38,233</b>		47,846
Unrestricted funds	<i>13</i>		<b>1,080,369</b>		1,151,588
			<u><b>1,118,602</b></u>		<u>1,199,434</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors responsibilities:

- (i) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- (ii) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 15 November 2025 and signed on their behalf, by:



**Chris Hunton**  
Chair



**Alexander Pickering**  
Treasurer

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**Statement of cash flows**  
*for the year ended 31 March 2025*

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income for the year (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>(80,832)</b>	45,385
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation	<b>9,301</b>	14,677
(Gains) /losses on investments	<b>(9,221)</b>	(19,424)
Investment income	<b>(9,388)</b>	(9,126)
Interest received	<b>(3,779)</b>	(5,880)
(Increase) /decrease in debtors	<b>106,937</b>	(179,023)
Increase /(decrease) in creditors	<b>(7,451)</b>	3,668
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<b>NET CASH (USED IN) / GENERATED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>5,567</b>	(149,723)
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<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Investment acquisitions	<b>(167,752)</b>	(115,986)
Investment disposals	<b>150,909</b>	120,015
Movement in investment cash	<b>14,168</b>	(6,800)
Investment income	<b>9,388</b>	9,126
Interest received	<b>3,779</b>	5,880
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<b>NET CASH INFLOW / (OUTFLOW) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>10,492</b>	12,235
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Change in net cash and cash equivalents in the year	<b>16,059</b>	(137,488)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2024	<b>249,849</b>	387,337
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<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 MARCH 2025</b>	<b>265,908</b>	249,849
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**ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT**

	At 1 April 2024	Cash flows	Other non- cash changes	At 31 March 2025
Cash and bank	249,849	16,059	-	<b>265,908</b>
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The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

## Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

### 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

#### Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Having considered future plans and cash flows, the trustees confirm that they are not aware of any material uncertainties with regard to the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future and therefore have prepared the accounts on a going concern basis.

#### Estimation uncertainty

In the view of the trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

#### Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £100 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold Property	-	2% straight line
Motor Vehicles	-	25% straight line
Furniture and Fixtures	-	20% straight line

#### 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.

#### Debtors

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

#### Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, 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** (continued)

### **1. Accounting policies (continued)**

#### **Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### **Income recognition**

Income is included in the SOFA 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. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Grants where related to performance and specific deliverables are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where income is received in advance of its recognition it is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income being received the income is accrued.

Donations are recognised when they are notified to the charity, with their receipt being probable and reliably measured.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Investment income is credited to income when it is receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Legacy income is recognised when the charity is notified of an interest in an estate, receipt is probable and can be measured reliably. Where legacies are subject to conditions or uncertainties, income is deferred until those conditions are met.

Rental income is received on an ad hoc basis and not governed by formal rental agreements, and therefore is recognised when the rental activity has occurred, and the relating monies have been paid.

#### **Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred, inclusive of VAT, which cannot be recovered.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**Notes** (continued)

**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to accountancy and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 7.

**Investments**

Investments in financial assets and securities are generally measured and reported at fair value. The initial 'fair' value being the original transaction price. Going forward such assets are subsequently carried at the current indicative trading price in the market, which is fair value. Where the asset has a spread the price quoted is the bid-price. Changes in fair value are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost 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.

<b>2. Donations and legacies</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Donations and appeals	<b>81,891</b>	83,672
Legacies	<b>18,744</b>	185,646
Grants	<b>15,000</b>	18,550
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Total donations and legacies	<b>115,635</b>	287,868
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<b>3. Investment income</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
Investment income	<b>9,388</b>	9,126
Interest receivable	<b>3,779</b>	5,880
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<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>13,167</b>	15,006
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**Notes (continued)**

<b>4. Charitable activities</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
Rental income from houses	<u><u>9,300</u></u>	<u><u>13,020</u></u>
<b>5. Raising funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
Direct fundraising costs	<b>8,707</b>	2,536
Allocation of support costs	<b>3,379</b>	3,533
Management costs	<b>7,064</b>	7,514
	<u><u>19,150</u></u>	<u><u>13,583</u></u>
<b>6. Charitable expenditure— homelessness activities</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
Staff costs	<b>111,991</b>	112,044
Direct charitable costs	<b>55,557</b>	117,021
Support costs	<b>19,151</b>	20,018
Insurance costs	<b>17,506</b>	15,198
Governance cost -accountants' remuneration	<b>4,800</b>	11,640
Management costs	-	429
	<u><u>209,005</u></u>	<u><u>276,350</u></u>

**Notes (continued)**

**7. Analysis of support costs -2025**

	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Charitable</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>activities</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Communication costs	276	1,566	1,842	776
Printing, postage & stationery	86	490	576	669
Utility costs	1,972	11,176	13,148	12,902
Other support costs	9	49	58	959
Governance costs	1,036	5,870	6,906	8,245
	<u>3,379</u>	<u>19,151</u>	<u>22,530</u>	<u>23,551</u>

**Analysis of support costs -2024**

	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Charitable</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>activities</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Communication costs	116	660	776
Printing, postage & stationery	100	569	669
Utility costs	1,935	10,967	12,902
Other support costs	144	815	959
Governance costs	1,237	7,008	8,245
	<u>3,532</u>	<u>20,019</u>	<u>23,551</u>

**Notes** (continued)

<b>8. Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>2025</b>	2024
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	<b>9,301</b>	14,677
Accountants' remuneration	<b>4,800</b>	11,640
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<b>9. Staff costs and trustees</b>	<b>2025</b>	2024
	£	£
<i>Staff costs were as follows:</i>		
Wages and salaries	<b>98,187</b>	97,761
Social security costs	<b>4,904</b>	4,716
Employer's pension contributions	<b>8,900</b>	9,567
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	<b>111,991</b>	112,044
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The number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>Number</b>	Number
Charitable activities	<b>3</b>	3
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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Total benefits paid to key management personnel in the year amounted to £42,840 (2024: £41,615).

No remuneration was paid to trustees during the year. Trustee reimbursements in relation to expenses amounted to £1,264 in the year (2024 – no expenses reimbursed).

**Notes** *(continued)*

<b>10. Tangible fixed assets</b>	<b>Freehold property</b>	<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2024	335,442	22,020	15,041	372,503
Additions	-	-	-	-
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At 31 March 2025	<b>335,442</b>	<b>22,020</b>	<b>15,041</b>	<b>372,503</b>
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<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2024	114,742	22,020	10,069	146,831
Charge for the year	6,709	-	2,592	9,301
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At 31 March 2025	<b>121,451</b>	<b>22,020</b>	<b>12,661</b>	<b>156,132</b>
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<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2025	<b>213,991</b>	-	<b>2,380</b>	<b>216,371</b>
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At 31 March 2024	220,700	-	4,972	225,672
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 <b>11. Debtors</b>			<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Legacies receivable			<b>82,595</b>	182,595
Prepayments			<b>563</b>	-
Accrued income			-	7,500
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			<b>83,158</b>	190,095
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 <b>12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors			<b>238</b>	-
Other creditors			<b>2,748</b>	3,016
Accruals			<b>5,583</b>	13,004
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			<b>8,569</b>	16,020
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**Notes** *(continued)*

**13. Statement of funds - 2025**

	Brought forward £	Income/ gains £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed assets funds	225,672	-	(9,301)	-	216,371
New property fund	347,651	-	-	-	347,651
New website fund	17,600	-	(120)	-	17,480
	<u>590,923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,421)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>581,502</u>
<b>General funds</b>					
General funds	560,665	146,823	(201,121)	(7,500)	498,867
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>1,151,588</u>	<u>146,823</u>	<u>(210,542)</u>	<u>(7,500)</u>	<u>1,080,369</u>

The fixed assets fund represents amounts tied up in fixed assets.

The new property fund represents amounts put aside to purchase new properties in the future.

The new website fund represents funds put aside to develop a new website.

	Brought forward £	Income/ gains £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Restricted funds 2025</b>					
129 Malden Road fund	47,846	-	(11,602)	-	36,244
Outerwear fund	-	-	(5,511)	7,500	1,989
New fridge fund	-	500	(500)	-	-
	<u>47,846</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>(17,613)</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>38,233</u>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>47,846</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>(17,613)</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>38,233</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>1,199,434</u>	<u>147,323</u>	<u>(228,155)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,118,602</u>

The 129 Malden Road Fund was received towards the regeneration of our 129 Malden Road property.

The outerwear fund was set up to provide suitable outerwear for our companions.

The new fridge fund was set up to purchase and fit a new fridge at our 129 Malden Road property.

**Notes** (continued)

**13. Statement of funds - 2024 (continued)**

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed assets funds	240,349	-	(14,677)	-	225,672
New property fund	347,651	-	-	-	347,651
New website fund	19,200	-	(1,600)	-	17,600
	<u>607,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,277)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>590,923</u>
<b>General funds</b>					
General funds	497,940	335,318	(272,593)	-	560,665
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>1,105,140</u>	<u>335,318</u>	<u>(288,870)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,151,588</u>
	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Restricted funds 2024</b>					
129 Malden Road fund	48,909	-	(1,063)	-	47,846
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>48,909</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,063)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,846</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>1,154,049</u>	<u>335,318</u>	<u>(289,933)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,199,434</u>

**Notes** *(continued)*

**14. Analysis of net assets between funds -2025**

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	216,371	216,371	225,672
Investment	-	561,734	561,734	549,838
Current assets	38,233	310,833	349,066	439,944
Creditors due within one year	-	(8,569)	(8,569)	(16,020)
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	<b>38,233</b>	<b>1,080,369</b>	<b>1,118,602</b>	<b>1,199,434</b>
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**Analysis of net assets between funds -2024**

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	225,672	225,672
Investment	-	549,838	549,838
Current assets	47,846	392,098	439,944
Creditors due within one year	-	(16,020)	(16,020)
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	<b>47,846</b>	<b>1,151,588</b>	<b>1,199,434</b>
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**Notes** *(continued)*

**15. Investments**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Investment funds</b>		
As at 1 April 2024	<b>549,838</b>	527,643
Additions	<b>167,752</b>	115,986
Disposals	<b>(150,909)</b>	(120,015)
Unrealised gains on investments	<b>9,221</b>	19,424
Movement on investment cash	<b>(14,168)</b>	6,800
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<b>Investment funds as at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>561,734</b>	549,838
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Investment funds consist of listed investments.

**16. Related Party Transactions**

During the year donations from trustees amounted to £150 (2024 – nil).

As at 31 March 2024 the charity has been notified of one legacy that has not been included in full in income as uncertainties still remain over the measurement of the full entitlement. This legacy was notified to the charity in December 2023 and related in part to a property. The will includes provision for a life tenant and so the deceased's house will only become part of the residuary estate on their death. The house was valued in January 2023 for estate purposes at £350,000. The remainder of the residuary estate was recognised as a legacy during the year ended 31 March 2024. An interim distribution was received for £100,000 during the year ended 31 March 2025. The legacy is unrestricted.

**Notes** *(continued)*

**17. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities**

*for the year ended 31 March 2024*

	<b>Restricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>			
Donations and legacies	-	<b>287,868</b>	<b>287,868</b>
Investments	-	<b>15,006</b>	<b>15,006</b>
Charitable activities – homelessness activities	-	<b>13,020</b>	<b>13,020</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>315,894</b>	<b>315,894</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>			
Raising funds	-	<b>(13,583)</b>	<b>(13,583)</b>
Charitable activities - homelessness activities	<b>(1,063)</b>	<b>(275,287)</b>	<b>(276,350)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>(1,063)</b>	<b>(288,870)</b>	<b>(289,933)</b>
Net gains on investments	-	19,424	19,424
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME</b>	<b>(1,063)</b>	<b>46,448</b>	<b>45,385</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
<i>Total funds at 1 April 2023</i>	<b>48,909</b>	<b>1,105,140</b>	<b>1,154,049</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2024</b>	<b>47,846</b>	<b>1,151,588</b>	<b>1,199,434</b>

**THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

England & Wales - Charity number 283938

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# Accounts

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**THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

Trustees' report and financial statements

Company number: 01602161

Charity number: 283938

31 March 2024

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## Reference and administrative details

<b>Charity number</b>	283938
<b>The Board of Trustees</b>	Chris Hunton (Chair) Alexander Pickering (Treasurer) Alan Cole Gesa Bukowski Mark Pritchard Dagnija O'Connell Peter McKay
<b>Registered office</b>	129 Malden Road Kentish Town London NW5 4HS
<b>Auditors</b>	Haysmacintyre LLP (resigned 23 April 2024) Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1AG  Mercer & Hole LLP (appointed 10 June 2024) The Pinnacle 170 Midsummer Boulevard Milton Keynes MK9 1BP
<b>Bankers</b>	HSBC 176 Camden High Street London NW1 8QL
<b>Investment Managers</b>	Brooks Macdonald 21 Lombard Street London EC3V 9AH

## Trustees' report

Below the trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### Objectives and activities

The principal objective of the charity is the relief of poverty of persons who by reason of mental or physical infirmity are unable to fulfill their duties as citizens or their obligations to their families or to their employers. This objective is put into practice via the following:

- By establishing, managing and improving houses of hospitality and shelters, clubs, cafes, day or night centers, residential settlements and sheltered workshops or other schemes for homeless and rootless, socially inadequate and mainly unemployable persons and provide them with the care, treatment, security and love to which they are entitled.
- By providing material relief care and comfort to those people sleeping rough and with no fixed abode.
- By providing, arranging, paying for or contributing towards the cost of providing board, lodging, meals and medical expenses for the homeless and rootless.
- By arranging for homeless and rootless people to be placed in suitable employment and by assisting in such manner as the Simon Community sees fit.

