

NASUWT – The Teachers' Union
CENTRAL BENEVOLENT FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE			
Incoming Resources:			
Incoming resources from generated funds:			
Donation from NASUWT		252,878	249,351
Donated services from NASUWT	4	163,696	166,602
Donations, legacies and sundry income		225	3,003
Investment income	5	53,385	57,483
Total incoming resources		470,184	476,439
Resources expended:			
Raising funds:			
Investment and property management fees		7,888	10,943
Investment property costs		2,683	2,241
Finance costs		162	(1,159)
Charitable activities:			
General grants	6	215,306	266,954
Staff costs		158,316	159,632
Premises costs		5,380	6,970
Legal and Professional		9,487	9,075
Total resources expended		399,222	454,656
Net income before revaluations		70,962	21,783
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		(3,857)	110,982
Revaluation of investment property		17,848	(98,005)
Net movement in funds for the year		84,953	34,760
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2020		2,246,909	2,212,149
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2020	10	2,331,862	2,246,909

All of above income and expenditure relates to unrestricted funds.

Notes 1 to 12 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	7	1,601,071	1,592,811
DEBTORS:			
Due after more than one year			
Benevolent loans	8	72,271	75,639
CURRENT ASSETS			
Sundry debtors		2,332	2,572
Benevolent loans	8	1,380	1,180
Cash at bank		665,333	587,064
		669,045	590,816
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry creditors	9	(10,525)	(12,357)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		658,520	578,459
NET ASSETS		2,331,862	2,246,909
FUNDS			
General - Unrestricted	10	2,331,862	2,246,909

Approved by the Trustees on 3 March 2021
and signed on their behalf:

Chris Holland
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period	84,953	34,760
Interest received	(629)	(2,320)
Rent from investments	(18,300)	(18,000)
Dividends received	(34,456)	(37,163)
(Gains)/losses on investments	3,857	(110,982)
Investment management fees	4,993	4,255
(Gains)/losses on revaluation of investment property	(17,848)	98,005
(Increase)/ decrease in debtors	3,408	(770)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(1,832)	2,716
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(24,146)	(29,499)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	629	2,320
Rent from investments	18,300	18,000
Dividends received	34,456	37,163
Invested funds	-	(189,000)
Investment income reinvested	738	(247)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	54,123	(131,764)
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR	78,269	(161,263)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	587,064	748,327
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	665,333	587,064

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

The Central Benevolent Fund (the charity) is set aside for general benevolent purposes of the NASUWT in alleviating hardship to members. The fund is managed as a separate entity from the NASUWT.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Basis of preparation of financial statements

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are stated at market valuation. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Central Benevolent Fund constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity's Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the company's accounting policies (see note 3).

The global pandemic of Covid-19 has had no significant impact on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Central Benevolent Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

b. Funds structure

General funds are unrestricted funds that are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity and that have not been designated for specific purposes.

c. Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

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

d. Resources expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and of grants including support costs.

Liabilities are recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the obligation.

Resources expended include irrecoverable VAT.

e. Financial instruments

Fixed asset Investments

Investments are stated at market value.

Gains and losses representing the movement in market values during the period are credited or charged to the SOFA in the period of gain or loss.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price.

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e. Financial instruments (continued)

There are no complex financial instruments.

f. Donated services

Donated services are included for staff costs and premises costs at the value the charity would have paid for them in the open market.

g. Benevolent loans

Benevolent loans are considered to meet the criteria of concessionary loans under FRS 102. They are recorded in the financial statements at face value.

3. JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgements and estimates. The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made may include:

Revaluation of Investment properties

The charity carries its investment property at fair value, with changes in fair value being recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. The charity has used a professional valuation in January 2020 by Kenington's Chartered Surveyors, RICS registered valuers, to determine the current market value of the property, this has been updated to 31 December 2020 using market value data.

Donated services from NASUWT

The charity receives donated services which are analysed in note 4. The staff costs are calculated based on the percentage of each staff members' time spent on providing administration services to the charity. Premises costs are calculated by apportioning the total property costs over the proportion of staff costs donated.

