

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 299948

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	01988411
Registered	1988-08-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Paddington Law Centre 421 Harrow Road London W10 4RE
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Activities

Objects: Objects(i) To relieve poor persons (hereinafter referred to as "qualifying persons") resident or working in Greater London and in particular in the North Paddington area including the postal districts of W2, W9 and the Westminster part of W10 (hereinafter referred to as the "designated area") by providing such persons with legal advice, assistance, representation and services which they could not otherwise obtain because of lack of means.(ii) To advance the education of qualifying persons in relation to the law and legal issues and to make the law known and accessible to them.(iii) To advance any charitable purposes beneficial to qualifying persons and their community.

Activities: PROVISION OF LEGAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SEE OBJECTS
- City Of Westminster

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£220,199	£250,296	-	-
2024-03-31	£200,098	£236,180	-	-
2023-03-31	£207,822	£194,738	-	-
2022-03-31	£197,643	£217,687	-	-
2021-03-31	£250,163	£181,897	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER PURTON	Chair	
Athina Mouzakitou		2024-01-29
HARMONY FITZGERALD		
Karen Patricia Buck		2024-09-09
Laura Louise Hastie		2022-01-10

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Accounts

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Berringers LLP
Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
Lygon House
50 London Road
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for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
for the year ended 31 March 2025

TRUSTEES

H Fitzgerald
P Purton
R Bush
L Hastie
J S C Joll
A Mouzakitou
M C Smith-Ihionvien
K P Buck (appointed 13.11.24)

REGISTERED OFFICE

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Law Centre are to provide free legal advice and assistance to poor persons resident or working in the Greater London area and in particular in the area of North Paddington, which includes the London postal districts of W2, W9 and those areas of W10 that fall within Westminster City Council.

The Law Centre employs solicitors, caseworkers and administrative staff to provide legal assistance in the areas of housing, employment and welfare rights.

Significant activities

The Law Centre provides free specialist legal advice, practical casework and Tribunal representation to poor and vulnerable people in the areas of Housing, Welfare Benefits and Employment Law, helping marginalised people increase their income, obtain and/or retain stable, suitable housing (including finding homes for those street homeless), and remain in profitable employment, free from discriminatory treatment.

Public benefit

The Trustees consider that the objectives and activities stated above of the Law Centre provides public benefit within the meaning and terms of the Charity Act 2011.

Volunteers

The Law Centre regularly uses volunteers, for both casework and admin tasks, to enhance and maximise its service delivery, while at the same time giving those volunteers improved skills and experience to assist them in the job market. The Centre has over time worked in partnership with various charitable organisations, including Pro Bono Community and One Westminster, to source suitable volunteers and also accepts direct applications from individuals seeking volunteer positions.

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Centre is open to new clients to drop in personally five days a week. Clients may also contact the Centre by telephone or by email. The Centre's first contact staff welcome new clients, diagnose their problems, and will either arrange an appointment for them with the Centre's specialist solicitors/caseworkers or refer or signpost them to other advice and support agencies, where these organisations are best placed to help them with their problem.

The Centre's solicitors/caseworkers will make home visits or arrange client appointments at partner agencies, in cases where, due to disability or other problems, clients are unable to travel to the Centre's office.

During 2024/25 the Law Centre:

- Continued to deliver its specialist legal advice/casework and representation service in the areas of Housing, Welfare Benefits and Employment law, giving initial support to approximately 1200 new beneficiaries, and undertaking complex casework, often leading to advocacy in Court or Tribunal, for approximately 200 of these;
- Continued to work with private practice law firm, Squire Patton Boggs, to provide evening advice sessions, staffed by their lawyers acting pro-bono, offering one-off advice for various legal problems, affording an additional advice resource for the local community;
- Secured a new, substantial, three-year grant from Westminster Council, funding work to tackle cost-of-living related problems for impoverished local people;
- Renewed for a further year a grant from the Eyre Estate Trust (supporting our housing casework) and a grant from Strand Parishes Trust (towards core costs);
- Secured a new one-year grant from Awards for All, funding our welfare benefits casework;
- Secured a new grant from the Westminster Ward Budget Programme, funding our front-of-house open-door service;
- Continued to deliver results for several ongoing multi-year grants provided by The Henry Smith Charity (funding our housing and welfare benefits casework to provide improved housing security/increased income, for vulnerable families and individuals), by Westminster Council (supporting our welfare benefits casework and in-house fundraising efforts); by AB Charitable Trust and by Garden Court Chambers (both towards core costs);
- Commenced a new Legal Aid contract for one year from 1 September 2024 (which has since been extended to 30 June 2028);
- Sustained its complement of two specialist workers in the Welfare Rights Unit, by making a successful recruitment, in a competitive market, to replace a worker who moved on from the organisation;
- Recruited a new trustee, resident in North Paddington, bringing new skills and experience onto the Board;
- Hosted a community celebration, to mark the Centre reaching its fiftieth year of operation, which was well-attended by clients, former staff involved in establishing the Centre, local stakeholders, local councillors, and representatives of the free legal advice sector.

Fundraising activities

The Law Centre has, for many years, relied principally on charitable grants and donations and has an active fundraising programme, under which it is continually applying for new funding from these sources. In addition, the Centre is grateful to Westminster Council for expanding the substantial grant support it commenced in 2022/23; the Council is now delivering funding to the Centre through three separate grants, two of which are substantial three-year grants.

The fundraising plan is reviewed and updated regularly by staff; this plan and a report on fundraising progress are presented to each Management Committee meeting. The Law Centre benefits from free fundraising support from its umbrella body, the Law Centres Network, which keeps the Centre appraised of new fundraising opportunities as they arise.

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Centre's gross income was slightly higher this year at £220,199 against £200,098, while expenditure increased to £250,296 from £236,180. This resulted in net outgoing resources of £30,097. At the year-end restricted funds amounted to £nil 2024 - £nil whilst unrestricted funds which were £37,280 decreased to £7,183.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Law Centre that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three to six months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Law Centre's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

FUTURE PLANS

For the future the Law Centre is committed to maintaining its current level of service in the three areas of social welfare law in which it currently advises and, as and when funding permits, increasing its complement of caseworkers to reach even more beneficiaries and meet the ever increasing demand for assistance that the Centre experiences. The Centre is committed to retaining its base on the Harrow Road, an area of high income deprivation with an acute housing crisis, and to this end has agreed with its landlord to renew its lease for five more years at a rent only marginally higher than the very competitive rent which the Centre has paid without increase for the last decade.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As required by the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve from their appointment or co-option until the next Annual General Meeting, when one third of the members must stand down, at which point they may stand for re-election.