### Public benefit

The trustees ensure that the activities of the charity are consistent with its charitable objectives and aims. In agreeing our annual plans, the trustees take into account public benefit as set out in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in relation to the prevention and relief of poverty, the advancement of education and health and the relief of those in need. The trustees believe there is clear public benefit derived from the activities of the charity.

## Achievements and performance

### Chair's note

Summarized below are the services undertaken during the year ended 31 March 2024:

Service	Description	No. Guests seen in the year	Services provided in the year
<b>Street work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Street Work involves walking along the streets of London at night, between 8.30 and 11pm. We go out to offer a cup of tea or coffee and food and spend some time with and talk to people.</li> <li>- We use this service as a grapevine to get provisions for people who are in need. Our regular guests will often alert us to someone who is new or in trouble and we can get them what they need quickly, such as shoes, a coat or a sleeping bag. If we find someone who is very ill prepared, we are able to get word back to the house to get them what they need.</li> <li>- We aim to develop supportive relationships with those who are vulnerable and isolated. We kept in touch with people as they went in and out of emergency accommodation in the lockdowns and were able to give them news of each other which was important when they had no way of keeping in touch.</li> <li>- Meeting people for the first time is a chance to build a rapport with them and to try to understand their needs.</li> </ul>	9533	156
<b>Residential Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our residential project (129 Malden Road) is a truly unique space. Unlike any homeless hostel you may have seen before, it is a space for our guests to heal through living in community, developing stronger relationships, and supporting people still on the streets.</li> <li>- Staffed by three full time staff and one live in volunteer, together with the resident group, staff and volunteers prepare and deliver outreach services. We support other volunteers on services, some of whom have given years of service to London's street homeless population.</li> <li>- From our house hundreds of meals are prepared and distributed to those still on the streets each week.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We currently offer 4 spaces to people experiencing homelessness that we have met through our street outreach. We prioritise people who are not suited to alternative provision or a quick move to independent living due to complex needs, trauma and PTSD.</li> <li>- We give people the time they need to heal, whether that is a few months or a few years. This is the opposite of a quick fix, but ultimately it will save government decades of investment in sticking plaster solutions that do not address the trauma of experiencing long-term street homelessness.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
<b>Visits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once guests or residents move on to alternative accommodation they are supported by the community through visits. We also visit people who have moved from the streets into accommodation who are in need of community if they have not been residents in the residential project but are known to the community through the street homeless community. In the year we undertook 166 hours of visits.</li> <li>- We have ex-residents that need our help for many years after they leave. The pandemic has propelled a digital revolution that excludes many of the people that we help. Without a digital presence it is extremely difficult to navigate any health and social care systems, those who get left behind tend to opt out of a system that they cannot access, which puts their income, health and tenancies in jeopardy. We advocate for and support people who are unable to access these systems. Following the lockdown restrictions, guests and members have been able to come to the house for this support. Many of our visiting hours were taken up with hospital visits to ex-residents or community members who rely on the community as their main source of support</li> </ul>

Source: Simon Community

Over the course of the year to March 2024 we delivered 156 services to London's hardest to reach street-homeless people.

Our AGM was held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Coming together at the AGM in the way that we have done annually since inception gave the charity the opportunity to mark a chapter following the pandemic. It was brilliant to see everyone and to see the support from all corners of the Community, old members and new.

We had a picnic to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of our founder Anton Wallich Clifford on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023. This was attended by older community members who came to share memories, as well as guests and residents. We didn't have the best weather that day, but everyone still enjoyed getting together.

In January 2024 we were proud to see one of our Trustees and committed long term volunteer Peter McKay recognized for his services to volunteering with a British Citizen's Award.

As one of the oldest homeless charities we had the joy of celebrating our 60th Anniversary on September 2nd 2023, with an event to say thank you to all those involved with the Simon Community over the years. This was held in the hall of the Church which held the funeral for our Founder, Anton Wallich-Clifford, who was born 100 years ago this year. A former probation officer at Bow Street Magistrates Court, Anton was a visionary whose work changed the way we view homelessness and who inspired the formation of a number of charities that dominate the homelessness sector today.

We want to take a special moment to appreciate all our donors. Thank you for your support particularly during these challenging and difficult times. Your loyalty and commitment to our cause has meant that we can adapt quickly to the changing needs of our guests and continue to provide consistent support.

The charity does not fundraise from on-the-street public sources and there were no fundraising complaints received in the year.

## **Trustees' report (continued)**

### **Structure governance and management**

The charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association and is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the Simon Community undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event the charity is wound up whilst he/she is a member, such sum as may be required not exceeding £1.

#### **Financial Review**

Total income for the year is £316k (FY23: £415k) and total expenditure £290k (FY23: £210k), resulting in £45k net income (FY23: £175k net income), after unrealised investment gains of £19k (FY23: £30k unrealised losses). Once again, we are immensely grateful to our donor base who continue to support us including those who leave legacies to us in their death estates which have contributed greatly in recent times to our overall income. Furthermore, the focus of the operational team continues to ensure a manageable cost base.

The trustees acknowledge the increasing pressures on the charitable sector particularly given the wider economic environment in the UK, including unprecedented levels of high inflation, translating into a cost-of-living crisis for many individuals and families. The charity's cash position was £250k (FY23: £387k) providing sufficient funds in the near term to absorb expected lower donations in the coming year.

#### **Investment management**

The trustees have an investment policy setting out the investment objectives, attitude to risk, time horizon and ethical policy. During the year unrealised gains amounted to £19,424 (FY23: £30,056 unrealised losses).

#### **Risk management**

The trustees continue to monitor the risks to the charity using a risk register. This is reviewed annually, and all trustees are made aware of the risks and their duty to assist in mitigating them.

#### **Going concern**

Based on the charity's reserves position and the board's reasonable expectation that the charity has the resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, we believe there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The accounts have therefore been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

#### **Reserves**

The board of trustees believe that the charity should hold financial reserves because:

- It has no endowment funding and is entirely dependent for income from year to year on donor funding, which is inevitably subject to fluctuation
- It requires protection against, and the ability to continue operating in the event of a serious lack of income
- There is a need to make provision for the development of the community's services

The trustees have a reserves policy which states that the target minimum level of free reserves should be equivalent of six months' unrestricted operating costs (FY23: six), calculated and reviewed annually, which amounts to approximately £100k on a pro-rata basis, based on current cost levels. At the financial year-end, there was £561k in general funds, as a result of un-budgeted legacies received during the financial year. It is expected that these excess funds will be utilized in the normal course of operations in the financial year ended 31 March 2025 and for renovations at one of the existing properties.

The Charity has designated £225,672 in a fixed asset fund to represent funds tied up in the Simon Community property portfolio and the Community Van used in the provision of services. The Charity has also designated £347,651 in a property fund to cover the future purchase of property (potentially with additional proceeds from the sale of another property, to be decided by the board in the coming financial year) and £17,600 for a new website, work for which took place in the financial year.

## **Trustees' report (continued)**

### **Structure governance and management (continued)**

#### ***Board of trustees***

The board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and not less than 3 nor more than 12 other persons, all elected by the members. At each Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Chair and Treasurer retire from office and are eligible for re-election. Members are also eligible for election at the AGM. Up to one third of trustees can be drawn from residents or service users. The policy of the charity is that all trustees receive training about their roles and responsibilities as trustees. Trustees are recruited through the networks of members and are appointed through vote at the AGM.

The trustees who held office during the year were as follows:

Chris Hunton, Chair  
Alexander Pickering, Treasurer  
Alan Cole  
Gesa Bukowski  
Mark Pritchard  
Dagnija O'Connell  
Peter McKay (Appointed 17 July 2023)

#### ***Organisational structure***

The charity is organised so that its trustees meet regularly (a minimum of 8 times per year) to manage its affairs and take strategic decisions on behalf of the charity. The day-to-day running of the Community is delegated to a Community Manager who is supported by an Assistant Community Manager, both of whom are full time and report to the board.

#### ***Disclosure of information to the auditor***

The trustees who held office at the date of approval of this trustees' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have been taken in their capacity as a director of the company to make him/her-self aware of any relevant audit information.

#### ***Auditors***

Haysmacintyre LLP resigned on 23 April 2024 as auditors. There were no circumstances surrounding their resignation that needed bringing to the Trustee's attention.

Mercer & Hole LLP were appointed as auditors on 10 June 2024.

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Mercer & Hole LLP be reappointed as auditor of the company was accepted at the General Meeting on 2 November 2024.

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

## **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' report and the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect 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.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 18 November 2024 and signed on its behalf, by:



**Chris Hunton, Chair**  
129 Malden Road, Kentish Town  
London, NW5 4HS

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Simon Community for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

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

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report (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 have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SIMON COMMUNITY (continued)**

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report (which incorporates the directors' report).

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charitable company; 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 for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, 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.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

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

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with regulatory requirements of company law, employment law and health and safety regulations and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act, Charities Act and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to recognition of income and management bias in certain accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

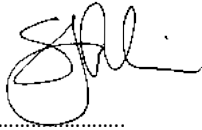
- Inspecting Trustees' meeting minutes
- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Identifying and testing journals; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates.

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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

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



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**Steve Robinson (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of Mercer & Hole LLP**  
Statutory Auditors

170 Midsummer Boulevard  
Milton Keynes MK9 1BP

Dated 22 November 2024

**Statement of financial activities**  
*for the year ending 31 March 2024*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>Restricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	-	287,868	287,868	392,698
Investments	3	-	15,006	15,006	9,605
Charitable activities – homelessness activities	4	-	13,020	13,020	13,040
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		-	<b>315,894</b>	<b>315,894</b>	<b>415,343</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Raising funds	5	-	(13,583)	(13,583)	(11,017)
Charitable activities - homelessness activities	6	(1,063)	(275,287)	(276,350)	(199,527)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>(1,063)</b>	<b>(288,870)</b>	<b>(289,933)</b>	<b>(210,544)</b>
Unrealised gains /(losses) on investments	15	-	19,424	19,424	(30,056)
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME</b>		<b>(1,063)</b>	<b>46,448</b>	<b>45,385</b>	<b>174,743</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
<i>Total funds at 1 April 2023</i>	17	<b>48,909</b>	<b>1,105,140</b>	<b>1,154,049</b>	979,306
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2024</b>	13	<b>47,846</b>	<b>1,151,588</b>	<b>1,199,434</b>	1,154,049

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

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net increase in funds for the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

**Balance sheet**  
*as at 31 March 2024*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	<i>10</i>		<b>225,672</b>		240,349
Investment	<i>15</i>		<b>549,838</b>		527,643
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			<b>775,510</b>		<b>767,992</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	<i>11</i>	<b>190,095</b>		11,072	
Cash at bank		<b>249,849</b>		387,337	
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			<b>439,944</b>		398,409
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amounts falling due within one year	<i>12</i>		<b>(16,020)</b>		(12,352)
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>423,924</b>		386,057
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<b>1,199,434</b>		1,154,049
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<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>					
Restricted funds	<i>13</i>		<b>47,846</b>		48,909
Unrestricted funds	<i>13</i>		<b>1,151,588</b>		1,105,140
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			<b>1,199,434</b>		1,154,049
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The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 18 November 2024 and signed on their behalf, by:



**Chris Hunton**  
Chair



**Alexander Pickering**  
Treasurer

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of cash flows

for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income for the year (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>45,385</b>	174,743
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation	<b>14,677</b>	16,322
(Gains) /losses on investments	<b>(19,424)</b>	30,056
Investment income	<b>(9,126)</b>	(8,067)
Interest received	<b>(5,880)</b>	(1,538)
(Increase) /decrease in debtors	<b>(179,023)</b>	54,555
Increase /(decrease) in creditors	<b>3,668</b>	(3,063)
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<b>NET CASH (USED IN) /GENERATED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(149,723)</b>	263,008
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<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Investment acquisitions	<b>(115,986)</b>	(136,557)
Investment disposals	<b>120,015</b>	27,105
Movement in investment cash	<b>(6,800)</b>	6,825
Investment income	<b>9,126</b>	8,067
Interest received	<b>5,880</b>	1,538
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<b>NET CASH INFLOW /(OUTFLOW) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>12,235</b>	(93,022)
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Change in net cash and cash equivalents in the year	<b>(137,488)</b>	169,986
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2023	<b>387,337</b>	217,351
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<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 MARCH 2024</b>	<b>249,849</b>	387,337
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### ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 April 2023	Cash flows	Other non- cash changes	At 31 March 2024
Cash and bank	387,337	(137,488)	-	<b>249,849</b>
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The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

## **Notes**

*(forming part of the financial statements)*

### **1. Accounting policies**

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

#### **Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis**

Having considered future plans and cash flows, the trustees confirm that they are not aware of any material uncertainties with regard to the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future and therefore have prepared the accounts on a going concern basis.