4. DONATED SERVICES FROM NASUWT

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs	158,316	159,632
Premises costs	5,380	6,970
	<u>163,696</u>	<u>166,602</u>

Governance costs incurred by Central Benevolent Fund consist only of auditors' remuneration of £9,035 (2019: £7,400)

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020 £	2019 £
Dividends	34,456	37,163
Rental income	18,300	18,000
Bank deposit interest	629	2,320
	<u>53,385</u>	<u>57,483</u>

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6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2020 £	2019 £
Benevolent loans converted to grants	-	-
To individuals 567 (2019: 673)	186,803	230,448
To NASUWT Federations 19 (2019: 26)	19,721	11,350
Legal and management expenses	8,782	25,156
	<u>215,306</u>	<u>266,954</u>

The ultimate beneficiaries of NASUWT Federations Grants are individuals.

7. INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated at market value.

	2020 £	2019 £
MARKET VALUE:		
At 1 January 2020	1,132,811	836,837
Income Account Movement	(738)	247
Withdrawals	-	-
New investment funds	-	189,000
Investment management fees	(4,993)	(4,255)
Revaluation to fair value	(3,857)	110,982
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,123,223</u>	<u>1,132,811</u>

	2020 £	2019 £
Market value made up as follows:		
UK Fixed Interest	102,801	86,491
Overseas Fixed Interest	45,950	49,331
UK Equities	564,973	616,820
Overseas Equities	296,568	235,432
Alternatives	102,285	92,903
Broker account	10,634	51,834
Total listed investments	<u>1,123,211</u>	<u>1,132,811</u>
Property		
At 1 January 2020	460,000	558,005
Revaluation	17,848	(98,005)
At 31 December 2020	<u>477,848</u>	<u>460,000</u>
Total investments	<u>1,601,071</u>	<u>1,592,811</u>
Material investments		
Property – Genesta Road	477,848	460,000
S4 Capital Plc	62,500	-
Edinburgh Dragon Trust	36,142	-
Royal Dutch Shell	22,178	39,438
Findlay Park Funds plc	15,898	74,658
Historic cost of investments	<u>853,371</u>	<u>830,240</u>

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8. DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Benevolent loans		
Due under 1 year	<u>1,380</u>	<u>1,180</u>
Due over 1 year	<u>72,271</u>	<u>75,639</u>

Benevolent loans are interest free and are repayable by monthly instalments or in a lump sum triggered by a specified event.

9. CREDITORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>10,525</u>	<u>12,357</u>

10. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

	Fund balances 1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	Gains and (losses)	Fund balances 31 December 2020
Central benevolent fund	<u>2,246,909</u>	<u>470,184</u>	<u>(399,222)</u>	<u>13,991</u>	<u>2,331,862</u>

	Fund balances 1 January 2019	Income	Expenditure	Gains and (losses)	Fund balances 31 December 2019
Central benevolent fund	<u>2,212,149</u>	<u>476,438</u>	<u>(454,655)</u>	<u>12,977</u>	<u>2,246,909</u>

All charitable funds are unrestricted.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Only Trustees are considered key management personnel.

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses.

There are no other related party transactions during the year.

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12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value	1,123,223	1,132,811
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>75,983</u>	<u>79,391</u>
Financial Liabilities	2020 £	2019 £
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>10,525</u>	<u>12,357</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprises investments in listed securities.

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise benevolent loans and sundry debtors.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise sundry creditors.

The entity's income, expense, gains and losses in respect of financial instruments are summarised below:

	2020 £	2019 £
Total investment income for financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	34,456	37,163
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	(3,857)	110,982
Total interest income for financial assets measured at amortised cost through income and expenditure	<u>629</u>	<u>2,320</u>

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Objectives and Activities

Under the Rules, the objective of the Benevolent Fund is the relief of poverty amongst members, former members, the dependants of members and former members and the dependants of deceased members. This remained the central objective of the charity for 2020. The public benefit aims of the charity are fulfilled in meeting its objective.

During 2020, new applications for benevolence assistance were carefully considered on a daily basis by the Legal and Casework Team. Benevolent Fund monies in the form of non-repayable grants were awarded as appropriate to applicants who were considered to be in financial hardship, thereby fulfilling the objective of the Fund. In addition, existing benevolent cases were reviewed throughout the year and the Legal and Casework Team authorised further financial support in circumstances where the beneficiary continued to suffer financial hardship.

