

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**SUKYO MAHIKARI**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 298721**

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# **SUKYO MAHIKARI**

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# SUKYO MAHIKARI

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	298721
<b>DATE OF REGISTRATION</b>	7th February 1988
<b>START OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	1st April 2024
<b>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	31st March 2025
<b>TRUSTEES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025</b>	Simon Bailey Sidney Chang Stephen Choo Virginia Fox Lamia Tully Vui Hau Yuen

The existing trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the organisation's governing instrument.

<b>LEGAL STATUS</b>	Unincorporated Charity
<b>GOVERNING INSTRUMENT</b>	Trust Deed Dated 7th February 1988
<b>OBJECTS</b>	To advance religion in accordance with the teaching and practice of Sukyo Mahikari
<b>REGISTERED ADDRESS</b>	London Mahikari Centre 20 Suffolk Road South Norwood London SE25 6EG
<b>PRIMARY BANKERS</b>	Barclays Bank Plc Croydon Branch 1 Northend Croydon Surrey CR9 1SX
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS</b>	Castle View Accounting Ltd Ground Floor Offices 53 High Street Arundel West Sussex BN18 9AJ

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of Sukyo Mahikari on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages 7 to 15.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

### Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 16th December 2025

# SUKYO MAHIKARI

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The Trustees of Sukyo Mahikari present their Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. The report outlines the charity's activities, membership developments, regional participation, and trustees' responsibilities during this period.

### **Objectives of Sukyo Mahikari**

Sukyo Mahikari is a charitable organization dedicated to advancing world peace and human happiness. Its mission includes worship of God, the Creator of the universe, and guiding humanity toward a universal civilization that synthesizes religion and science.

### **Attendance & Membership**

The activities of the charity have been undertaken to meet the objectives of the charity and for the benefit of its members and the wider community.

In late 2024, Sukyo Mahikari (England and Wales) celebrated its fortieth anniversary.

Throughout the year, the London Centre conducted regular Introductory Talks for invited guests and organised three Primary Courses, resulting in 36 new members joining our practice.

During the year, we continued to hold seminars for our members of varying levels of experience at our London centre and held regular meetings for parents and children.

In September 2024, we welcomed Mr. Masahiro Suzuki, director of Sukyo Mahikari Europe on his visit to the UK and received great encouragement from him.

In November 2024, Mr. Takaaki Sasaki, executive director of Sukyo Mahikari Japan, visited our London centre and gave a study class to deepen our practice of the Divine Principles. It was well attended and greatly appreciated by all.

In February 2025, the London Centre was elevated to Sho Dojo status, recognizing its growth to over 600 practitioners and its contribution to expanding the art of True Light and Divine Principles in the UK. The Elevation Ceremony took place in March 2025, with attendance by Mr. Uno, leader for the Europe Region.

Additionally, several members travelled to Japan for ceremonies, as representatives of our UK organisation, with five attending an advanced course in November to deepen their spiritual practice.

We had stands promoting our practice at outside events in London during the year. Staff members actively supported members by visiting homes and practice places to assist in practicing the art of True Light and divine principles. Youth members engaged in regular activities such as monthly training sessions and a summer camp aimed at fostering teamwork, unity, and a spirit of service.

### **Association Internationale Sukyo Mahikari**

Sukyo Mahikari is a member of the Association Sukyo Mahikari Europe-Afrique A.S.B.L., located in Luxembourg. Trustees participated in several online and physical meetings of the association during the year. UK members took part in events held in Luxembourg, such as the Summer Garden Fete, Youth Camp, and in special interest group seminars, held both online and in person, aimed at youth and scholars.

A significant event was the 50th Anniversary Ceremony for Europe held in Luxembourg in May 2024. The current spiritual leader of Sukyo Mahikari, Reverend Kōō Okada, participated and addressed those gathered at the ceremony, which was attended by over 2,600 members from all the European centres, including more than 164 members from the UK.

The trustees maintained financial support for the association through membership fees and donations, aligning with the charity's objectives and supporting regional activities.