#### **Estimation uncertainty**

In the view of the trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

#### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

All assets costing more than £100 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold Property	-	2% straight line
Motor Vehicles	-	25% straight line
Furniture and Fixtures	-	20% straight line

#### **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.

## **Notes** *(continued)*

### **1. Accounting policies (continued)**

#### **Debtors**

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

#### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, 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.

#### **Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### **Income recognition**

Income is included in the SOFA 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. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations & Grants where related to performance and specific deliverables are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where income is received in advance of its recognition it is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income being received the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Investment income is credited to income when it is receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### **Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred, inclusive of VAT, which cannot be recovered.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**Notes** *(continued)*

**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to statutory audit and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 7.

**Investments**

Investments in financial assets and securities are generally measured and reported at fair value. The initial 'fair' value being the original transaction price. Going forward such assets are subsequently carried at the current indicative trading price in the market, which is fair value. Where the asset has a spread the price quoted is the bid-price. Changes in fair value are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost 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.

<b>2. Donations and legacies</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>
Donations and appeals	<b>83,672</b>	75,832
Legacies	<b>185,646</b>	311,866
Grants	<b>18,550</b>	5,000
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Total donations and legacies	<b>287,868</b>	392,698
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<b>3. Investment income</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>
Investment income	<b>9,126</b>	8,067
Interest receivable	<b>5,880</b>	1,538
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<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>15,006</b>	9,605
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**Notes** *(continued)*

<b>4. Charitable activities</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>
Rental income from houses	<b>13,020</b>	13,040
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<b>5. Raising funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>
Direct fundraising costs	<b>2,536</b>	1,751
Allocation of support costs	<b>3,533</b>	3,063
Management costs	<b>7,514</b>	6,203
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	<b>13,583</b>	11,017
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<b>6. Charitable expenditure— homelessness activities</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>
Staff costs	<b>112,044</b>	110,366
Direct charitable costs	<b>117,021</b>	45,422
Support costs	<b>20,018</b>	17,356
Insurance costs	<b>15,198</b>	15,983
Governance cost -auditors' remuneration	<b>11,640</b>	10,400
Management costs	<b>429</b>	-
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	<b>276,350</b>	199,527
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**Notes (continued)**

**7. Analysis of support costs -2024**

	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Charitable</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>activities</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Communication costs	116	660	776	3,405
Printing, postage & stationery	100	569	669	229
Utility costs	1,935	10,967	12,902	10,804
Other support costs	144	815	959	105
Governance costs	1,237	7,008	8,245	5,876
	<u>3,532</u>	<u>20,019</u>	<u>23,551</u>	<u>20,419</u>

**Analysis of support costs -2023**

	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Charitable</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>activities</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Communication costs	511	2,894	3,405
Printing, postage & stationery	34	195	229
Utility costs	1,621	9,183	10,804
Other support costs	16	89	105
Governance costs	881	4,995	5,876
	<u>3,063</u>	<u>17,356</u>	<u>20,419</u>

**Notes** *(continued)*

<b>8. Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	<b>14,677</b>	16,322
Auditors' remuneration	<b>11,640</b>	10,400
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<b>9. Staff costs and trustees</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
	£	£
<i>Staff costs were as follows:</i>		
Wages and salaries	<b>97,761</b>	96,089
Social security costs	<b>4,716</b>	4,940
Employer's pension contributions	<b>9,567</b>	9,340
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	<b>112,044</b>	110,366
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The number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>Number</b>	Number
Charitable activities	<b>3</b>	3
	<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>

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

Total benefits paid to key management personnel in the year amounted to £41,615 (2023: £41,242).

No remuneration was paid to trustees nor were any expenses reimbursed (2023 – the same).

**Notes** (continued)

10. Tangible fixed assets	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2023	335,442	22,020	15,041	372,503
Additions	-	-	-	-
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At 31 March 2024	<b>335,442</b>	<b>22,020</b>	<b>15,041</b>	<b>372,503</b>
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<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2023	108,033	16,644	7,477	132,154
Charge for the year	6,709	5,376	2,592	14,677
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At 31 March 2024	<b>114,742</b>	<b>22,020</b>	<b>10,069</b>	<b>146,831</b>
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<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2024	<b>220,700</b>	-	<b>4,972</b>	<b>225,672</b>
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At 31 March 2023	227,409	5,376	7,564	240,349
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11. Debtors			<b>2024</b>	2023
			£	£
Legacies receivable			<b>182,595</b>	11,072
Accrued income			<b>7,500</b>	-
			<hr/>	<hr/>
			<b>190,095</b>	11,072
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12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			<b>2024</b>	2023
			£	£
Other creditors			<b>3,016</b>	1,521
Accruals			<b>13,004</b>	10,831
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			<b>16,020</b>	12,352
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**Notes** (continued)

**13. Statement of funds - 2024**

	Brought forward £	Income/ gains £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed assets funds	240,349	-	(14,677)	-	225,672
New property fund	347,651	-	-	-	347,651
New website fund	19,200	-	(1,600)	-	17,600
	<u>607,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,277)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>590,923</u>
<b>General funds</b>					
General funds	497,940	335,318	(272,593)	-	560,665
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>1,105,140</u>	<u>335,318</u>	<u>(288,870)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,151,588</u>

The fixed assets fund represents amounts tied up in fixed assets.

The new property fund represents amounts put aside to purchase new properties in the future.

The new website fund represents funds put aside to develop a new website.

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Restricted funds 2024</b>					
129 Malden Road fund	48,909	-	(1,063)	-	47,846
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>48,909</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,063)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,846</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>1,154,049</u>	<u>335,318</u>	<u>(289,933)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,199,434</u>

The 129 Malden Road Fund was received towards the regeneration of our 129 Malden Road property.

**Statement of funds - 2023**

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed assets funds	256,671	-	(16,322)	-	240,349
New property fund	347,651	-	-	-	347,651
New website fund	20,000	-	(800)	-	19,200
	<u>624,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,122)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>607,200</u>
<b>General funds</b>					
General funds	305,170	385,287	(192,517)	-	497,940
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>929,492</u>	<u>385,287</u>	<u>(209,639)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,105,140</u>

**Notes** *(continued)*

**13. Statement of funds (continued)**

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Restricted funds – 2023</b>					
129 Malden Road fund	49,814	-	(905)	-	48,909
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	49,814	-	(905)	-	48,909
<b>Total of funds</b>	979,306	385,287	(210,544)	-	1,154,049

**14. Analysis of net assets between funds -2024**

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	225,672	225,672	240,349
Investment	-	549,838	549,838	527,643
Current assets	47,846	392,098	439,944	398,409
Creditors due within one year	-	(16,020)	(16,020)	(12,352)
	47,846	1,151,588	1,199,434	1,154,049

**Analysis of net assets between funds -2023**

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	240,349	240,349
Investment	-	527,643	527,643
Current assets	48,909	349,500	398,409
Creditors due within one year	-	(12,352)	(12,352)
	48,909	1,105,140	1,154,049

**Notes** *(continued)*

**15. Investments**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Investment funds</b>		
As at 1 April 2023	<b>527,643</b>	455,072
Additions	<b>115,986</b>	136,557
Disposals	<b>(120,015)</b>	(27,105)
Unrealised gains on investments	<b>19,424</b>	(30,056)
Movement on investment cash	<b>6,800</b>	(6,825)
<b>Investment funds as at 31 March 2024</b>	<b><u>549,838</u></b>	<b><u>527,643</u></b>

Investment funds consist of listed investments.

**16. Related Party Transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year to be disclosed (2023 – the same).

As at 31 March 2024 the charity has been notified of one legacy that has not been included in full in income as uncertainties still remain over the measurement of the full entitlement. This legacy was notified to the charity in December 2023 and related in part to a property. The will includes provision for a life tenant and so the deceased's house will only become part of the residuary estate on their death. The house was valued in January 2023 for estate purposes at £350,000. The remainder of the residuary estate has been recognised as a legacy during this financial year. The legacy is unrestricted.

**Notes** *(continued)*

**17. Comparative Statement of  
Financial Activities**

*for the year ended 31 March 2023*

	<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>			
Donations and legacies	-	392,698	392,698
Investments	-	9,605	9,605
Charitable activities – homelessness activities	-	13,040	13,040
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>415,343</b>	<b>415,343</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>			
Raising funds	-	(11,017)	(11,017)
Charitable activities - homelessness activities	(905)	(198,622)	(199,527)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>(905)</b>	<b>(209,639)</b>	<b>(210,544)</b>
Net gains on investments	-	(30,056)	(30,056)
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME</b>	<b>(905)</b>	<b>175,648</b>	<b>174,743</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
<i>Total funds at 1 April 2022</i>	49,814	929,492	979,306
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2023</b>	<b>48,909</b>	<b>1,105,140</b>	<b>1,154,049</b>

**THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

England & Wales - Charity number 283938

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# Accounts

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**THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

Trustees' report and financial statements

Company number: 01602161

Charity number: 283938

31 March 2023

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## **Reference and administrative details**

<b>Charity number</b>	283938
<b>The Board of Trustees</b>	Chris Hunton (Chair) Alexander Pickering (Treasurer) Alan Cole Gesa Bukowski Mark Pritchard Dagnija O'Connell Peter McKay
<b>Registered office</b>	129 Malden Road Kentish Town London NW5 4HS
<b>Auditors</b>	Haysmacintyre LLP Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1AG
<b>Bankers</b>	HSBC 246 Kentish Town Road London NW5 2BS
<b>Investment Managers</b>	Brooks Macdonald 21 Lombard Street London EC3V 9AH

## Trustees' report

Below the trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### Objectives and activities

The principal objective of the charity is the relief of poverty of persons who by reason of mental or physical infirmity are unable to fulfill their duties as citizens or their obligations to their families or to their employers. This objective is put into practice via the following:

- By establishing, managing and improving houses of hospitality and shelters, clubs, cafes, day or night centers, residential settlements and sheltered workshops or other schemes for homeless and rootless, socially inadequate and mainly unemployable persons and provide them with the care, treatment, security and love to which they are entitled.
- By providing material relief care and comfort to those people sleeping rough and with no fixed abode.
- By providing, arranging, paying for or contributing towards the cost of providing board, lodging, meals and medical expenses for the homeless and rootless.
- By arranging for homeless and rootless people to be placed in suitable employment and by assisting in such manner as the Simon Community sees fit.

### Public benefit

The trustees ensure that the activities of the charity are consistent with its charitable objectives and aims. In agreeing our annual plans, the trustees take into account public benefit as set out in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in relation to the prevention and relief of poverty, the advancement of education and health and the relief of those in need. The trustees believe there is clear public benefit derived from the activities of the charity.

### Achievements and performance

#### Chair's note

Summarized below are the services undertaken during the year ended 31 March 2023:

Service	Description	No. Guests seen in the year	Services provided in the year
Street work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Street Work involves walking along the streets of London at night, between 8.30 and 11pm. We go out to offer a cup of tea or coffee and food and spend some time with and talk to people.</li> <li>- We use this service as a grapevine to get provisions for people who are in need. Our regular guests will often alert us to someone who is new or in trouble and we can get them what they need quickly, such as shoes, a coat or a sleeping bag. If we find someone who is very ill prepared, we are able to get word back to the house to get them what they need.</li> <li>- We aim to develop supportive relationships with those who are vulnerable and isolated. We kept in touch with people as they went in and out of emergency accommodation in the lockdowns and were able to give them news of each other which was important when they had no way of keeping in touch.</li> <li>- Meeting people for the first time is a chance to build a rapport with them and to try to understand their needs.</li> </ul>	9135	160
Residential Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our residential project (129 Malden Road) is a truly unique space. Unlike any homeless hostel you may have seen before, it is a space for our guests to heal through living in community, developing stronger relationships, and supporting people still on the streets.</li> <li>- Staffed by three full time staff and one live in volunteer, together with the resident group, staff and volunteers prepare and deliver outreach services. We support other volunteers on services, some of whom have given years of service to London's street homeless population.</li> <li>- From our house hundreds of meals are prepared and distributed to those still on the streets each week.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We currently offer 4 spaces to people experiencing homelessness that we have met through our street outreach. We prioritise people who are not suited to alternative provision or a quick move to independent living due to complex needs, trauma and PTSD.</li> <li>- We give people the time they need to heal, whether that is a few months or a few years. This is the opposite of a quick fix, but ultimately it will save government decades of investment in sticking plaster solutions that do not address the trauma of experiencing long-term street homelessness.</li> <li>- During the lock downs we were able to provide a door service where homeless guests could come to the door for food, clothes, hot drinks and information.</li> </ul>
<b>Visits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once guests or residents move on to alternative accommodation they are supported by the community through visits. We also visit people who have moved from the streets into accommodation who are in need of community if they have not been residents in the residential project but are known to the community through the street homeless community. In the year we undertook 204 hours of visits.</li> <li>- We have ex-residents that need our help for many years after they leave. The pandemic has propelled a digital revolution that excludes many of the people that we help. Without a digital presence it is extremely difficult to navigate any health and social care systems, those who get left behind tend to opt out of a system that they cannot access, which puts their income, health and tenancies in jeopardy. We advocate for and support people who are unable to access these systems. Following the lockdown restrictions, guests and members have been able to come to the house for this support. Many of our visiting hours were taken up with hospital visits to ex-residents or community members who rely on the community as their main source of support</li> </ul>

Source: Simon Community

Over the course of the year to March 2023 we delivered 160 services to London's hardest to reach street-homeless people. Even though the UK was operating in a post-pandemic environment, we still had to implement our covid isolation plan and restructure outreach service due to covid twice during the year. As so many of our guests are unvaccinated and clinically vulnerable, it is important that we didn't and continue to not take any unnecessary risks. Our approach has been successful both times, the covid case has been contained at the residential or in the staff team and no outreach services were missed.