Organisational structure

The Centre operates as a non-hierarchical collective. Staff undertake the day to day running of the centre, making decisions in monthly meetings and decisions reached are recorded in written minutes. The staff of the Centre are employed by the company limited by guarantee, Paddington Law Centre Limited, of whom the directors are also the trustees of the charity. The directors/trustees make up a Management Committee who meet every two months to oversee the Centre's finances and make the strategic and key financial decisions, which are recorded in written minutes. Overall legal supervision of the Centre for the purposes of the Law Society and Solicitors Regulation Authority is the responsibility of the Supervising Solicitor.

The members of the company undertake to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each in the event of the winding up of the company, whilst a member, or within one year of cessation of membership.

Induction and training of new trustees

The method of election ensures that most Trustees already have knowledge of the needs of the community, and other training is put in place for new Management Committee members during the first few months from their election according as their needs become known. At each Management Committee meeting, there are reports to ensure trustees are up to date with activities and changes in legislation or funding requirements.

Trustees are also offered further sources of information, either through one to one help from other members of the Committee or through the publications and links to the websites of organisations such as the Charity Commission, the Law Centres Network and the Legal Aid Agency.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Paddington Law Centre Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 Charities 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 charitable company will continue in business.

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

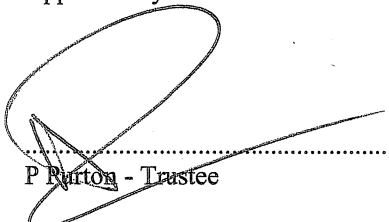
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Berringers LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10/12/2025..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
P Burton - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Paddington Law Centre Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the 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 Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the independent auditors thereon.

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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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 Report of the trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

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 Report of the trustees.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report or in preparing the Report of the trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the 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.

Our 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 a Report of the independent auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and error, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry, control environment and business performance;
- results of our enquiries to management about their own assessment of the risks of fraud and error;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud may occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

Our procedures to respond to risk include the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected areas that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error;
- addressing the risk of fraud and error through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journals, assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED**

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 auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Ricky Hutson BSc FCCA ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Berringers LLP

Chartered Accountants

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Date: 10/12/2025

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		9,666	-	9,666	17,345
Charitable activities	2				
Legal representation		<u>76,652</u>	<u>133,881</u>	<u>210,533</u>	<u>182,753</u>
Total		<u>86,318</u>	<u>133,881</u>	<u>220,199</u>	<u>200,098</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	3				
Legal representation		66,378	133,881	200,259	185,646
Other		<u>50,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,037</u>	<u>50,534</u>
Total		<u>116,415</u>	<u>133,881</u>	<u>250,296</u>	<u>236,180</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(30,097)	-	(30,097)	(36,082)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		37,280	-	37,280	73,362
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>7,183</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,183</u>	<u>37,280</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

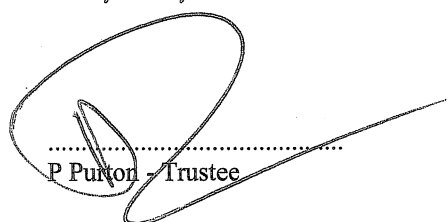
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BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Work in progress	10	38,967	-	38,967	33,282
Debtors	11	6,079	2,453	8,532	15,726
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>304</u>	<u>36,550</u>	<u>36,854</u>	<u>23,951</u>
		45,350	39,003	84,353	72,959
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(38,167)	(39,003)	(77,170)	(35,679)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>7,183</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,183</u>	<u>37,280</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>7,183</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,183</u>	<u>37,280</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>7,183</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,183</u>	<u>37,280</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				<u>7,183</u>	<u>37,280</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>7,183</u>	<u>37,280</u>

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10/12/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
P Purton - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

The trustees have reviewed the financial position of the charity with reference to financial projections and expect the charity can continue to operate for a period in excess of twelve months following the approval of the financial statements, therefore, the trustees consider it appropriate for the accounts to be prepared on a going concern basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

Work in progress

Work in progress is recognised at the point when the outcome of the rendering of services can be estimated reliably. Work in progress comprises of legal services provided by reference to the stage of completion at the end of the reporting period.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2025	2024
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Legal representation	194,409	174,088
Legal fees & advice	Legal representation	<u>16,124</u>	<u>8,665</u>
		<u>210,533</u>	<u>182,753</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Strand Parishes Trust	7,000	7,000
The Henry Smith Charity	47,300	46,300
The London Community Foundation	20,833	8,851
Garden Court Chambers	4,000	4,000
City of Westminster	50,788	49,718
Trust for London	-	58,219
AB Charitable Trust	20,000	-
The National Lottery Community Fund (Awards for All)	7,600	-
Westminster Ward Budget	7,360	-
Westminster VCS Core Funding	<u>29,528</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>194,409</u>	<u>174,088</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs
	£
Legal representation	<u>200,259</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Other resources expended	<u>46,037</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>50,037</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Other

	2025	2024
	Other resources expended	Total activities
	£	£
Rent & rates	12,334	9,544
Insurance	2,821	2,561
Telephone	2,036	1,988
Postage & Stationery	6,400	6,335
Sundries	5,799	2,435
Repairs & renewals	430	643
Computer costs	7,649	8,275
Subscriptions	<u>2,597</u>	<u>1,302</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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4. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Legal & professional fees	2,810	1,011
Staff training	892	375
Books & publications	2,046	4,878
Travelling	-	1,944
Bank charges	223	195
Bad debts	-	4,609
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	-	615
	<u>46,037</u>	<u>46,710</u>