NASUWT Central Benevolent Fund continues to rely on the support of lay members to fulfil the functions of a 'benevolence visitor'. Benevolence visitors are volunteers, some of whom hold other lay official posts within the Union and some who have been elected with specific responsibility for benevolence casework in their area. The role of the visitor is to meet with applicants and complete the application form on their behalf. However, the pandemic brought new challenges to our visitors who could no longer visit members at their homes and have adjusted to telephone and online contact. The contribution of benevolence visitors is very significant and valuable in ensuring that the current application process can be completed. Whilst it is not possible to quantify the number of hours of work undertaken by benevolence visitors, 529 new applications were received in 2020.

Achievements and Performance

Funding continues to be received in the form of a donation from the Union's General Fund in accordance with the number of subscribing members. The available funding enabled the Trustees to fulfil the objective of relieving poverty amongst members, former members, the dependants of members and former members and the dependants of deceased members who apply for benevolence assistance or continue to require financial support from the Union.

The Trustees recognise the important additional contribution donated by the Union via the donated service to support the smooth running of the fund.

Of the £306,488 available for distribution (after administration expenses) for the period from the General Fund, the trustees approved charitable expenditure amounting to £399,222 resulting in a surplus of £70,962.

As always, we are indebted to all those who have supported the Benevolent Fund during the year. Particular thanks going to our committed team of volunteers. There are approximately 238 volunteers undertaking benevolence visits and performing other duties in the local federations and their involvement is a crucial part of both the charity and the Union's work.

The investments (excluding property) are managed by Rathbone Investment Management subject to certain restrictions over the type of investment and with the objective of obtaining reasonable long-term overall growth at moderate risk.

The investment decrease in the year based on average investments held is 0.34% (2019: 11.3% increase).

The investment income return for the year based on average investments held is 3.05% (2019: 3.8%).

The Trustees are satisfied with this performance.

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Benevolence

The Benevolent Team considered 529 new applications during the year. This is an increase of 89 cases on last year and reflects the unprecedented year of 2020. Requests for assistance from the Union's Benevolent Fund remained consistently high with the pandemic increasing this need for many others. Applicants encountered financial difficulties with mortgage and rent arrears and unmanageable loans and credit card debts.

The Benevolent Team adapted the way payments were made during the initial lockdown. There was a high increase of requests and financial update forms sent electronically with many one off grants given out to assist short term.

Whilst many teachers did remain working throughout 2020, those who worked as a supply teacher were hit the hardest with employment opportunities diminished.

With new Government schemes put in place during the year, including rapid responses on claims for benefits and housing, holiday breaks from mortgages, loans and credit card debts the Fund was able to direct members to meet these entitlements.

Furlough was also introduced and after a delay extended to some supply teachers through their agencies.

A total of £286,803 was paid out from the Central Benevolent Fund in the form of grants to applicants. Of this total:

- £119,150 was for single-payment grants to applicants who were facing financial hardship for a whole variety of reasons;
- £31,750 was for convalescence grants to aid applicants during a time of physical or emotional illness;
- £7,400 was for holiday grants;
- £7,138 was for monthly grants;
- £7,250 was for education grants; and
- £114,115 was for grants for rent and mortgage payments.

In total, the Benevolent Federations received £19,721 into their imprest accounts to provide grant aid at a local level.

The Central Benevolent Committee recovered £3,168 from recipients repaying loans awarded to them from the Fund. No loans were converted to grants or written off as bad debts this year. The loan book for the Fund stands at £73,651 at the end of the year.

Applicants continued to be regularly referred to Payplan and Citizen Advice Bureau for money and debt management services, at no cost to the member or the Union.

Although training courses for Benevolence Visitors could not be held in the usual way, there was development in remote training.

The Annual Meeting for Benevolence Representatives was postponed in 2020.

Financial Review

The Trustees consider that in the case of the Benevolent Fund, the assets are sufficient and adequate to fulfil the obligations of that fund, in the foreseeable future.

Unrestricted funds amount to £2,331,862 of which, after deducting Benevolent loans, £2,258,211 is freely available.

The majority of the income received by the charity is from one donor, in order to ensure the charity would be able to slowly reduce its support, should the main contributor cease their annual contribution. Trustees consider the current level of free reserves comfortable, without being excessive.

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The current reserves place the charity in the fortunate position of being able to meet their policies of funding any benevolent requests from members of the NASUWT and fulfil the objects of the Benevolent Fund when called upon.