Our AGM was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Coming together at the AGM in the way that we have done annually since inception gave the charity the opportunity to mark a chapter following the pandemic. It was brilliant to see everyone and to see the support from all corners of the Community, old members and new.

In July 2022 there was a heatwave that saw temperature in the high 30s degrees Celsius. The community agreed to review a severe weather response when the temperature is above 30 degrees. On those days we sent teams out in the middle of the day with ice water, hats, sunscreen and ice poles to guests who found themselves outside in the extremely hot weather.

We had the first guest picnic since the pandemic last summer with around 50 guests coming together to enjoy lunch, games and community last summer. Everyone commented on how much they enjoyed it and we are looking forward to holding it again this year.

As one of the oldest homeless charities we had the joy of celebrating our 60th Anniversary on September 2nd 2023, with an event to say thank you to all those involved with the Simon Community over the years. This was held in the hall of the Church which held the funeral for our Founder, Anton Wallich-Clifford, who was born 100 years ago this year. A former probation officer at Bow Street Magistrates Court, Anton was a visionary whose work changed the way we view homelessness and who inspired the formation of a number of charities that dominate the homelessness sector today.

We want to take a special moment to appreciate all our donors. Thank you for your support particularly during these challenging and difficult times. Your loyalty and commitment to our cause has meant that we can adapt quickly to the changing needs of our guests and continue to provide consistent support.

The charity does not fundraise from on-the-street public sources and there were no fundraising complaints received in the year.

## **Trustees' report (continued)**

### **Structure governance and management**

The charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association and is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the Simon Community undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event the charity is wound up whilst he/she is a member, such sum as may be required not exceeding £1.

#### **Financial Review**

Total income for the year is £415k (FY22: £217k) and total expenditure £210k (FY22: £223k), resulting in £175k net income (FY22: £97 net expenditure), after unrealised investment losses of £30k (FY22: £6k unrealised gain). Once again, we are immensely grateful to our donor base who continue to support us including those who leave legacies to us in their death estates which have contributed greatly in recent times to our overall income. Furthermore, the focus from the operational team continues to ensure a manageable cost base.

The trustees acknowledge the increasing pressures on the charitable sector particularly given the wider economic environment in the UK, including unprecedented levels of high inflation, translating into a cost-of-living crisis for many individuals and families. The charity's cash position was £387k (FY22: £217k) providing sufficient funds in the near term to absorb expected lower donations in the coming year.

#### **Investment management**

The trustees have an investment policy setting out the investment objectives, attitude to risk, time horizon and ethical policy. In the year £100k was transferred into the investment account (FY22: none). During the year unrealised losses amounted to £30,056 (FY22: £5,931 unrealised gain).

#### **Risk management**

The trustees continue to monitor the risks to the charity using a risk register. This is reviewed annually, and all trustees are made aware of the risks and their duty to assist in mitigating them.

#### **Going concern**

Based on the charity's reserves position and the board's reasonable expectation that the charity has the resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, we believe there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The accounts have therefore been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

#### **Reserves**

The board of trustees believe that the charity should hold financial reserves because:

- It has no endowment funding and is entirely dependent for income from year to year on donor funding, which is inevitably subject to fluctuation
- It requires protection against, and the ability to continue operating in the event of a serious lack of income
- There is a need to make provision for the development of the community's services

The trustees have a reserves policy which states that the target minimum level of free reserves should be equivalent of six months' unrestricted operating costs (FY22: six), calculated and reviewed annually, which amounts to approximately £100k on a pro-rata basis, based on current cost levels. At the financial year-end, there was £498k in general funds, as a result of un-budgeted legacies received during the financial year. It is expected that these excess funds will be utilized in the normal course of operations in the financial year ended 31 March 2024 and for renovations at one of the existing properties.

The Charity has designated £240,349 in a fixed asset fund to represent funds tied up in the Simon Community property portfolio and the Community Van used in the provision of services. The Charity has also designated £347,651 in a property fund to cover the future purchase of property (potentially with additional proceeds from the sale of another property, to be decided by the board in the coming financial year) and £19,200 for a new website, work for which began in the financial year.

## **Trustees' report (continued)**

### **Structure governance and management (continued)**

#### ***Board of trustees***

The board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and not less than 3 nor more than 12 other persons, all elected by the members. At each Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Chair and Treasurer retire from office and are eligible for re-election. Members are also eligible for election at the AGM. Up to one third of trustees can be drawn from residents or service users. The policy of the charity is that all trustees receive training about their roles and responsibilities as trustees. Trustees are recruited through the networks of members and are appointed through vote at the AGM.

The trustees who held office during the year were as follows:

Chris Hunton, Chair	
Alexander Pickering, Treasurer	
Alan Cole	
Gesa Bukowski	
Mark Pritchard	
Charlotte Spence-Jones	(Resigned 29 October 2022)
Dagnija O'Connell	(Appointed 29 October 2022)
Peter McKay	(Appointed 17 July 2023)

#### ***Organisational structure***

The charity is organised so that its trustees meet regularly (a minimum of 8 times per year) to manage its affairs and take strategic decisions on behalf of the charity. The day-to-day running of the Community is delegated to a Community Manager who is supported by an Assistant Community Manager, both of whom are full time and report to the board.

#### ***Disclosure of information to the auditor***

The trustees who held office at the date of approval of this trustees' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have been taken in their capacity as a director of the company to make him/her-self aware of any relevant audit information.

#### ***Auditors***

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and Haysmacintyre LLP will therefore continue in office.

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

## **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' report and the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect 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.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on **20 NOVEMBER** 2023 and signed on its behalf, by:



**Chris Hunton, Chair**  
129 Malden Road, Kentish Town  
London, NW5 4HS

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Simon Community for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the charitable company's net movement in funds, including the income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report (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 have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SIMON COMMUNITY (continued)**

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report (which incorporates the directors' report).

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charitable company; 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 for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, 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.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

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

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with regulatory requirements of company law, employment law and health and safety regulations and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act, Charities Act and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to recognition of income and management bias in certain accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting Trustees' meeting minutes
- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Identifying and testing journals; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates.

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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

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



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**Lee Stokes (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of Haysmacintyre LLP**  
Statutory Auditors

10 Queen Street Place  
London EC4R 1AG

Dated 27 November 2023

**Statement of financial activities**  
*for the year ending 31 March 2023*

	Note	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	-	392,698	392,698	196,814
Investments	3	-	9,605	9,605	6,892
Charitable activities – homelessness activities	4	-	13,040	13,040	12,980
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		-	<b>415,343</b>	<b>415,343</b>	<b>216,686</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Raising funds	5	-	(11,017)	(11,017)	(10,463)
Charitable activities - homelessness activities	6	(905)	(198,622)	(199,527)	(212,251)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>(905)</b>	<b>(209,639)</b>	<b>(210,544)</b>	<b>(222,714)</b>
Net gains on investments	15	-	(30,056)	(30,056)	5,931
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE) /INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		<b>(905)</b>	<b>175,648</b>	<b>174,743</b>	<b>(97)</b>
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME</b>		<b>(905)</b>	<b>175,648</b>	<b>174,743</b>	<b>(97)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
<i>Total funds at 1 April 2022</i>	17	49,814	929,492	979,306	979,403
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2023</b>	13	<b>48,909</b>	<b>1,105,140</b>	<b>1,154,049</b>	<b>979,306</b>

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

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net increase in funds for the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

**Balance sheet**  
 as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	10		240,349		256,671
Investment	15		527,643		455,072
			<u>767,992</u>		<u>711,743</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	11,072		65,627	
Cash at bank		387,337		217,351	
		<u>398,409</u>		<u>282,978</u>	
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amounts falling due within one year	12	(12,352)		(15,415)	
			<u>386,057</u>		<u>267,563</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>1,154,049</u>		<u>979,306</u>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>					
Restricted funds	13		48,909		49,814
Unrestricted funds	13		1,105,140		929,492
			<u>1,154,049</u>		<u>979,306</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on <sup>20 NOVEMBER</sup> 2023 and signed on their behalf, by:

  
**Chris Hunton**  
 Chair

  
**Alexander Pickering**  
 Treasurer

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of cash flows

for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net I(expenditure)/income for the year (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>174,743</b>	(97)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation	<b>16,322</b>	14,121
Gains on investments	<b>30,056</b>	(5,931)
Investment income	<b>(8,067)</b>	(6,863)
Interest received	<b>(1,538)</b>	(29)
Decrease / (Increase) in debtors	<b>54,555</b>	(19,471)
(Decrease) / Increase in creditors	<b>(3,063)</b>	1,912
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<b>NET CASH (USED IN)/GENERATED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>263,008</b>	(16,358)
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<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Investment acquisitions	<b>(136,557)</b>	(57,091)
Investment disposals	<b>27,105</b>	53,877
Movement in investment cash	<b>6,825</b>	1,859
Investment income	<b>8,067</b>	6,863
Interest received	<b>1,538</b>	29
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<b>NET CASH (OUTFLOW) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(93,022)</b>	5,537
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Change in net cash and cash equivalents in the year	<b>169,986</b>	(10,821)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2022	<b>217,351</b>	228,172
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<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 MARCH 2023</b>	<b>387,337</b>	217,351
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### ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 April 2022	Cash flows	Other non- cash changes	At 31 March 2023
Cash and bank	217,351	169,986	-	<b>387,337</b>
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The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

## **Notes**

*(forming part of the financial statements)*

### **1. Accounting policies**

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

#### **Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis**

Having considered future plans and cash flows, the trustees confirm that they are not aware of any material uncertainties with regard to the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future and therefore have prepared the accounts on a going concern basis.

#### **Estimation uncertainty**

In the view of the trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

#### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

All assets costing more than £100 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold Property	-	2% straight line
Motor Vehicles	-	25% straight line
Furniture and Fixtures	-	20% straight line

#### **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.

**Notes** *(continued)*

**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Debtors**

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

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, 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.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Income recognition**

Income is included in the SOFA 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. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations & Grants where related to performance and specific deliverables are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where income is received in advance of its recognition it is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income being received the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Investment income is credited to income when it is receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred, inclusive of VAT, which cannot be recovered.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**Notes (continued)**

**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to statutory audit and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 7.

**Investments**

Investments in financial assets and securities are generally measured and reported at fair value. The initial 'fair' value being the original transaction price. Going forward such assets are subsequently carried at the current indicative trading price in the market, which is fair value. Where the asset has a spread the price quoted is the bid-price. Changes in fair value are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost 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.

<b>2. Donations and legacies</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>
Donations and appeals	<b>75,832</b>	81,594
Legacies	<b>311,866</b>	114,220
Grants	<b>5,000</b>	1,000
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Total donations and legacies	<b>392,698</b>	196,814
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<b>3. Investment income</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>
Investment income	<b>8,067</b>	6,863
Interest receivable	<b>1,538</b>	29
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<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>9,605</b>	6,892
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**Notes** *(continued)*

<b>4. Charitable activities</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>
Rental income from houses	<b>13,040</b>	<b>12,980</b>
<b>5. Raising funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>
Direct fundraising costs	<b>1,751</b>	1,297
Allocation of support costs	<b>3,063</b>	3,337
Management costs	<b>6,203</b>	5,829
	<b>11,017</b>	10,463
<b>6. Charitable expenditure— homelessness activities</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>
Staff costs	<b>110,366</b>	100,451
Direct charitable costs	<b>45,422</b>	60,558
Support costs	<b>17,356</b>	18,908
Insurance costs	<b>15,983</b>	20,869
Governance cost -auditors' remuneration	<b>10,400</b>	10,840
Management costs	-	626
	<b>199,527</b>	212,251

**Notes (continued)**

**7. Analysis of support costs -2023**

	Fundraising £	Charitable activities £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Communication costs	511	2,894	3,405	3,185
Printing, postage & stationery	34	195	229	364
Utility costs	1,621	9,183	10,804	11,539
Other support costs	16	89	105	2,082
Governance costs	881	4,995	5,876	5,075
	<u>3,063</u>	<u>17,356</u>	<u>20,419</u>	<u>22,245</u>

**Analysis of support costs -2022**

	Fundraising £	Charitable activities £	Total 2022 £
Communication costs	478	2,707	3,185
Printing, postage & stationery	55	309	364
Utility costs	1,731	9,808	11,539
Other support costs	312	1,770	2,082
Governance costs	761	4,314	5,075
	<u>3,337</u>	<u>18,908</u>	<u>22,245</u>

**Notes** *(continued)*

<b>8. Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	<b>16,322</b>	14,121
Auditors' remuneration	<b>10,400</b>	10,840
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<b>9. Staff costs and trustees</b>	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Staff costs were as follows:</i>		
Wages and salaries	<b>96,086</b>	87,510
Social security costs	<b>4,940</b>	4,394
Employer's pension contributions	<b>9,340</b>	8,547
	<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>
	<b>110,366</b>	100,451
	<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>

The number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Charitable activities	<b>3</b>	3
	<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>

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

Total benefits paid to key management personnel in the year amounted to £41,242 (2022: £37,804).