Governance costs

	2025 Other resources expenses	2024 Total activities
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,824</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	4,000	3,824
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>-</u>	<u>615</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	7	7
Advice	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	17,345	-	17,345
Charitable activities			
Legal representation	<u>27,060</u>	<u>155,693</u>	<u>182,753</u>
Total	<u>44,405</u>	<u>155,693</u>	<u>200,098</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Legal representation	29,953	155,693	185,646
Other	<u>50,534</u>	-	<u>50,534</u>
Total	<u>80,487</u>	<u>155,693</u>	<u>236,180</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(36,082)	-	(36,082)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>73,362</u>	-	<u>73,362</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>37,280</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>37,280</u></u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u><u>16,731</u></u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u><u>16,731</u></u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	<u><u>-</u></u>
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>-</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

10. WORK IN PROGRESS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Work-in-progress	<u>38,967</u>	<u>33,282</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
VAT	753	2,607
Prepayments and accrued income	2,453	7,395
Prepayments	<u>5,326</u>	<u>5,724</u>
	<u>8,532</u>	<u>15,726</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank account	19,813	-
Trade creditors	2,096	1,359
Social security and other taxes	3,287	2,692
Accruals and deferred income	<u>51,974</u>	<u>31,628</u>
	<u>77,170</u>	<u>35,679</u>

Amounts included in creditors with respect to bank accounts, relate to timing differences on unrestricted funds.

13. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	14,059	4,475
Between one and five years	<u>54,500</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>68,559</u>	<u>4,475</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	37,280	(30,097)	7,183
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>37,280</u>	<u>(30,097)</u>	<u>7,183</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	86,318	(116,415)	(30,097)
Restricted funds			
City of Westminster	50,788	(50,788)	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	7,600	(7,600)	-
The London Community Foundation	20,833	(20,833)	-
The Henry Smith Charity	47,300	(47,300)	-
Westminster Ward Budget	7,360	(7,360)	-
	<u>133,881</u>	<u>(133,881)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>220,199</u>	<u>(250,296)</u>	<u>(30,097)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	73,362	(36,082)	37,280
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>73,362</u>	<u>(36,082)</u>	<u>37,280</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	44,405	(80,487)	(36,082)
Restricted funds			
Trust for London	58,219	(58,219)	-
City of Westminster	42,323	(42,323)	-
The London Community Foundation	8,851	(8,851)	-
The Henry Smith Charity	<u>46,300</u>	<u>(46,300)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>155,693</u>	<u>(155,693)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>200,098</u>	<u>(236,180)</u>	<u>(36,082)</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01988411 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 299948

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Berringers LLP
Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
Lygon House
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BR1 3RA

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

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PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
for the year ended 31 March 2024

TRUSTEES	H Fitzgerald P Purton R Bush L Hastie W Ansah-Twum (resigned 22.12.2023) J S C Joll (appointed 29.2.2024) A Mouzakitou (appointed 29.2.2024) M C Smith-Ihionvien (appointed 29.2.2024) K P Buck (appointed 13.11.2024)
COMPANY SECRETARY	
REGISTERED OFFICE	421 Harrow Road London W10 4RE
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	01988411 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	299948
AUDITORS	Berringers LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Lygon House 50 London Road Bromley Kent BR1 3RA

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Law Centre are to provide free legal advice and assistance to poor persons resident or working in the Greater London area and in particular in the area of North Paddington, which includes the London postal districts of W2, W9 and those areas of W10 that fall within Westminster City Council.

The Law Centre employs solicitors, caseworkers and administrative staff to provide legal assistance in the areas of housing, employment and welfare rights.

Significant activities

The Law Centre provides free specialist legal advice, practical casework and Tribunal representation to poor and vulnerable people in the areas of Housing, Welfare Benefits and Employment Law, helping marginalised people increase their income, obtain and/or retain stable, suitable housing (including finding homes for those street homeless), and remain in profitable employment, free from discriminatory treatment.

Public benefit

The Trustees consider that the objectives and activities stated above of the Law Centre provides public benefit within the meaning and terms of the Charity Act 2011.

Volunteers

The Law Centre regularly uses volunteers, for both casework and admin tasks, to enhance and maximise its service delivery, while at the same time giving those volunteers improved skills and experience to assist them in the job market. The Centre has over time worked in partnership with various charitable organisations, including Pro Bono Community and One Westminster, to source suitable volunteers and also accepts direct applications from individuals seeking volunteer positions.

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2024

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Centre is open to new clients to drop in personally five days a week. Clients may also contact the Centre by telephone or by email. The Centre's first contact staff welcome new clients, diagnose their problems, and will either arrange an appointment for them with the Centre's specialist solicitors/caseworkers or refer or signpost them to other advice and support agencies, where these organisations are best placed to help them with their problem.

The Centre's solicitors/caseworkers will make home visits or arrange client appointments at partner agencies, where, due to disability or other problems, clients are unable to travel to the Centre's office.

During 2023/24 the Law Centre:

- Secured two, new, one-year grants, from the Eyre Estate Trust (supporting our housing work) and Strand Parishes Trust (core funding);
- Renewed for a further thirteen months from February 2024, a grant from Westminster Council, funding work to tackle cost-of-living related problems for impoverished local people;
- Secured two, new, three-year grants to commence post year-end, one from Westminster Council (supporting our welfare rights casework and in-house fundraising efforts) and one from AB Charitable Trust (core funding);
- Continued to deliver results for ongoing multi-year projects funded by Trust for London (providing employment law advice, casework and representation for low waged workers) and The Henry Smith Charity (funding housing and welfare benefits casework to provide improved housing security/increased income, for vulnerable families and individuals);
- Successfully passed its triennial quality audit, leading to the renewal to September 2026 of its accreditation, the Standard Quality Mark, the recognised mark of excellence in the free legal advice sector;
- Successfully tendered for a new Legal Aid contract to cover 2024/2025;
- Bolstered its capacity to assist clients with welfare benefits matters, by recruiting a second, highly experienced worker into the Welfare Rights Unit;
- Recruited three new trustees, all resident locally, bringing new skills and experience onto the Board;
- Reached its fiftieth anniversary of providing a free legal advice and representation service on the Harrow Road, North Paddington. During the year it organised a community event to celebrate this milestone and promote the Centre, which took place shortly after the end of the financial year.

Fundraising activities

The Law Centre has, for many years, relied principally on charitable grants and donations and has an active fundraising programme, under which it is continually applying for new funding from these sources. In addition, the Centre is grateful to Westminster Council for maintaining the substantial grant support it commenced in 2022/23; the Council has renewed one of those grants and, in addition, provided a new, three-year grant to commence from April 2024.