Principal Risks

The Trustees have identified and assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity. A formal risk assessment statement is in place which, amongst other things, reflects the changes in the administration of the Fund. The principal risks are:

Reduction in annual donations

The charity is largely financed by one annual donation from the NASUWT, the Trustees have adopted a conservative policy regarding reserve retention to ensure that a short term interruption of this donation would have no immediate impact on the funds ability to support claimants.

Availability of Key Personnel

The charity is aware of the impact of key personnel being suddenly unavailable and mitigate this risk by:

- Ensuring at least two members of the committee have received accredited trustee training and aspire to train the entire committee as soon as possible
- NASUWT committee recruitment policy aims to ensure the committee has adequate members.
- Introducing a benevolent visitor training programme

Claimants claiming more than once for the same need

The committee are aware of this risk and are continually seeking to improve communication to reduce this risk wherever possible.

The risks will continue to be reviewed annually. The Trustees are satisfied that the risks have been identified and that controls are in place to manage them as far as possible. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance that risks have been adequately managed.

Structure Governance and Management

The NASUWT Benevolent Fund Rules, which were adopted at Special Rules Conference in November 1996 and amended at Conference 2004, govern the operation of the Benevolent Fund.

Whilst NASUWT Benevolent Fund is a separate, charitable fund, it is considered to be an asset of the Union. The Benevolent Funds are managed as a separate entity but both the Fund and the Union are deemed to be under common control.

The Trustees of the Central Benevolent Fund are appointed by a resolution of the National Executive for a term of one year commencing on the date of appointment. The six appointed Trustees form the Central Benevolent Fund Committee and are charged with responsibility for the Benevolent Fund. The Trustees of the Central Benevolent Fund concentrate on the strategic and governance issues relating to the management of the Fund.

Trustee induction is an ongoing programme of support primarily from the chair of the committee, that includes shadowing and constant guidance.

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The day to day operation of the Fund is managed by the Legal and Casework team, who have responsibility for the administration of the Fund. Delegated staff within the Legal and Casework Team work under clear guidelines and criteria agreed by Trustees. They determine eligibility for assistance from the Fund and the most appropriate form of assistance, according to the applicant's financial circumstances and individual needs. This information is gathered by a benevolence visitor who may make a recommendation. Further grants or loans may be made following receipt of a financial update form as part of the periodic case review process.

The Rules provide for the formation of Benevolent Federations which are comprised of Local Associations. There are nine Benevolent Federations in operation. The Rules further provide that the Committee may publish model rules for the conduct of Benevolent Federation business which must be adopted by each Benevolent Federation.

The charity and the NASUWT are under common control. The majority of the income of the charity is donations from the NASUWT.

Fundraising

The charity had no fundraising activities requiring disclosure under S162A of the Charities Act 2011.

Charities Governance Code

The Trustees are aware of the new guidance and during the coming year plan to undertake a review to produce recommendations and an action plan to ensure that the charity takes positive steps towards working in line with the Code in all ways where it is practicable to do so.

Future Plans

The Trustees intend to review and improve training and training materials for benevolent visitors and ensure that the NASUWT training for representatives ensures they have the confidence and ability to identify need and sign post members requiring support.

The Union will increase the profile of the fund within the internal communication, Teaching today.

Approved by the Trustees on 5 March 2021

Chris Holland

Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The purpose of this statement is to distinguish the Trustees of the NASUWT Central Benevolent Fund's responsibilities for the financial statements from those of the auditors as stated in their report.

The United Kingdom Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to keep proper books of account with respect to the affairs of the charity, and to prepare statements of account for each accounting period consisting of an income and expenditure account and balance sheet. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing the financial statements the Trustees of the NASUWT Central Benevolent Fund are expected to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow the recommendations of the Charity Commission and of the accounting profession with regard to form and content of the financial statements, or to disclose and explain any departures therefrom;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue to meet its objectives;
- the maintenance and integrity of the NASUWT website is the responsibility of the Honorary Treasurer; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve the consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred in the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website;
- legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements and the other information included in annual reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of NASUWT Central Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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 trustee's 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 charity'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 annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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Other information (continued)

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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an 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.

Details of the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations are set out below.

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

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Charities SORP (FRS102) 2019. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charity's and the group's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity and the group for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were Charity Commission regulations, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Anti-fraud, bribery and corruption legislation, Environmental protection legislation, Health and safety legislation, Taxation legislation and Employment legislation.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing of recognition of income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the Charity Commission, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

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Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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