No remuneration was paid to trustees nor were any expenses reimbursed (2022 – the same).

**Notes (continued)**

10. Tangible fixed assets	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2022	335,442	22,020	15,041	372,503
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At 31 March 2023	<b>335,442</b>	<b>22,020</b>	<b>15,041</b>	<b>372,503</b>
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<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2022	101,325	10,038	4,469	115,832
Charge for the year	6,708	6,606	3,008	16,322
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At 31 March 2023	<b>108,033</b>	<b>16,644</b>	<b>7,477</b>	<b>132,154</b>
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<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2023	<b>227,409</b>	<b>5,376</b>	<b>7,564</b>	<b>240,349</b>
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At 31 March 2022	234,117	11,982	10,572	256,671
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<b>11. Debtors</b>			<b>2023</b>	2022
			£	£
Legacies receivable			<b>11,072</b>	65,627
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			<b>11,072</b>	65,627
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<b>12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			<b>2023</b>	2022
			£	£
Other creditors			<b>1,521</b>	4,377
Accruals			<b>10,831</b>	11,038
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			<b>12,352</b>	15,415
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**Notes** (continued)

**13. Statement of funds - 2023**

	Brought forward £	Income/ gains £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed assets funds	256,671	-	(16,322)	-	240,349
New property fund	347,651	-	-	-	347,651
New website fund	20,000	-	(800)	-	19,200
	<u>624,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,122)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>607,200</u>
<b>General funds</b>					
General funds	305,170	385,287	(192,517)	-	497,940
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>929,492</u>	<u>385,287</u>	<u>(209,639)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,105,140</u>

The fixed assets fund represents amounts tied up in fixed assets.

The new property fund represents amounts put aside to purchase new properties in the future.

The new website fund represents funds put aside to develop a new website.

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Restricted funds 2022</b>					
129 Malden Road fund	49,814	-	(905)	-	48,909
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>49,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(905)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,909</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>979,306</u>	<u>385,287</u>	<u>(210,544)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,154,049</u>

The 129 Malden Road Fund was received towards the regeneration of our 129 Malden Road property.

**Statement of funds - 2022**

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed assets funds	270,792	-	(14,121)	-	256,671
New property fund	347,651	-	-	-	347,651
New website fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	<u>638,443</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,121)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>624,322</u>
<b>General funds</b>					
General funds	281,575	222,617	(199,022)	-	305,170
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>920,018</u>	<u>222,617</u>	<u>(213,143)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>929,492</u>

**Notes (continued)**

**13. Statement of funds (continued)**

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Restricted funds – 2022</b>					
129 Malden Road fund	59,385	-	(9,571)	-	49,814
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>59,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,571)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,814</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>979,403</u>	<u>222,617</u>	<u>(222,714)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>979,306</u>

**14. Analysis of net assets between funds -2023**

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	240,349	240,349	256,671
Investment	-	527,643	527,643	455,072
Current assets	48,909	349,500	398,409	282,978
Creditors due within one year	-	(12,352)	(12,352)	(15,415)
	<u>48,909</u>	<u>1,105,140</u>	<u>1,154,049</u>	<u>979,306</u>

**Analysis of net assets between funds -2022**

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	256,671	256,671
Investment	-	455,072	455,072
Current assets	49,814	233,164	282,978
Creditors due within one year	-	(15,415)	(15,415)
	<u>49,814</u>	<u>929,492</u>	<u>979,306</u>

**Notes** *(continued)*

**15. Investments**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Investment funds</b>		
As at 1 April 2022	455,072	447,786
Additions	136,557	57,091
Disposals	(27,105)	(53,877)
Unrealised gains on investments	(30,056)	5,931
Movement on investment cash	(6,825)	(1,859)
	527,643	455,072
	527,643	455,072

Investment funds consist of listed investments.

**16. Related Party Transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year to be disclosed (2022 – the same).

**Notes** *(continued)*

**17. Comparative Statement of  
Financial Activities**

*for the year ended 31 March 2022*

	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>			
Donations and legacies	-	196,814	196,814
Investments	-	6,892	6,892
Charitable activities – homelessness activities	-	12,980	12,980
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>216,686</u>	<u>216,686</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>			
Raising funds	-	(10,463)	(10,463)
Charitable activities - homelessness activities	(9,571)	(202,680)	(212,251)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>(9,571)</u>	<u>(213,143)</u>	<u>(222,714)</u>
Net gains on investments	-	5,931	5,931
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME</b>	<b>(9,571)</b>	<b>9,474</b>	<b>(97)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
<i>Total funds at 1 April 2021</i>	<u>59,385</u>	<u>920,018</u>	<u>979,403</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2022</b>	<u><b>49,814</b></u>	<u><b>929,492</b></u>	<u><b>979,306</b></u>

**THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

England & Wales - Charity number 283938

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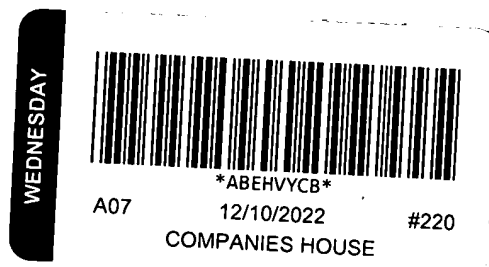
**THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

Trustees' report and financial statements

Company number: 01602161

Charity number: 283938

31 March 2022



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## **Reference and administrative details**

<b>Charity number</b>	283938
<b>The Board of Trustees</b>	Chris Hunton (Chair) Alexander Pickering (Treasurer) Alan Cole Gesa Bukowski Charlotte Spence-Jones Mark Pritchard
<b>Registered office</b>	129 Malden Road Kentish Town London NW5 4HS
<b>Auditors</b>	Haysmacintyre LLP Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1AG
<b>Bankers</b>	HSBC 246 Kentish Town Road London NW5 2BS  CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
<b>Investment Managers</b>	Brooks Macdonald 21 Lombard Street London EC3V 9AH

## Trustees' report

Below the trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

### Objectives and activities

The principal object of the charity is the relief of poverty of persons who by reason of mental or physical infirmity are unable to fulfill their duties as citizens or their obligations to their families or to their employers. This objective is put into practice via the following:

- By establishing, managing and improving houses of hospitality and shelters, clubs, cafes, day or night centers, residential settlements and sheltered workshops or other schemes for homeless and rootless, socially inadequate and mainly unemployable persons and provide them with the care, treatment, security and love to which they are entitled.
- By providing material relief care and comfort to those people sleeping rough and with no fixed abode.
- By providing, arranging, paying for or contributing towards the cost of providing board, lodging, meals and medical expenses for the homeless and rootless.
- By arranging for homeless and rootless people to be placed in suitable employment and by assisting in such manner as the Simon Community sees fit.

### Public benefit

The trustees ensure that the activities of the charity are consistent with its charitable objects and aims. In agreeing our annual plans, the trustees take into account public benefit as set out in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in relation to the prevention and relief of poverty, the advancement of education and health and the relief of those in need. The trustees believe there is clear public benefit derived from the activities of the charity.

### Achievements and performance

#### Chair's note

Summarized below are the services undertaken during the year ended 31 March 2022:

Service	Description	No. Guests seen in the year	Services provided in the year
Street work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Street Work involves walking along the streets of London at night, between 8.30 and 11pm. We go out to offer a cup of tea or coffee and food and spend some time with and talk to people.</li> <li>- We use this service as a grapevine to get provisions for people who are in need. Our regular guests will often alert us to someone who is new or in trouble and we can get them what they need quickly, such as shoes, a coat or a sleeping bag. If we find someone who is very ill prepared, we are able to get word back to the house to get them what they need.</li> <li>- We aim to develop supportive relationships with those who are vulnerable and isolated. We kept in touch with people as they went in and out of emergency accommodation in the lockdowns and were able to give them news of each other which was important when they had no way of keeping in touch.</li> <li>- Meeting people for the first time is a chance to build a rapport with them and to try to understand their needs.</li> <li>- We were able to offer guests an introduction to a covid vaccine programme and support them to go to the hub to get vaccinated.</li> </ul>	8906	158
Residential Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our residential project (129 Malden Road) is a truly unique space. Unlike any homeless hostel you may have seen before, it is a space for our guests to heal through living in community, developing stronger relationships, and supporting people still on the streets.</li> <li>- Staffed by three full time staff and one live in volunteer, together with the resident group, staff and volunteers prepare and deliver outreach services. We support other volunteers on services, some of whom have given years of service to London's street homeless population.</li> <li>- From our house hundreds of meals are prepared and distributed to those still on the streets each week.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We currently offer 4 spaces to people experiencing homelessness that we have met through our street outreach. We prioritise people who are not suited to alternative provision or a quick move to independent living due to complex needs, trauma and PTSD.</li> <li>- We give people the time they need to heal, whether that is a few months or a few years. This is the opposite of a quick fix, but ultimately it will save government decades of investment in sticking plaster solutions that do not address the trauma of experiencing long-term street homelessness.</li> <li>- During the lock downs we were able to provide a door service where homeless guests could come to the door for food, clothes, hot drinks and information.</li> </ul>
<b>Visits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once guests or residents move on to alternative accommodation they are supported by the community through visits. We also visit people who have moved from the streets into accommodation who are in need of community if they have not been residents in the residential project but are known to the community through the street homeless community. In the year we undertook 319 hours of visits.</li> <li>- We have ex-residents that need our help for many years after they leave. The pandemic has propelled a digital revolution that excludes many of the people that we help. Without a digital presence it is extremely difficult to navigate any health and social care systems, those who get left behind tend to opt out of a system that they cannot access, which puts their income, health and tenancies in jeopardy. We advocate for and support people who are unable to access these systems. Following the lockdown restrictions, guests and members have been able to come to the house for this support.</li> </ul>

Source: Simon Community

Over the course of the year to March 2022 we delivered 158 services to London's hardest to reach street-homeless people. Even with covid restrictions impacting our way of operating, we didn't miss any planned services and our regular guests knew when and where we would be, which was vital in a time of such uncertainty. We are a small and compassionate community with a big heart. We continue to strive to deliver the greatest impact for our community.

We have maintained a steady presence throughout the year with our street work outreach. During the pandemic when our capacity diminished so suddenly, we had to change what we were doing, quickly. Whatever we were going to commit to, we had to be sure we could sustain it for as long as the pandemic affected us and be able to keep going with far fewer people.

We made contingency plans for when we got ill or had to isolate. I'm delighted to report that our approach has been successful and that we haven't missed a service on the street. It is vital at a time of such uncertainty that our guests know that we will be there for them, and The Simon Community will always adapt to meet the needs of the hardest to reach rough sleepers.

We are seeing new faces but also people returning to the streets.

Our AGM was delayed due to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, subsequently held on 7 August 2021. For some it was the first time they were in a group of people since lockdown.

Coming together at the AGM in the way that we have done annually since inception gave the charity the opportunity to mark a chapter in this pandemic. It was brilliant to see everyone and to see the support from all corners of the Community, old members and new. The board is delighted to welcome new members from this year, all of which come together from a diverse range of backgrounds to support and drive the mission of the charity.

Before the pandemic, during a street work walk we would see between 30 and 40 people per night. Last summer we were regularly seeing between 70 and 80 people with our highest recorded street work figure last September when we saw 92 people in one night. We still have enough for everyone we see and will continue to take whatever we can carry.

We want to take a special moment to appreciate all our donors. Thank you for your support particularly during these challenging and difficult times. Your loyalty and commitment to our cause has meant that we can adapt quickly to the changing needs of our guests and continue to provide consistent support.

The charity does not fundraise from on-the-street public sources and there were no fundraising complaints received in the year.

## **Trustees' report (continued)**

### **Structure governance and management**

The charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association and is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the Simon Community undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event the charity is wound up whilst he/she is a member, such sum as may be required not exceeding £1.

#### **Financial Review**

Total income for the year is £217k (FY21: £396k) and total expenditure £223k (FY21: £223k), resulting in £97 net expenditure (FY21: £221k net income), after unrealised investment gains of £6k (FY21: £48k). Once again, we are immensely grateful to our donor base who continue to support us including those who leave legacies to us in their death estates which have contributed greatly in recent times to our overall income. Furthermore, the focus from the operational team continues to ensure a manageable cost base.

The trustees acknowledge the increasing pressures on the charitable sector particularly in a post-pandemic world where the UK is experiencing an unprecedented level of high inflation, translating into a cost-of-living crisis compounded by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The charity's cash position was £217k (FY21: £228k) providing sufficient funds in the short to medium term to absorb expected lower donations in the coming year.