The fundraising plan is reviewed and updated regularly by staff and the plan and a report on fundraising progress are presented to each Management Committee meeting. The Law Centre uses the support of fundraising advisers supplied free of charge to it by the Law Centres Network and these advisers keep the Centre appraised of new fundraising opportunities as they arise.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Centre's gross income was slightly lower this year at £200,098 against £207,822, while expenditure increased to £236,180 from £194,738. This resulted in net outgoing resources of £36,082. At the year-end restricted funds amounted to £nil (2023 - £nil) whilst unrestricted funds which were £73,362 decreased to £37,280.

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Law Centre that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three to six months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Law Centre's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

FUTURE PLANS

For the future the Law Centre is committed to maintaining its current level of service in the three areas of social welfare law in which it currently advises and, as and when funding permits, increasing its complement of caseworkers to reach even more beneficiaries and meet the ever increasing demand for assistance that the Centre experiences. The Centre is committed to retaining its base on the Harrow Road, an area of high income deprivation with an acute housing crisis, and to this end has provisionally agreed with its landlord to renew its lease for a minimum of five years at the current rent.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As required by the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve from their appointment or co-option until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee retire from office on a rotational basis (one third (or the nearest number to one third) each year at the Annual General Meeting, based on length of service), but may stand for re-election.

Organisational structure

The Centre operates as a non-hierarchical collective. Staff undertake the day to day running of the centre, making decisions in monthly meetings and decisions reached are recorded in written minutes. The staff of the Centre are employed by the company limited by guarantee, Paddington Law Centre Limited, of whom the directors are also the trustees of the charity. The directors/trustees make up a Management Committee who meet every two months to oversee the Centre's finances and make the strategic and key financial decisions, which are recorded in written minutes. Overall legal supervision of the Centre for the purposes of the Law Society and Solicitors Regulation Authority is the responsibility of the Supervising Solicitor.

The members of the company undertake to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each in the event of the winding up of the company, whilst a member, or within one year of cessation of membership.

Induction and training of new trustees

The method of election ensures that most Trustees already have knowledge of the needs of the community, and other training is put in place for new Management Committee members during the first few months from their election according as their needs become known. At each Management Committee meeting, there are reports to ensure trustees are up to date with activities and changes in legislation or funding requirements.

Trustees are also offered further sources of information, either through one to one help from other members of the Committee or through the publications and links to the websites of organisations such as the Charity Commission, the Law Centres Network and the Legal Aid Agency.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Paddington Law Centre Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 charitable company will continue in business.

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

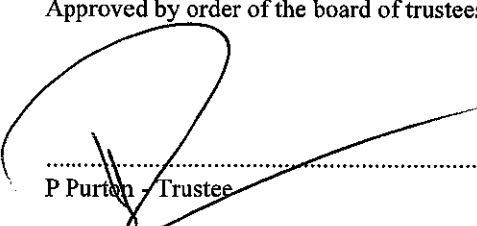
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Berringers LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12/12/2024..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
P Purton - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Paddington Law Centre Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the 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 Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the independent auditors thereon.

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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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 Report of the trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

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 Report of the trustees.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report or in preparing the Report of the trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the 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.

Our 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 a Report of the independent auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and error, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry, control environment and business performance;
- results of our enquiries to management about their own assessment of the risks of fraud and error;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud may occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

Our procedures to respond to risk include the following:

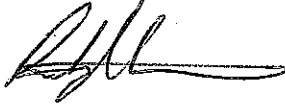
- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected areas that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error;
- addressing the risk of fraud and error through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journals, assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED**

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 auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Ricky Hutson BSc FCCA ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Berringers LLP
Chartered Accountants
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Lygon House
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Date: 12/12/24

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes				
Donations and legacies		17,345	-	17,345	13,813
Charitable activities	2				
Legal representation		27,060	155,693	182,753	194,009
Total		<u>44,405</u>	<u>155,693</u>	<u>200,098</u>	<u>207,822</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	3				
Legal representation		29,953	155,693	185,646	149,309
Other		50,534	-	50,534	45,429
Total		<u>80,487</u>	<u>155,693</u>	<u>236,180</u>	<u>194,738</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(36,082)	-	(36,082)	13,084
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		73,362	-	73,362	60,278
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>37,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,280</u>	<u>73,362</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

**BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	-	-	-	615
CURRENT ASSETS					
Work in progress	10	33,282	-	33,282	25,891
Debtors	11	15,726	-	15,726	44,732
Cash at bank and in hand		3,118	20,833	23,951	40,768
		<u>52,126</u>	<u>20,833</u>	<u>72,959</u>	<u>111,391</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(14,846)	(20,833)	(35,679)	(38,644)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>37,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,280</u>	<u>72,747</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>37,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,280</u>	<u>73,362</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>37,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,280</u>	<u>73,362</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				37,280	73,362
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>37,280</u>	<u>73,362</u>

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12/12/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
P Purton - Trustee

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

The trustees have reviewed the financial position of the charity with reference to financial projections and expect the charity can continue to operate for a period in excess of twelve months following the approval of the financial statements, therefore, the trustees consider it appropriate for the accounts to be prepared on a going concern basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

Work in progress

Work in progress is recognised at the point when the outcome of the rendering of services can be estimated reliably. Work in progress comprises of legal services provided by reference to the stage of completion at the end of the reporting period.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2024

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2024	2023
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Legal representation	174,088	181,979
Legal fees & advice	Legal representation	8,665	12,030
		<u>182,753</u>	<u>194,009</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Strand Parishes Trust	7,000	7,000
The Access to Justice Foundation	-	14,672
The Henry Smith Charity	46,300	-
The London Community Foundation	8,851	4,684
Westminster Amalgamated Charity	-	1,750
Garden Court Chambers	4,000	-
City of Westminster	49,718	38,465
Trust for London	58,219	50,625
AB Charitable Trust	-	24,997
Drapers Charitable Trust	-	9,191
Postcode Society Trust	-	14,595
Allen & Overy Foundation	-	6,000
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	10,000
	<u>174,088</u>	<u>181,979</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £
Legal representation	<u>185,646</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other resources expended	<u>40,630</u>	<u>3,824</u>	<u>44,454</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Other