### **Financial Review**

For the year ended 31st March 2025, the Charity reported total income of £192,787 and expenditure of £202,635, resulting in a net deficit of £9,848, higher than last year's £6,430 deficit. Expenditure rose faster than income, reducing total funds from £394,202 to £384,354. Of this, £349,354 is unrestricted for future use, and £35,000 remains restricted. Despite the deficit, reserves remain strong to support ongoing activities.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice GAAP).


The Law applicable to Charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

15th December 2025

Approved by the Trustees on .....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee .....  


Printed Name: Stephen Choo

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 2024/25 £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>						
Donations & Legacies	3a	183,248	-	-	183,248	178,577
Activities for Generating Funds	3b	6,032	-	-	6,032	6,990
Investment Income	3c	3,507	-	-	3,507	2,737
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>192,787</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>192,787</b>	<b>188,304</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>						
Charitable Activities	4a	201,435	-	-	201,435	193,654
Governance Costs	4b	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,080
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>202,635</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>202,635</b>	<b>194,734</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(9,848)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(9,848)</b>	<b>(6,430)</b>
Total Funds Brought Forward		359,202	-	35,000	394,202	400,632
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>349,354</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>384,354</b>	<b>394,202</b>

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>						
Tangible Assets	2	74,692	-	-	74,692	71,142
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Stock	17	2,507	-	-	2,507	1,547
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	289,947	-	35,000	324,947	332,403
Debtors & Prepayments	8	23,896	-	-	23,896	35,146
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>316,350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>351,350</b>	<b>369,096</b>
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due within one year	9	41,688	-	-	41,688	46,036
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		274,662	-	35,000	309,662	323,060
<b>TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities</b>		<b>349,354</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>384,354</b>	<b>394,202</b>
<b>Creditors:</b> Long Term Liabilities	10	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<b>349,354</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>384,354</b>	<b>394,202</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>						
General Funds		349,354	-	-	349,354	359,202
Designated Funds	5	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds	6	-	-	35,000	35,000	35,000
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>349,354</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>384,354</b>	<b>394,202</b>

Approved by the Trustees on 15th December 2025

15/12/2025

Signed on their behalf by Trustees

Printed Name:

Stephen Choo

Simon Bailey



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

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern**

##### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1st January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### **Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### **Incoming Resources**

##### ***Recognition of Incoming Resources***

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

##### ***Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure***

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

##### ***Grants and Donations***

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

##### ***Donations and Membership Fees***

Donations and membership fees are made to the Regional Centre in Luxembourg and the International HQ in Takayama, Japan. These Centres provide support for the activities in England and Wales through teachers and training material, and members in England and Wales pay regular visits to these other Centres.

##### ***Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts***

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

##### ***Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants***

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

##### ***Gifts in Kind***

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

##### ***Donated Services and Facilities***

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

##### ***Volunteer Help***

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

##### ***Investment Income***

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Expenditure and Liabilities**

##### ***Liability Recognition***

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to pay out resources.

##### ***Governance Costs***

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the Trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

##### ***Grants with Performance Conditions***

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

##### ***Grants Payable without Performance Conditions***

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the Charity.

##### ***Support Costs***

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capital employed, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

##### ***Unrestricted Funds***

Unrestricted funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

##### ***Restricted Funds***

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of a special appeal and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

##### ***Designated Funds***

Designated Funds are funds set aside by the trustees from the unrestricted general funds which have been ring fenced for particular purposes or projects.

##### ***Stock***

Stock consists of item purchased in order to generate profits to further the Charity's objects. Stock represents the unsold reading materials purchased from Japan and are valued at the lower of costs or net realisable value.