#### **Investment management**

The trustees have an investment policy setting out the investment objectives, attitude to risk, time horizon and ethical policy. In the year no cash transfers were made (FY21: £30,000). During the year unrealised gains amounted to £5,931 (FY21: £47,666 unrealised gain).

#### **Risk management**

The trustees continue to monitor the risks to the charity using a risk register. This is reviewed annually, and all trustees are made aware of the risks and their duty to assist in mitigating them.

#### **Going concern**

Based on the charity's reserves position and the board's reasonable expectation that the charity has the resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. We believe there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The accounts have therefore been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

#### **Reserves**

The board of trustees believe that the charity should hold financial reserves because:

- It has no endowment funding and is entirely dependent for income from year to year on donor funding, which is inevitably subject to fluctuation
- It requires protection against, and the ability to continue operating in the event of a serious lack of income
- There is a need to make provision for the development of the community's services

The trustees have a reserves policy which states that the target minimum level of free reserves should be equivalent of six months' unrestricted operating costs (FY20: six), calculated and reviewed annually, which amounts to approximately £100,000 on a pro-rata basis, based on current cost levels. At the financial year-end, there was £305k in general funds, as a result of un-budgeted legacies received towards the end of the financial year. It is expected that these excess funds will be utilized in the normal course of operations in the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

The Charity has designated £256,671 in a fixed asset fund to represent funds tied up in the Simon Community property portfolio and the Community Van used in the provision of services. The Charity has also designated £347,651 in a property fund to cover the future purchase of property and £20,000 for a new website. Whilst it continues to be an ambition of the board to acquire new property, uncertainty following the events of this year as well as in the sector in general have reminded trustees that until such time that the operations of the community have returned to how they were in a pre-pandemic world, the purchase of new property in the immediate term poses an unnecessary risk to the ongoing functioning of the charity. Work to develop the new website is expected to be completed in the next 18 months.

## Trustees' report (continued)

### Structure governance and management (continued)

#### Board of trustees

The board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and not less than 3 nor more than 12 other persons, all elected by the members. At each Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Chair and Treasurer retire from office and are eligible for re-election. Members are also eligible for election at the AGM. Up to one third of trustees can be drawn from residents or service users. The policy of the charity is that all trustees receive training about their roles and responsibilities as trustees. Trustees are recruited through the networks of members and are appointed through vote at the AGM.

The trustees who held office during the year were as follows:

Chris Hunton, Chair	(Appointed 7 August 2021)
Alexander Pickering, Treasurer	
Alan Cole	
Gesa Bukowski	(Appointed 19 April 2021)
Charlotte Spence-Jones	(Appointed 19 April 2021)
Mark Pritchard	(Appointed 7 August 2021)
Thomas McNally	(Resigned 7 August 2021)
Amanda Windle	(Resigned 7 August 2021)
Debra Gerstein	(Resigned 19 April 2021)

#### Organisational structure

The charity is organised so that its trustees meet regularly (a minimum of 8 times per year) to manage its affairs and take strategic decisions on behalf of the charity. The day-to-day running of the Community is delegated to a Community Manager who is supported by a Project Leader, both of whom are full time and report to the board.

#### Disclosure of information to the auditor

The trustees who held office at the date of approval of this trustees' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each trustee has taken all the steps that he ought to have been taken in their capacity as a director of the company to make himself aware of any relevant audit information.

#### Auditors

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and Haysmacintyre LLP will therefore continue in office.

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

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 10/10 2022 and signed on its behalf, by:



Chris Hunton, Chair  
129 Malden Road, Kentish Town  
London, NW5 4HS

## **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' report and the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect 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.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Simon Community for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of the charitable company's net movement in funds, including the income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report (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 have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SIMON COMMUNITY (continued)**

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report (which incorporates the directors' report).

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charitable company; 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 for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, 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.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

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

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with regulatory requirements of company law, employment law and health and safety regulations and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act, Charities Act and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to recognition of income and management bias in certain accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting Trustees' meeting minutes
- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Identifying and testing journals, in particular journal entries posted at the year-end or with unusual descriptions;  
and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates.

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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

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



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**Lee Stokes (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of Haysmacintyre LLP**  
Statutory Auditors

10 Queen Street Place  
London EC4R 1AG

Dated 10 October 2022

**Statement of financial activities**  
*for the year ending 31 March 2022*

	Note	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	-	196,814	196,814	372,620
Investments	3	-	6,892	6,892	6,099
Charitable activities – homelessness activities	4	-	12,980	12,980	17,230
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		-	<b>216,686</b>	<b>216,686</b>	<b>395,949</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Raising funds	5	-	(10,463)	(10,463)	(21,101)
Charitable activities - homelessness activities	6	(9,571)	(202,680)	(212,251)	(201,497)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>(9,571)</b>	<b>(213,143)</b>	<b>(222,714)</b>	<b>(222,597)</b>
Net gains on investments	15	-	5,931	5,931	47,666
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE) /INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		<b>(9,571)</b>	<b>9,474</b>	<b>(97)</b>	<b>221,018</b>
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME</b>		<b>(9,571)</b>	<b>9,474</b>	<b>(97)</b>	<b>221,018</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
<i>Total funds at 1 April 2021</i>	17	59,385	920,018	979,403	758,385
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2022</b>	13	<b>49,814</b>	<b>929,492</b>	<b>979,306</b>	<b>979,403</b>

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

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net increase in funds for the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

**Balance sheet**  
 as at 31 March 2022

	Note	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	10		256,671		270,792
Investment	15		455,072		447,786
			<u>711,743</u>		<u>718,578</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	65,627		46,156	
Cash at bank		217,351		228,172	
		<u>282,978</u>		<u>274,328</u>	
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amounts falling due within one year	12	(15,415)		(13,503)	
			<u>267,563</u>		<u>260,825</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>267,563</u>		<u>260,825</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>979,306</u>		<u>979,403</u>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>					
Restricted funds	13		49,814		59,385
Unrestricted funds	13		929,492		920,018
			<u>979,306</u>		<u>979,403</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 10/10/2022 and signed on their behalf, by:



**Chris Hunton**  
 Chair



**Alexander Pickering**  
 Treasurer

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

**Statement of cash flows**  
*for the year ended 31 March 2022*

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net I(expenditure)/income for the year (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(97)	221,018
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation	14,121	11,742
Gains on investments	(5,931)	(47,666)
Investment income	(6,863)	(6,031)
Interest received	(29)	(69)
Increase in debtors	(19,471)	(46,156)
Increase in creditors	1,912	2,536
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<b>NET CASH (USED IN)/GENERATED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(16,358)</b>	<b>135,374</b>
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<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of fixed assets	-	(12,961)
Investment acquisitions	(3,214)	(76,809)
Movement in investment cash	1,859	45,381
Investment income	6,863	6,031
Interest received	29	69
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<b>NET CASH (OUTFLOW) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>5,537</b>	<b>(38,289)</b>
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Change in net cash and cash equivalents in the year	(10,821)	97,085
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2021	228,172	131,087
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<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 MARCH 2022</b>	<b>217,351</b>	<b>228,172</b>
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**ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT**

	At 1 April 2021	Cash flows	Other non- cash changes	At 31 March 2022
Cash and bank	228,172	(10,821)	-	217,351
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The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

## Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

### 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

#### Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Having considered future plans and cash flows, the trustees confirm that they are not aware of any material uncertainties with regard to the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future and therefore have prepared the accounts on a going concern basis.

#### Estimation uncertainty

In the view of the trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

#### Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £100 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold Property	-	2% straight line
Motor Vehicles	-	25% straight line
Furniture and Fixtures	-	20% straight line

#### 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.

**Notes (continued)**

**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Debtors**

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

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, 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.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Income recognition**

Income is included in the SOFA 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. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations & Grants where related to performance and specific deliverables are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where income is received in advance of its recognition it is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income being received the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Investment income is credited to income when it is receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred, inclusive of VAT, which cannot be recovered.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**Notes (continued)**

**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to statutory audit and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 7.

**Investments**

Investments in financial assets and securities are generally measured and reported at fair value. The initial 'fair' value being the original transaction price. Going forward such assets are subsequently carried at the current indicative trading price in the market, which is fair value. Where the asset has a spread the price quoted is the bid-price. Changes in fair value are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost 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.

<b>2. Donations and legacies</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2021 £</b>
Donations and appeals	81,594	157,023
Legacies	114,220	194,597
Grants	1,000	21,000
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Total donations and legacies	<b>196,814</b>	<b>372,620</b>
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<b>3. Investment income</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
Investment income	6,863	6,030
Interest receivable	29	69
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<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>6,892</b>	<b>6,099</b>
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**Notes (continued)**

<b>4. Charitable activities</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
Rental income from houses	<b>12,980</b>	<b>17,230</b>
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<b>5. Raising funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
Direct fundraising costs	<b>1,297</b>	12,057
Allocation of support costs	<b>3,337</b>	3,978
Management costs	<b>5,829</b>	5,065
	<hr/> <b>10,463</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>21,101</b> <hr/>
<b>6. Charitable expenditure— homelessness activities</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
Staff costs	<b>100,451</b>	101,938
Direct charitable costs	<b>60,558</b>	49,053
Support costs	<b>18,908</b>	22,547
Insurance costs	<b>20,869</b>	19,692
Governance cost -auditors' remuneration	<b>10,840</b>	7,560
Management costs	<b>626</b>	706
	<hr/> <b>212,251</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>201,497</b> <hr/>

**Notes (continued)**

**7. Analysis of support costs -2022**

	Fundraising £	Charitable activities £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Communication costs	478	2,707	3,185	3,369
Printing, postage & stationery	55	309	364	90
Utility costs	1,731	9,808	11,539	12,625
Other support costs	312	1,770	2,082	131
Governance costs	761	4,314	5,075	10,311
	<u>3,337</u>	<u>18,908</u>	<u>22,245</u>	<u>26,525</u>

**Analysis of support costs -2021**

	Fundraising £	Charitable activities £	Total 2021 £
Communication costs	505	2,863	3,369
Printing, postage & stationery	13	76	90
Utility costs	1,894	10,731	12,625
Other support costs	19	112	131
Governance costs	1,547	8,764	10,311
	<u>3,978</u>	<u>22,547</u>	<u>26,525</u>

**Notes (continued)**

<b>8. Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	<b>14,121</b>	11,742
Auditors' remuneration	<b>10,840</b>	7,560
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<b>9. Staff costs and trustees</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Staff costs were as follows:</i>		
Wages and salaries	<b>87,510</b>	90,052
Social security costs	<b>4,394</b>	4,372
Employer's pension contributions	<b>8,547</b>	7,514
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	<u><u>100,451</u></u>	<u><u>101,938</u></u>

The number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Charitable activities	<b>3</b>	3
	<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>

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

Total benefits paid to key management personnel in the year amounted to £37,804 (2021: £37,363).

No remuneration was paid to trustees nor were any expenses reimbursed (2021 – the same).

**Notes (continued)**

<b>10. Tangible fixed assets</b>	<b>Freehold property</b>	<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2021	335,442	22,020	15,041	372,503
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At 31 March 2022	<b>335,442</b>	<b>22,020</b>	<b>15,041</b>	<b>372,503</b>
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<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2021	94,616	5,634	1,461	101,711
Charge for the year	6,709	4,404	3,008	14,121
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At 31 March 2022	<b>101,325</b>	<b>10,038</b>	<b>4,469</b>	<b>115,832</b>
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<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2022	<b>234,117</b>	<b>11,982</b>	<b>10,572</b>	<b>256,671</b>
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At 31 March 2021	240,826	16,386	13,580	270,792
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 <b>11. Debtors</b>			<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Legacies receivable			65,627	46,156
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			<b>65,627</b>	<b>46,156</b>
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 <b>12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors			4,377	1,749
Accruals			11,038	11,754
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			<b>15,415</b>	<b>13,503</b>
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**Notes (continued)**

**13. Statement of funds - 2022**

	Brought forward £	Income/ gains £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed assets funds	270,792	-	(14,121)	-	256,671
New property fund	347,651	-	-	-	347,651
New website fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	<u>638,443</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,121)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>624,322</u>
<b>General funds</b>					
General funds	281,575	222,617	(199,022)	-	305,170
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>920,018</u>	<u>222,617</u>	<u>(213,143)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>929,492</u>

The fixed assets fund represents amounts tied up in fixed assets.

The new property fund represents amounts put aside to purchase new properties in the future.

The new website fund represents funds put aside to develop a new website.

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Restricted funds 2022</b>					
129 Malden Road fund	59,385	-	(9,571)	-	49,814
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>59,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,571)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,814</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>979,403</u>	<u>222,617</u>	<u>(222,714)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>979,306</u>

The 129 Malden Road Fund was received towards the regeneration of our 129 Malden Road property.