	2024 Other resources expended £	2023 Total activities £
Rent & rates	9,544	15,188
Insurance	965	1,950
Telephone	1,988	1,787
Postage & Stationery	6,335	5,102
Sundries	2,435	860

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4. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Repairs & renewals	643	1,420
Computer costs	8,275	8,028
Subscriptions	1,302	1,517
Legal & professional fees	1,011	632
Staff training	375	375
Books & publications	5,021	3,330
Travelling	1,944	609
Bank charges	177	221
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	615	615
	<u>40,630</u>	<u>41,634</u>

Governance costs

	2024	2023
	Other	Total
	resources	activities
	expenses	
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	<u>3,824</u>	<u>3,795</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	3,824	3,795
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>615</u>	<u>615</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Advice	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	13,813	-	13,813
Charitable activities			
Legal representation	80,027	113,982	194,009
Total	<u>93,840</u>	<u>113,982</u>	<u>207,822</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Legal representation	35,327	113,982	149,309
Other	45,429	-	45,429
Total	<u>80,756</u>	<u>113,982</u>	<u>194,738</u>
NET INCOME	13,084	-	13,084
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	60,278	-	60,278
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>73,362</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>73,362</u></u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>16,731</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2023	16,116
Charge for year	615
At 31 March 2024	<u>16,731</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>-</u></u>
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>615</u></u>

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10. WORK IN PROGRESS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Work-in-progress	<u>33,282</u>	<u>25,891</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	4,609
VAT	2,607	2,946
Prepayments and accrued income	7,395	30,000
Prepayments	<u>5,724</u>	<u>7,177</u>
	<u>15,726</u>	<u>44,732</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,359	1,331
Social security and other taxes	2,692	1,452
Accruals and deferred income	<u>31,628</u>	<u>35,861</u>
	<u>35,679</u>	<u>38,644</u>

13. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	4,475	13,967
Between one and five years	<u>-</u>	<u>4,475</u>
	<u>4,475</u>	<u>18,442</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	73,362	(36,082)	<u>37,280</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>73,362</u>	<u>(36,082)</u>	<u>37,280</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	44,405	(80,487)	(36,082)
Restricted funds			
Trust for London	58,219	(58,219)	-
City of Westminster	42,323	(42,323)	-
The London Community Foundation	8,851	(8,851)	-
The Henry Smith Charity	46,300	(46,300)	-
	<u>155,693</u>	<u>(155,693)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>200,098</u>	<u>(236,180)</u>	<u>(36,082)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,278	13,084	73,362
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,278</u>	<u>13,084</u>	<u>73,362</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	93,840	(80,756)	13,084
Restricted funds			
The Access to Justice Foundation	14,672	(14,672)	-
Trust for London	50,625	(50,625)	-
Drapers Charitable Trust	9,191	(9,191)	-
Postcode Society Trust	14,595	(14,595)	-
Westminster Amalgamated Charity	1,750	(1,750)	-
City of Westminster	8,465	(8,465)	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	10,000	(10,000)	-
The London Community Foundation	4,684	(4,684)	-
	<u>113,982</u>	<u>(113,982)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>207,822</u>	<u>(194,738)</u>	<u>13,084</u>

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15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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England & Wales - Charity number 299948

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01988411 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 299948

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Berringers LLP
Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
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PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
for the year ended 31 March 2023

TRUSTEES

H Fitzgerald
P Purton
K Wilby (resigned 20.2.2023)
R Bush
L Hastie
W Ansah-Twum

COMPANY SECRETARY

REGISTERED OFFICE

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London
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**REGISTERED COMPANY
NUMBER**

01988411 (England and Wales)

**REGISTERED CHARITY
NUMBER**

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PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Law Centre are to provide free legal advice and assistance to poor persons resident or working in the Greater London area and in particular in the area of North Paddington, which includes the London postal districts of W2, W9 and those areas of W10 that fall within Westminster City Council.

The Law Centre employs solicitors, caseworkers and administrative staff to provide legal assistance in the areas of housing, employment and welfare rights.

Significant activities

The Law Centre provides free specialist legal advice, practical casework and Tribunal representation to poor and vulnerable people in the areas of Housing, Welfare Benefits and Employment Law, helping marginalised people increase their income, obtain and/or retain stable, suitable housing (including finding homes for those street homeless), and remain in profitable employment, free from discriminatory treatment.

Public benefit

The Trustees consider that the objectives and activities stated above of the Law Centre provides public benefit within the meaning and terms of the Charity Act 2011.

Volunteers

The Law Centre regularly uses volunteers, for both casework and admin tasks, to enhance and maximise its service delivery, while at the same time giving those volunteers improved skills and experience to assist them in the job market. The Centre has over time worked in partnership with various charitable organisations, including Pro Bono Community and One Westminster, to source suitable volunteers and also accepts direct applications from individuals seeking volunteer positions.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Centre is open to new clients to drop in personally five days a week. Clients may also contact the Centre by telephone or by email. The Centre's first contact staff welcome new clients, diagnose their problems, and will either arrange an appointment for them with the Centre's specialist solicitors/caseworkers or refer or signpost them to other advice and support agencies, where these organisations are best placed to help them with their problem.

The Centre's solicitors/caseworkers will make home visits or arrange client appointments at partner agencies, where, due to disability or other problems, clients are unable to travel to the Centre's office.

The report of the trustees for 2021/22 explained that during the various periods of lockdown and other restrictions, imposed in the context of the Covid pandemic, Law Centre staff had maintained a physical presence in the office for those clients whose vulnerabilities needed that face-to-face service, combining that with a remote delivery method for the remainder of our clients. We have now returned to business as usual, seeing clients face-to-face if they need or prefer this, while at the same time, maintaining measures and procedures (e.g enhanced cleaning and hygiene protocols, mask wearing, keeping distance in interviews/meetings, self-isolation after Covid contacts) with the aim of minimising ongoing risk for clients and staff.