##### ***Fixed Assets***

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

##### ***Depreciation Expense***

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Land & Buildings	2% - Straight Line Basis
Property Refurbishment	10% - Straight Line Basis
Furniture & Equipment	25% - Straight Line Basis

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

#### 2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Land & Buildings £	Furniture & Equipment £	<b>TOTAL 2024/25 £</b>
Cost	01-Apr-24	206,862	62,105	248,885
Additions		-	13,615	13,615
Cost at	31-Mar-25	<u>206,862</u>	<u>75,720</u>	<u>262,500</u>
Depreciation	01-Apr-24	141,594	56,231	155,179
Charge		5,884	4,181	10,065
Depreciation at	31-Mar-25	<u>147,478</u>	<u>60,412</u>	<u>165,244</u>
Net Book Value	31-Mar-25	<u><b>59,384</b></u>	<u><b>15,308</b></u>	<u><b>74,692</b></u>
Net Book Value	31-Mar-24	65,268	5,874	71,142

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2025 : None

31st March 2024 : None

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 3. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 2024/25 £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
<b>a) Donations &amp; Legacies</b>					
Gifts & Donations	183,248	-	-	183,248	178,577
	<b>183,248</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>183,248</b>	<b>178,577</b>
<b>b) Activities for Generating Funds</b>					
Publication Sales	6,032	-	-	6,032	6,990
	<b>6,032</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,032</b>	<b>6,990</b>
<b>c) Investment Income</b>					
Bank Interest	3,507	-	-	3,507	2,737
	<b>3,507</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,507</b>	<b>2,737</b>

### 4. EXPENDITURE ON:

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 2024/25 £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
<b>a) Charitable Activities</b>						
Depreciation Expenses		10,065	-	-	10,065	11,009
Gifts & Donations		29,719	-	-	29,719	30,595
Insurance Costs		3,165	-	-	3,165	2,521
Printing, Postage & Stationery		7,724	-	-	7,724	5,649
Rent & Rates		1,010	-	-	1,010	5,469
Repairs & Maintenance		3,598	-	-	3,598	1,060
Staff Costs	<b>12</b>	123,340	-	-	123,340	118,843
Sundry Expenses		4,422	-	-	4,422	2,929
Telephone Costs		3,368	-	-	3,368	2,105
Travel & Subsistence		11,614	-	-	11,614	11,203
Utility Costs		3,410	-	-	3,410	2,271
		<b>201,435</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>201,435</b>	<b>193,654</b>
<b>b) Governance Costs</b>						
Independent Examiner's Fee	<b>9</b>	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,080
		<b>1,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,080</b>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Charity held no Designated Funds during this or the previous financial year.

### 6. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<b>Balance 01-Apr-24 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Balance 31-Mar-25 £</b>
Endowment Fund	35,000	-	-	-	35,000
	<b>35,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,000</b>

	<b>Balance 01-Apr-23 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Balance 31-Mar-24 £</b>
Endowment Fund	35,000	-	-	-	35,000
	<b>35,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,000</b>

Restricted Funds represents an initial endowment from our European HQ to establish Sukyo Mahikari.

The Restricted Funds held are wholly represented by the Charity's cash reserves.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
Cash at Bank and in Hand	289,947	-	35,000	324,947	332,403
	<b>289,947</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>324,947</b>	<b>332,403</b>

### 8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	16,000	-	-	16,000	33,000
Sundry Debtors	7,896	-	-	7,896	2,146
	<b>23,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,896</b>	<b>35,146</b>

### 9. CREDITORS ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,080
Sundry Creditors	40,488	-	-	40,488	44,956
	<b>41,688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,688</b>	<b>46,036</b>

### 10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The Charity held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

### 11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	74,692	-	-	74,692	71,142
Net Current Assets	274,662	-	35,000	309,662	323,060
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>349,354</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>384,354</b>	<b>394,202</b>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	<b>TOTAL 2024/25 £</b>	<b>TOTAL 2023/24 £</b>
Gross Wages and Salaries	106,308	103,150
Employer's National Insurance Costs	8,439	8,020
Pension Contributions	8,593	7,673
	<b>123,340</b>	<b>118,843</b>

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	<b>TOTAL 2024/25</b>	<b>TOTAL 2023/24</b>
Activities in furtherance of organisation's objects	3	3

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all members of employed staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000. (2023/24:None)

### 13. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The only payments made to the Trustees consisted of reimbursements of expenses incurred in furthering the Charity's objects and no direct benefits were received by the Trustees during the financial year (2023/24:None).

No other payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them (2023/24:None).

### 14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

### 15. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

### 16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### 17. STOCK

Stock consists of items acquired by the Charity to generate income in furtherance of the Charity's objects. Stock is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.