**Statement of funds - 2021**

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed assets funds	269,574	-	(11,742)	12,60	270,792
New property fund	347,651	-	-	-	347,651
New website fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	<u>637,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,742)</u>	<u>12,960</u>	<u>638,443</u>
<b>General funds</b>					
General funds	46,287	443,615	(208,327)	-	281,575
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>683,512</u>	<u>443,65</u>	<u>(220,069)</u>	<u>12,960</u>	<u>920,018</u>

**Notes (continued)**

**13. Statement of funds (continued)**

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Restricted funds - 2021</b>					
129 Malden Road fund	74,873	-	(2,528)	(12,960)	59,385
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>74,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,528)</u>	<u>(12,960)</u>	<u>59,385</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u><u>758,385</u></u>	<u><u>443,615</u></u>	<u><u>(222,597)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>979,403</u></u>

**14. Analysis of net assets between funds -2022**

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	256,671	256,671	270,792
Investment	-	455,072	455,072	447,786
Current assets	49,814	233,164	282,978	274,328
Creditors due within one year	-	(15,415)	(15,415)	(13,503)
	<u>49,814</u>	<u>929,492</u>	<u>979,306</u>	<u>979,403</u>

**Analysis of net assets between funds -2021**

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	270,792	270,792
Investment	-	447,786	447,786
Current assets	59,385	214,943	274,328
Creditors due within one year	-	(13,503)	(13,503)
	<u>59,385</u>	<u>920,018</u>	<u>979,403</u>

**Notes (continued)**

**15. Investments**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Investment funds</b>		
As at 1 April 2021	<b>447,786</b>	368,692
Additions	<b>3,214</b>	76,809
Unrealised gains on investments	<b>5,931</b>	47,666
Movement on investment cash	<b>(1,859)</b>	(45,381)
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<b>Investment funds as at 31 March 2022</b>	<b>455,072</b>	<b>447,786</b>
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Investment funds consist of listed investments.

**16. Related Party Transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year to be disclosed (2021 – the same).

**Notes (continued)**

**17. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities**

*for the year ended 31 March 2021*

	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>			
Donations and legacies	-	372,620	372,620
Investments	-	6,099	6,099
Charitable activities – homelessness activities	-	17,230	17,230
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>395,949</b>	<b>395,949</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>			
Raising funds	-	(16,035)	(16,035)
Charitable activities - homelessness activities	(2,528)	(204,034)	(206,562)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>(2,528)</b>	<b>(220,069)</b>	<b>(222,597)</b>
Net gains on investments	-	47,666	47,666
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>(2,528)</b>	<b>223,546</b>	<b>221,018</b>
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	<b>(12,960)</b>	<b>12,960</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)/ INCOME</b>	<b>(15,488)</b>	<b>236,506</b>	<b>221,018</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
<i>Total funds at 1 April 2020</i>	<b>74,873</b>	<b>683,512</b>	<b>758,385</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2021</b>	<b>59,385</b>	<b>920,018</b>	<b>979,403</b>

**THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

England & Wales - Charity number 283938

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# Accounts

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**THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

Trustees' report and financial statements

Company number: 01602161

Charity number: 283938

31 March 2021

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## **Reference and administrative details**

<b>Charity number</b>	283938
<b>The Board of Trustees</b>	Chris Hunton (Chair, appointed 7 August 2021) Alexander Pickering (Treasurer) Alan Cole Gesa Bukowski (Appointed 19 April 2021) Charlotte Spence-Jones (Appointed 19 April 2021) Mark Pritchard (Appointed 7 August 2021)
<b>Registered office</b>	129 Malden Road Kentish Town London NW5 4HS
<b>Auditors</b>	Haysmacintyre LLP Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1AG
<b>Bankers</b>	HSBC 246 Kentish Town Road London NW5 2BS  CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
<b>Investment Managers</b>	Brooks Macdonald 21 Lombard Street London EC3V 9AH

## Trustees' report

Below the trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

### Objectives and activities

The principal object of the charity is the relief of poverty of persons who by reason of mental or physical infirmity are unable to fulfill their duties as citizens or their obligations to their families or to their employers. This objective is put into practice via the following:

- By establishing, managing and improving houses of hospitality and shelters, clubs, cafes, day or night centers, residential settlements and sheltered workshops or other schemes for homeless and rootless, socially inadequate and mainly unemployable persons and provide them with the care, treatment, security and love to which they are entitled.
- By providing material relief care and comfort to those people sleeping rough and with no fixed abode.
- By providing, arranging, paying for or contributing towards the cost of providing board, lodging, meals and medical expenses for the homeless and rootless.
- By arranging for homeless and rootless people to be placed in suitable employment and by assisting in such manner as the Simon Community sees fit.

### Public benefit

The trustees ensure that the activities of the charity are consistent with its charitable objects and aims. In agreeing our annual plans, the trustees take into account public benefit as set out in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in relation to the prevention and relief of poverty, the advancement of education and health and the relief of those in need. The trustees believe there is clear public benefit derived from the activities of the charity.

## Achievements and performance

### Chair's note

Summarized below are the services undertaken during the year ended 31 March 2021:

Service	Description	No. Guests seen in the year	Services provided in the year
<b>Street work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Street Work involves walking along the streets of London at night, between 8.30 and 11pm. We go out to offer a cup of tea or coffee and food and spend some time with and talk to people.</li> <li>- We use this service as a grapevine to get provisions for people who are in need. Our regular guests will often alert us to someone who is new or in trouble and we can get them what they need quickly, such as shoes, a coat or a sleeping bag. If we find someone who is very ill prepared, we are able to get word back to the house to get them what they need.</li> <li>- We aim to develop supportive relationships with those who are vulnerable and isolated.</li> <li>- Meeting people for the first time is a chance to build a rapport with them and to try to understand their needs.</li> <li>- We were able to offer guests an introduction to a covid vaccine programme and support them to go to the hub to get vaccinated</li> </ul>	9,378	230
<b>Residential Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our residential project (129 Malden Road) is a truly unique space. Unlike any homeless hostel you may have seen before, it is a space for our guests to heal through living in community, developing stronger relationships, and supporting people still on the streets.</li> <li>- Staffed by three full time staff and one live in volunteer, together with the resident group, staff and volunteers prepare and deliver outreach services. We support other volunteers on services, some of whom have given years of service to London's street homeless population.</li> <li>- From our house hundreds of meals are prepared and distributed to those still on the streets each week.</li> <li>- We offer up to 5 spaces to homeless people who others will not take on, as they have complex and deep rooted traumas that do not suit other forms of provision.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We give people the time they need to heal, whether that is a few months or a few years. This is the opposite of a quick fix, but ultimately it will save government decades of investment in sticking plaster solutions that do not address the trauma of the long-term street homeless.</li> <li>- During the year two residents were supported with move-ons into an independent living situation. A further four guests from the door / street work were supported off the streets and into supported accommodation.</li> <li>- During the lock downs (except when we were isolating due to covid) we were able to provide a door service where homeless guests could come to the door for food, clothes, hot drinks and information.</li> </ul>
<b>Visits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once guests or residents move on to alternative accommodation they are supported by the community through visits. This service has been invaluable in the year when some members have been required to shield.</li> </ul>

Source: Simon Community

Over the course of the year to March 2021 we delivered 230 services to London's hardest to reach street-homeless people. Even though we faced a series of lockdowns and isolations, we didn't miss any planned services and our regular guests knew when and where we would be, which was vital in a time of such uncertainty. We are a small and compassionate community with a big heart. We continue to strive to deliver the greatest impact for our community.

We have maintained a steady presence throughout the year with our street work outreach. During the pandemic when our capacity diminished so suddenly, we had to change what we were doing, quickly. Whatever we were going to commit to, we had to be sure we could sustain it for as long as the pandemic affected us and be able to keep going with far fewer people.

We made contingency plans for when we got ill or had to isolate. I'm delighted to report that our approach has been successful and that we haven't missed a service on the street. It is vital at a time of such uncertainty that our guests know that we will be there for them and The Simon Community will always adapt to meet the needs of the hardest to reach rough sleepers.

We are seeing new faces but also people returning to the streets. Sadly, numbers at the moment are at an all-time high.

Our AGM was delayed due to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, subsequently held on 7 August 2021. For some it was the first time they were in a group of people since lockdown.

Coming together at the AGM in the way that we have done annually since inception gave the charity the opportunity to mark a chapter in this pandemic. It was brilliant to see everyone and to see the support from all corners of the Community, old members and new. The board is delighted to welcome new members from this year, all of which come together from a diverse range of backgrounds to support and drive the mission of the charity.

Before the pandemic, during a street work walk we would see between 30 and 40 people per night. This August we have regularly seen between 70 and 80 people and our highest number yet of 85 people in a night. We still have enough for everyone we see and will continue to take whatever we can carry.

We want to take a special moment to appreciate all our donors. Thank you for your support particularly during these challenging and difficult times. Your loyalty and commitment to our cause has meant that we can adapt quickly to the changing needs of our guests and continue to provide consistent support.

The charity does not fundraise from on-the-street public sources and there were no fundraising complaints received in the year.

## **Trustees' report (continued)**

### **Structure governance and management**

The charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association and is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the Simon Community undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event the charity is wound up whilst he/she is a member, such sum as may be required not exceeding £1.

#### **Financial Review**

Total income for the year is £396k (FY20: £200k) and total expenditure £223k (FY20: £216k), resulting in net income of £173k (FY20: £16k net expenditure). Once again, we are immensely grateful to our donor base who continue to support us including those who leave legacies to us in their death estates which have contributed greatly in recent times to our overall income. Furthermore, the focus from the operational team continues to ensure a manageable cost base.

The trustees acknowledge the increasing pressures on the charitable sector along with the economic impact that covid-19 is having on the UK, our donors, volunteer base, and the sector. The charity's cash position was £228k (FY20: £131k) with the increase driven by donations received during the year, offset by expenses and further investments (£30,000).

#### **Investment management**

In the previous year ended 31 March 2020 the Trustees established an Investment policy, setting out the investment objectives, attitude to risk, time horizon and ethical policy. In the year investment cash transfers of £30,000 were made (FY20: £400,000). During the year global equity markets largely recovered from the lows in March 2020 after the onset of the pandemic, resulting in an unrealized gain of £47,666 at the financial year-end (FY20: £31,308 unrealized loss).

#### **Risk management**

The trustees continue to monitor the risks to the charity using a risk register. This is reviewed annually, and all trustees are made aware of the risks and their duty to assist in mitigating them.

#### **Going concern**

Based on the charity's reserves position and the board's reasonable expectation that the charity has the resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. We believe there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The accounts have therefore been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

#### **Reserves**

The board of trustees believe that the charity should hold financial reserves because:

- It has no endowment funding and is entirely dependent for income from year to year on donor funding, which is inevitably subject to fluctuation
- It requires protection against, and the ability to continue operating in the event of a serious lack of income
- There is a need to make provision for the development of the community's services

The trustees have a reserves policy which states that the target minimum level of free reserves should be equivalent of six months' unrestricted operating costs (FY20: six), calculated and reviewed annually, which amounts to approximately £100,000 on a pro-rata basis, based on current cost levels. At the financial year-end, there was £282k in general funds, as a result of a legacy received towards the end of the financial year. It is expected that these excess funds will be utilized in the normal course of operations in the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

The Charity has designated £270,792 in a fixed asset fund to represent funds tied up in the Simon Community property portfolio and the Community Van used in the provision of services. The Charity has also designated £347,652 in a property fund to cover the future purchase of property and £20,000 for a new website. Whilst it continues to be an ambition of the board to acquire new property, uncertainty following the events of this year as well as in the sector in general have reminded trustees that until such time that the operations of the community have returned to how they were in a pre-pandemic world, the purchase of new property in the immediate term poses an unnecessary risk to the ongoing functioning of the charity. Work to develop the new website is expected to be completed in the next 18 months.

## **Trustees' report (continued)**

### **Structure governance and management (continued)**

#### ***Board of trustees***

The board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and not less than 3 nor more than 12 other persons, all elected by the members. At each Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Chair and Treasurer retire from office and are eligible for re-election. Members are also eligible for election at the AGM. Up to one third of trustees can be drawn from residents or service users. The policy of the charity is that all trustees receive training about their roles and responsibilities as trustees. Trustees are recruited through the networks of members and are appointed through vote at the AGM.

The trustees who held office during the year were as follows:

Amanda Windle, Chair	(Resigned 7 August 2021)
Alan Cole	
Thomas McNally	(Resigned 7 August 2021)
Alexander Pickering, Treasurer	
Debra Gerstein	(Resigned 19 April 2021)

#### ***Organisational structure***

The charity is organised so that its trustees meet regularly (a minimum of 8 times per year) to manage its affairs and take strategic decisions on behalf of the charity. The day-to-day running of the Community is delegated to a Community Manager who is supported by a Project Leader, both of whom are full time and report to the board.

#### ***Disclosure of information to the auditor***

The trustees who held office at the date of approval of this trustees' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each trustee has taken all the steps that he ought to have been taken in their capacity as a director of the company to make himself aware of any relevant audit information.

#### ***Auditors***

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and Haysmacintyre LLP will therefore continue in office.

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

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 22 NOVEMBER 2021 and signed on its behalf, by:



**Chris Hunton, Chair**  
129 Malden Road, Kentish Town  
London, NW5 4HS

## **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' report and the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect 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.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SIMON COMMUNITY**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the Simon Community for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of the charitable company's net movement in funds, including the income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report 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 have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SIMON COMMUNITY (continued)**

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report (which incorporates the directors' report).