During 2022/23 the Law Centre:

- Secured eight new, one-year grants, (including from the Community Justice Fund, AB Charitable Trust, the Strand Parishes Trust, Awards for All, Allen & Overy LLP, the London Community Foundation, Westminster City Council and Garden Court Chambers), several of which are first time funders of the Centre;
- Renewed, for a further two years, a project funded by Trust for London, providing employment law advice, casework and representation for low waged workers;
- Secured a new three-year grant from the Henry Smith Charity, funding housing and welfare benefits casework aimed at supporting the most vulnerable to obtain/maintain accommodation, overcome financial problems and ensure they are able to claim their financial rights and entitlements;
- Secured new support from Westminster City Council, by way of two grants, including one funding work to tackle cost-of-living related problems for impoverished local people;
- Continued to successfully deliver casework and representation under a Legal Aid Contract funding cases in housing and welfare benefits.

Fundraising activities

The Law Centre has, for many years, relied principally on charitable grants and donations and has an active fundraising programme, under which it is continually applying for new funding from these sources. In addition, the Centre is grateful to benefit, for the first time, from a substantial one-year grant from the local authority.

The fundraising plan is reviewed and updated regularly by staff and the plan and a report on fundraising progress are presented to each Management Committee meeting. The Law Centre uses the support of fundraising advisers supplied free of charge to it by the Law Centres Network and these advisers keep the Centre apprised of new fundraising opportunities as they arise.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Centre's gross income was slightly higher this year at £207,822 against £197,643, while expenditure slightly decreased to £194,738 from £217,687. This resulted in net incoming resources of £13,084. At the year end restricted funds amounted to nil (2022 - £nil) whilst unrestricted funds which were £60,278 increased to £73,362.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Law Centre that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three to six months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Law Centre's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023

FUTURE PLANS

For the future the Law Centre is committed to maintaining its current level of service in the three areas of social welfare law in which it currently advises and, as and when funding permits, increasing its complement of caseworkers to reach even more beneficiaries and meet the ever increasing demand for assistance that the Centre experiences. The Centre is committed to retaining its base on the Harrow Road, an area of high income deprivation with an acute housing crisis, and to this end has renewed its lease until March 2024 and will be seeking to further renew it for a considerable period beyond that.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As required by the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve from their appointment or co-option until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee is required to stand down at each Annual General meeting and when appointed, will commence to act from the end of that meeting. Retiring members may stand for re-election.

Organisational structure

The Centre operates as a non-hierarchical collective. Staff undertake the day to day running of the centre, making decisions in monthly meetings and decisions reached are recorded in written minutes. The staff of the Centre are employed by the company limited by guarantee, Paddington Law Centre Limited, of whom the directors are also the trustees of the charity. The directors/trustees make up a Management Committee who meet every two months to oversee the Centre's finances and make the strategic and key financial decisions, which are recorded in written minutes. Overall legal supervision of the Centre for the purposes of the Law Society and Solicitors Regulation Authority is the responsibility of the Supervising Solicitor.

The members of the company undertake to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each in the event of the winding up of the company, whilst a member, or within one year of cessation of membership.

Induction and training of new trustees

The method of election ensures that most Trustees already have knowledge of the needs of the community, and other training is put in place for new Management Committee members during the first few months from their election according as their needs become known. At each Management Committee meeting, there are reports to ensure trustees are up to date with activities and changes in legislation or funding requirements.

Trustees are also offered further sources of information, either through one to one help from other members of the Committee or through the publications and links to the websites of organisations such as the Charity Commission, the Law Centres Network and the Legal Aid Agency.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Paddington Law Centre Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that 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 charitable company will continue in business.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

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

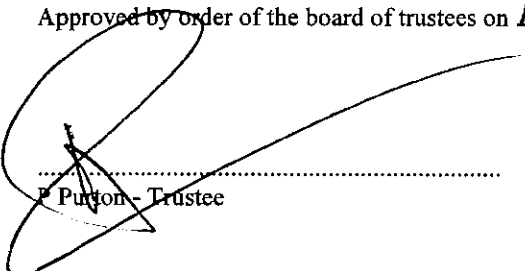
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Berringers LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11th December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
F Purton - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Paddington Law Centre Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the 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 Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the independent auditors thereon.

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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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 Report of the trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

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 Report of the trustees.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report or in preparing the Report of the trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the 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.

Our 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 a Report of the independent auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and error, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry, control environment and business performance;
- results of our enquiries to management about their own assessment of the risks of fraud and error;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud may occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

Our procedures to respond to risk include the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected areas that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error;
- addressing the risk of fraud and error through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journals, assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED**

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 auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Ricky Hutson BSc FCCA ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Berringers LLP

Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors

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Date:

11/12/2023

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		13,813	-	13,813	17,415
Charitable activities	2				
Legal representation		80,027	113,982	194,009	180,228
Total		<u>93,840</u>	<u>113,982</u>	<u>207,822</u>	<u>197,643</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	3				
Legal representation		35,327	113,982	149,309	158,522
Other		45,429	-	45,429	59,165
Total		<u>80,756</u>	<u>113,982</u>	<u>194,738</u>	<u>217,687</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		13,084	-	13,084	(20,044)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		60,278	-	60,278	80,322
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>73,362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,362</u>	<u>60,278</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

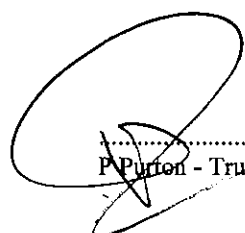
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BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	615	-	615	1,230
CURRENT ASSETS					
Work in progress	10	25,891	-	25,891	25,396
Debtors	11	44,732	-	44,732	14,829
Cash at bank and in hand		8,702	32,066	40,768	55,766
		<u>79,325</u>	<u>32,066</u>	<u>111,391</u>	<u>95,991</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,578)	(32,066)	(38,644)	(36,943)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>72,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,747</u>	<u>59,048</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>73,362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,362</u>	<u>60,278</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>73,362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,362</u>	<u>60,278</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				<u>73,362</u>	<u>60,278</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>73,362</u>	<u>60,278</u>

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11th December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:


P. Purton - Trustee

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

The trustees have reviewed the financial position of the charity with reference to financial projections and expect the charity can continue to operate for a period in excess of twelve months following the approval of the financial statements, therefore, the trustees consider it appropriate for the accounts to be prepared on a going concern basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