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charitable company; 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 for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, 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.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

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

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with regulatory requirements of company law, employment law and health and safety regulations and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to recognition of income and management bias in certain accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting Trustees' meeting minutes
- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Identifying and testing journals, in particular journal entries posted with unusual account combinations, postings by unusual users or with unusual descriptions; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates.

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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

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



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**Murtaza Jessa (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of Haysmacintyre LLP**  
Statutory Auditors

10 Queen Street Place  
London EC4R 1AG

Dated: 24 November 2021

**Statement of financial activities**  
*for the year ending 31 March 2021*

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

	Note	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	-	378,650	378,650	174,245
Investments	3	-	69	69	565
Charitable activities – homelessness activities	4	-	17,230	17,230	24,875
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		-	<b>395,949</b>	<b>395,949</b>	<b>199,685</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Raising funds	5	-	(4,514)	(4,514)	(3,680)
Charitable activities - homelessness activities	6	(2,528)	(215,555)	(218,083)	(211,992)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>(2,528)</b>	<b>(220,069)</b>	<b>(222,597)</b>	<b>(215,672)</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	15	-	47,666	47,666	(31,308)
<b>NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		<b>(2,528)</b>	<b>223,546</b>	<b>221,018</b>	<b>(47,295)</b>
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		<b>(12,960)</b>	<b>12,960</b>	-	-
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME</b>		<b>(15,488)</b>	<b>236,506</b>	<b>221,018</b>	<b>(47,295)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
<i>Total funds at 1 April 2020</i>	17	<b>74,873</b>	<b>683,512</b>	<b>758,385</b>	<b>805,680</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2021</b>	13	<b>59,385</b>	<b>920,018</b>	<b>979,403</b>	<b>758,385</b>

the Companies Act 2006.

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net increase in funds for the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

**Balance sheet**  
*as at 31 March 2021*

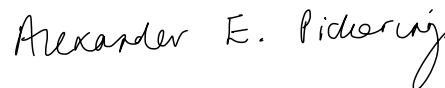
	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	10		<b>270,792</b>		269,573
Investment	15		<b>447,786</b>		368,692
			<hr/>		<hr/>
			<b>718,578</b>		638,265
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Other debtors		<b>46,156</b>		-	
Cash at bank		<b>228,172</b>		131,087	
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			<b>274,328</b>	131,087	
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amounts falling due within one year	12		<b>(13,503)</b>	(10,967)	
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>260,825</b>		120,120
			<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<b>979,403</b>		758,385
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<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>					
Restricted funds	13		<b>59,385</b>		74,873
Unrestricted funds	13		<b>920,018</b>		683,512
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			<b>979,403</b>		758,385
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The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on <sup>L</sup> 2021 and signed on their behalf, by:

22 NOVEMBER



**Chris Hunton**  
Chair



**Alexander Pickering**  
Treasurer

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

**Statement of cash flows**  
*for the year ended 31 March 2021*

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)		<b>221,018</b>	(47,295)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation	10	<b>11,742</b>	8,355
Gain/(losses) on investments		<b>(47,666)</b>	31,308
Interest received	3	<b>(69)</b>	(565)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		<b>(46,156)</b>	1,758
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		<b>2,536</b>	(1,747)
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<b>NET CASH GENERATED/(USED) IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>141,405</b>	(8,186)
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<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchase of fixed assets	10	<b>(12,961)</b>	(22,020)
Investment acquisitions	15	<b>(76,809)</b>	(327,927)
Movement in cash		<b>45,381</b>	(72,073)
Interest received	3	<b>69</b>	565
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<b>NET CASH (OUTFLOW) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>(44,320)</b>	(421,455)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Change in net cash and cash equivalents in the year		<b>97,085</b>	(429,641)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2020		<b>131,087</b>	560,728
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<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 MARCH 2021</b>		<b>228,172</b>	131,087
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**ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT**

	At 1 April 2020	Cash flows	Other non- cash changes	At 31 March 2021
Cash and bank	131,087	97,085	-	<b>228,172</b>
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The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

## **Notes**

*(forming part of the financial statements)*

### **1. Accounting policies**

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

#### **Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis**

Having considered future plans and cash flows, the trustees confirm that they are not aware of any material uncertainties with regard to the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future and therefore have prepared the accounts on a going concern basis. The Covid-19 pandemic has not affected the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### **Estimation uncertainty**

In the view of the trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

#### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

All assets costing more than £100 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold Property	-	2% straight line
Motor Vehicles	-	25% straight line
Furniture and Fixtures	-	20% straight line

#### **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.

## **Notes** *(continued)*

### **1. Accounting policies (continued)**

#### **Debtors**

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

#### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, 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.

#### **Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### **Income recognition**

Income is included in the SOFA 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. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations & Grants where related to performance and specific deliverables are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where income is received in advance of its recognition it is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income being received the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Investment income is credited to income when it is receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### **Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred, inclusive of VAT, which cannot be recovered.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**Notes** *(continued)*

**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to statutory audit and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 7.

**Investments**

Investments in financial assets and securities are generally measured and reported at fair value. The initial 'fair' value being the original transaction price. Going forward such assets are subsequently carried at the current indicative trading price in the market, which is fair value. Where the asset has a spread the price quoted is the bid-price. Changes in fair value are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost 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.

<b>2. Donations and legacies</b>	<b>Total funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2020 £</b>
Donations and appeals	<b>163,053</b>	155,057
Legacies	<b>194,597</b>	5,188
Grants	<b>21,000</b>	14,000
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Total donations and legacies	<b>378,650</b>	174,245
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<b>3. Investment income</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020 £</b>
Interest receivable	<b>69</b>	565
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**Notes** *(continued)*

<b>4. Charitable activities</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020 £</b>
Rental income from houses	<b>17,230</b>	24,875
	<u><u>17,230</u></u>	<u><u>24,875</u></u>
<b>5. Raising funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020 £</b>
Direct fundraising costs	<b>1,200</b>	448
Allocation of support costs	<b>3,314</b>	3,230
	<u><u>4,514</u></u>	<u><u>3,680</u></u>
<b>6. Charitable expenditure— homelessness activities</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020 £</b>
Staff costs	<b>94,425</b>	75,966
Direct charitable costs	<b>71,854</b>	87,492
Support costs	<b>18,781</b>	18,311
Insurance costs	<b>19,692</b>	19,138
Governance cost -auditors' remuneration	<b>7,560</b>	7,200
Management costs	<b>5,771</b>	3,885
Other costs	-	-
	<u><u>218,083</u></u>	<u><u>211,992</u></u>

**Notes (continued)**

**7. Analysis of support costs -2021**

	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Charitable</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>activities</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Communication costs	505	2,863	3,368	3,986
Printing, postage & stationery	13	76	89	242
Utility costs	1,229	6,966	8,195	7,316
Other support costs	20	112	132	1,628
Governance costs	1,547	8,764	10,311	8,369
	<u>3,314</u>	<u>18,781</u>	<u>22,095</u>	<u>21,541</u>

**Analysis of support costs -2020**

	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Charitable</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>activities</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Communication costs	598	3,388	3,986
Printing, postage & stationery	36	206	242
Utility costs	1,097	6,219	7,316
Other support costs	244	1,384	1,628
Governance costs	1,255	7,114	8,369
	<u>3,230</u>	<u>18,311</u>	<u>21,541</u>

**Notes** *(continued)*

<b>8. Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	<b>11,742</b>	8,355
Auditors' remuneration	<b>7,560</b>	7,200
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<b>9. Staff costs and trustees</b>	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
<i>Staff costs were as follows:</i>		
Wages and salaries	<b>89,052</b>	72,096
Social security costs	<b>5,372</b>	3,870
Employer's pension contributions	<b>7,514</b>	5,586
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	<b>101,938</b>	81,552
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The number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	2020
	<b>Number</b>	Number
Charitable activities	<b>3</b>	3
	<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>

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

Total benefits paid to key management personnel in the year amounted to £37,363 (2020: £36,454).

No remuneration was paid to trustees nor were any expenses reimbursed (2020 – the same).

**Notes** (continued)

10. Tangible fixed assets	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2020	335,442	22,020	2,081	359,543
Additions	-	-	12,961	12,961
Disposals	-	-	-	-
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At 31 March 2021	<b>335,442</b>	<b>22,020</b>	<b>15,041</b>	<b>372,503</b>
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<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2020	87,907	1,230	832	89,969
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	6,709	4,404	629	11,742
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At 31 March 2021	<b>94,616</b>	<b>5,634</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>101,711</b>
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<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2021	<b>240,826</b>	<b>16,386</b>	<b>13,580</b>	<b>270,792</b>
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At 31 March 2020	247,534	20,790	1,249	269,573
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11. Debtors			<b>2021</b>	2020
			£	£
Legacies receivable			46,156	-
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			<b>46,156</b>	-
			<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			<b>2021</b>	2020
			£	£
Other creditors			1,749	676
Accruals			11,754	10,291
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			<b>13,503</b>	10,967
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**Notes** (continued)

**13. Statement of funds - 2021**

	Brought forward £	Income/ gains £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed assets funds	269,574	-	(11,742)	12,960	270,792
New property fund	347,651	-	-	-	347,651
New website fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	<u>637,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,742)</u>	<u>12,960</u>	<u>638,443</u>
<b>General funds</b>					
General funds	46,287	443,615	(208,327)	-	281,575
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>683,512</u>	<u>443,615</u>	<u>(220,069)</u>	<u>12,960</u>	<u>920,018</u>

The fixed assets fund represents amounts tied up in fixed assets.

The new property fund represents amounts put aside to purchase new properties in the future.

The new website fund represents funds put aside to develop a new website.

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Restricted funds 2021</b>					
129 Malden Road fund	74,873	-	(2,528)	(12,960)	59,385
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>74,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,528)</u>	<u>(12,960)</u>	<u>59,385</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>758,385</u>	<u>443,615</u>	<u>(222,597)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>979,403</u>

The 129 Malden Road Fund was received towards the regeneration of our 129 Malden Road property.

During the year restricted funds of £12,960 were used to refurbish the bathroom facilities at the property. This was transferred into the Fixed assets funds.

**Statement of funds - 2020**

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed assets funds	255,908	-	(8,355)	22,020	269,573
New property fund	347,652	-	-	-	347,652
New website fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	<u>623,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,355)</u>	<u>22,020</u>	<u>637,225</u>
<b>General funds</b>					
General funds	102,075	199,685	(233,453)	(22,020)	46,287
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>725,635</u>	<u>199,685</u>	<u>(241,808)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>683,512</u>

**Notes** *(continued)*

**13. Statement of funds (continued)**

	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds - 2020</b>					
129 Malden Road fund	80,045	-	(5,172)	-	74,873
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>80,045</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,172)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,873</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u><u>805,680</u></u>	<u><u>199,685</u></u>	<u><u>(246,980)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>758,385</u></u>

**Summary of funds**

	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	637,225	-	(11,742)	12,960	638,443
General funds	46,287	443,615	(208,327)	-	281,575
	<u>683,512</u>	<u>443,615</u>	<u>(220,069)</u>	<u>12,960</u>	<u>920,018</u>
Restricted funds	74,873	-	(2,528)	(12,960)	59,385
	<u>758,385</u>	<u>443,615</u>	<u>(222,597)</u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>979,403</u></u>

**Notes** (continued)

**14. Analysis of net assets between funds -2021**

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	270,792	270,792	269,573
Investment	-	447,786	447,786	368,692
Current assets	59,385	214,943	274,328	131,087
Creditors due within one year	-	(13,503)	(13,503)	(10,967)
	59,385	920,018	979,403	758,385
	59,385	920,018	979,403	758,385

**Analysis of net assets between funds -2020**

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	269,573	269,573
Investment	-	368,692	368,692
Current assets	74,873	56,214	131,087
Creditors due within one year	-	(10,967)	(10,967)
	74,873	683,512	758,385
	74,873	683,512	758,385

**15. Investments**

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Investment funds</b>		
As at 1 April 2020	368,692	-
Additions	76,809	327,927
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	47,666	(31,308)
Movement on investment cash	(45,381)	72,073
<b>Investment funds as at 31 March 2021</b>	<b>447,786</b>	<b>368,692</b>

Investment funds consist of listed investments.

**16. Related Party Transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year to be disclosed (2020 – the same).

**Notes** *(continued)*

**17. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities**

*for the year ended 31 March 2020*

	<b>Restricted Funds 2020 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2020 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020 £</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>			
Donations and legacies	-	174,245	174,245
Investments	-	565	565
Charitable activities – homelessness activities	-	24,875	24,875
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>199,685</b>	<b>199,685</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>			
Raising funds	-	(3,680)	(3,680)
Charitable activities - homelessness activities	(5,172)	(206,820)	(211,992)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>(5,172)</b>	<b>(210,500)</b>	<b>(215,672)</b>
Losses on investments	-	(31,308)	(31,308)
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>(5,172)</b>	<b>(42,123)</b>	<b>(47,295)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
<i>Total funds at 1 April 2019</i>	<b>80,045</b>	<b>725,635</b>	<b>805,680</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2020</b>	<b>74,873</b>	<b>683,512</b>	<b>758,385</b>