Work in progress

Work in progress is recognised at the point when the outcome of the rendering of services can be estimated reliably. Work in progress comprises of legal services provided by reference to the stage of completion at the end of the reporting period.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2023	2022
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Legal representation	181,979	173,989
Legal fees & advice	Legal representation	12,030	6,239
		<u>194,009</u>	<u>180,228</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
City Bridge Trust	-	22,401
Strand Parishes Trust	7,000	10,000
The Access to Justice Foundation	14,672	50,000
The London Community Foundation	4,684	-
Westminster Amalgamated Charity	1,750	5,250
Garden Court Chambers	-	4,000
City of Westminster	38,465	9,820
Trust for London	50,625	40,000
AB Charitable Trust	24,997	15,003
Westminster Almshouse Foundation	-	10,000
Drapers Charitable Trust	9,191	4,596
Postcode Society Trust	14,595	2,919
Allen & Overy Foundation	6,000	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	10,000	-
	<u>181,979</u>	<u>173,989</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £
Legal representation	<u>149,309</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other resources expended	<u>41,634</u>	<u>3,795</u>	<u>45,429</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Other

	2023 Other resources expended £	2022 Total activities £
Rent & rates	15,188	14,679
Insurance	1,950	1,811
Telephone	1,787	1,878
Postage & Stationery	5,102	5,221

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4. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Sundries	860	421
Repairs & renewals	1,420	600
Computer costs	8,028	23,249
Subscriptions	1,517	1,365
Legal & professional fees	632	612
Staff training	375	889
Books & publications	3,330	4,029
Travelling	609	65
Bank charges	221	231
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	615	615
	<u>41,634</u>	<u>55,665</u>

Governance costs

	2023	2022
	Other	
	resources	Total
	expenses	activities
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	<u>3,795</u>	<u>3,500</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	3,795	3,500
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>615</u>	<u>615</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Advice	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	17,415	-	17,415
Charitable activities			
Legal representation	<u>95,242</u>	<u>84,986</u>	<u>180,228</u>
Total	<u>112,657</u>	<u>84,986</u>	<u>197,643</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Legal representation	73,536	84,986	158,522
Other	<u>59,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,165</u>
Total	<u>132,701</u>	<u>84,986</u>	<u>217,687</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(20,044)	-	(20,044)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>80,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,322</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>60,278</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>60,278</u></u>

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	16,731
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2022	15,501
Charge for year	615
At 31 March 2023	16,116
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	615
At 31 March 2022	1,230

10. WORK IN PROGRESS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Work-in-progress	25,891	25,396

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	4,609	4,609
VAT	2,946	2,247
Prepayments and accrued income	30,000	-
Prepayments	7,177	7,973
	44,732	14,829

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,331	1,244
Social security and other taxes	1,452	1,666
Accruals and deferred income	35,861	34,033
	38,644	36,943

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13. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	13,967	13,967
Between one and five years	4,475	18,442
	<u>18,442</u>	<u>32,409</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,278	13,084	73,362
	<u>60,278</u>	<u>13,084</u>	<u>73,362</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	93,840	(80,756)	13,084
Restricted funds			
The Access to Justice Foundation	14,672	(14,672)	-
Trust for London	50,625	(50,625)	-
Drapers Charitable Trust	9,191	(9,191)	-
Postcode Society Trust	14,595	(14,595)	-
Westminster Amalgamated Charity	1,750	(1,750)	-
City of Westminster	8,465	(8,465)	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	10,000	(10,000)	-
The London Community Foundation	4,684	(4,684)	-
	<u>113,982</u>	<u>(113,982)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>207,822</u>	<u>(194,738)</u>	<u>13,084</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	80,322	(20,044)	60,278
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>80,322</u>	<u>(20,044)</u>	<u>60,278</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	112,657	(132,701)	(20,044)
Restricted funds			
City Bridge Trust	22,401	(22,401)	-
Trust for London	40,000	(40,000)	-
Drapers Charitable Trust	4,596	(4,596)	-
Postcode Society Trust	2,919	(2,919)	-
Westminster Amalgamated Charity	5,250	(5,250)	-
City of Westminster	9,820	(9,820)	-
	<u>84,986</u>	<u>(84,986)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>197,643</u>	<u>(217,687)</u>	<u>(20,044)</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 299948

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01988411 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 299948

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
for the year ended 31 March 2022

TRUSTEES

K Brathwaite (deceased 26.10.2021)
H Fitzgerald
P Purton
K Wilby
R Bush
M Khan (resigned 11.1.2022)
L Hastie (appointed 11.1.2022)
W Ansah-Twum (appointed 11.1.2022)

COMPANY SECRETARY

REGISTERED OFFICE

421 Harrow Road
London
W10 4RE

**REGISTERED COMPANY
NUMBER**

01988411 (England and Wales)

**REGISTERED CHARITY
NUMBER**

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PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Law Centre are to provide free legal advice and assistance to poor persons resident or working in the Greater London area and in particular in the area of North Paddington, which includes the London postal districts of W2, W9 and those areas of W10 that fall within Westminster City Council.

The Law Centre employs solicitors, caseworkers and administrative staff to provide legal assistance in the areas of housing, employment and welfare rights.

Significant activities

The Law Centre provides free specialist legal advice, practical casework and Tribunal representation to poor and vulnerable people in the areas of Housing, Welfare Benefits and Employment Law, helping marginalised people increase their income, obtain and/or retain stable, suitable housing (including finding homes for those street homeless), and remain in profitable employment, free from discriminatory treatment.

Public benefit

The Trustees consider that the objectives and activities stated above of the Law Centre provides public benefit within the meaning and terms of the Charity Act 2011.

Volunteers

The Law Centre regularly uses volunteers, for both casework and admin tasks, to enhance and maximise its service delivery, while at the same time giving those volunteers improved skills and experience to assist them in the job market. The Centre has over time worked in partnership with various charitable organisations, including Pro Bono Community and One Westminster, to source suitable volunteers and also accepts direct applications from individuals seeking volunteer positions.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Centre is open to new clients to drop in personally five days a week. Clients may also contact the Centre by telephone or by email. The Centre's first contact staff welcome new clients, diagnose their problems, and will either arrange an appointment for them with the Centre's specialist solicitors/caseworkers or refer or signpost them to other advice and support agencies, where these organisations are best placed to help them with their problem.

The Centre's solicitors/caseworkers will make home visits or arrange client appointments at partner agencies, where, due to disability or other problems, clients are unable to travel to the Centre's office.

The report of the trustees for 2020/21 explained that during the various periods of lockdown and other restrictions, imposed in the context of the Covid pandemic, Law Centre staff had maintained a physical presence in the office for those clients whose vulnerabilities needed that face-to-face service, combining that with a remote delivery method for the remainder of our clients. Since restrictions have been progressively lifted from April 2021, we have gradually returned to business as usual, increasingly seeing clients face to face, while at the same time, maintaining measures and procedures (e.g enhanced cleaning and hygiene protocols, mask wearing, keeping distance in interviews/meetings, self-isolation after Covid contacts) with the aim of minimising ongoing risk for clients and staff.

During 2021/22 the Law Centre:

- Secured eight new, one year grants, (including from the Drapers' Charitable Fund, the Postcode Society Trust, the MOJ Community Justice Fund, the AB Charitable Trust, the Strand Parishes Trust, the Westminster Almshouses Foundation, the Westminster Amalgamated Charity and the Westminster Ward Budget), several of which are first time funders of the Centre;
- Continued to successfully deliver a three year project funded by Trust for London, providing employment law advice, casework and representation for low waged workers;
- Continued to successfully deliver casework and representation under a Legal Aid Contract funding cases in housing and welfare benefits;
- Recruited two new trustees to broaden and strengthen the composition and skill set of the Board of Trustees. (A long-standing previous trustee sadly died during the year).

Fundraising activities

The Law Centre receives no regular local authority funding (although it has received a minor, one year grant from the Westminster Ward Budget). It has an active fundraising programme, under which it is continually applying for charitable grants and seeking out private donations. The fundraising plan is reviewed and updated regularly by staff and the plan and a report on fundraising progress are presented to each Management Committee meeting. The Law Centre uses the support of fundraising advisers supplied free of charge to it by the Law Centres Network and these advisers keep the Centre apprised of new fundraising opportunities as they arise.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Centre's gross income was lower this year at £197,643 against £250,162, while expenditure also increased to £217,687 from £181,896. This resulted in net outgoing resources of £20,044. At the year end restricted funds amounted to nil (2021 - £nil) whilst unrestricted funds which were £80,322 decreased to £60,278.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Law Centre that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three to six months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Law Centre's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022

FUTURE PLANS

For the future the Law Centre is committed to maintaining its current level of service in the three areas of social welfare law in which it currently advises and, as and when funding permits, increasing its complement of caseworkers to reach even more beneficiaries and meet the ever increasing demand for assistance that the Centre experiences. The Centre is committed to retaining its base on the Harrow Road, an area of high income deprivation with an acute housing crisis, and to this end has renewed its lease until March 2024.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As required by the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve from their appointment or co-option until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee is required to stand down at each Annual General meeting and when appointed, will commence to act from the end of that meeting. Retiring members may stand for re-election.

Organisational structure

The Centre operates as a non-hierarchical collective. Staff undertake the day to day running of the centre, making decisions in monthly meetings and decisions reached are recorded in written minutes. The staff of the Centre are employed by the company limited by guarantee, Paddington Law Centre Limited, of whom the directors are also the trustees of the charity. The directors/trustees make up a Management Committee who meet every two months to oversee the Centre's finances and make the strategic and key financial decisions, which are recorded in written minutes. Overall legal supervision of the Centre for the purposes of the Law Society and Solicitors Regulation Authority is the responsibility of the Supervising Solicitor.

The members of the company undertake to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each in the event of the winding up of the company, whilst a member, or within one year of cessation of membership.

Induction and training of new trustees

The method of election ensures that most Trustees already have knowledge of the needs of the community, and other training is put in place for new Management Committee members during the first few months from their election according as their needs become known. At each Management Committee meeting, there are reports to ensure trustees are up to date with activities and changes in legislation or funding requirements,

Trustees are also offered further sources of information, either through one to one help from other members of the Committee or through the publications and links to the websites of organisations such as the Charity Commission, the Law Centres Network and the Legal Aid Agency.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Paddington Law Centre Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that 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 charitable company will continue in business.

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Berringers LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22/02/2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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P Purton - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Paddington Law Centre Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the 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 Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the independent auditors thereon.

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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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 Report of the trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

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 Report of the trustees.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report or in preparing the Report of the trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the 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.

Our 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 a Report of the independent auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and error, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry, control environment and business performance;
- results of our enquiries to management about their own assessment of the risks of fraud and error;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud may occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

Our procedures to respond to risk include the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected areas that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error;
- addressing the risk of fraud and error through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journals, assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED**

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 auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Ricky Hutson BSc FCCA ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Berringers LLP
Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
Lygon House
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Date: 22.11.22

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
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Charitable activities	3				
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Other		59,165	-	59,165	40,671
Total		132,701	84,986	217,687	181,896
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(20,044)	-	(20,044)	68,266
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		80,322	-	80,322	12,056
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		60,278	-	60,278	80,322

The notes form part of these financial statements

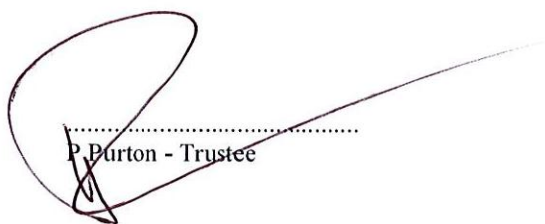
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BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	1,230	-	1,230	1,845
CURRENT ASSETS					
Work in progress	10	25,396	-	25,396	23,449
Debtors	11	14,829	-	14,829	17,636
Cash at bank and in hand		30,230	25,536	55,766	79,135
		<u>70,455</u>	<u>25,536</u>	<u>95,991</u>	<u>120,220</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(11,407)	(25,536)	(36,943)	(41,743)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>59,048</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,048</u>	<u>78,477</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>60,278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,278</u>	<u>80,322</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>60,278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,278</u>	<u>80,322</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				60,278	80,322
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>60,278</u>	<u>80,322</u>

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22/11/2022 and were signed on its behalf by:


P. Burton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

The trustees have reviewed the financial position of the charity with reference to financial projections and expect the charity can continue to operate for a period in excess of twelve months following the approval of the financial statements, therefore, the trustees consider it appropriate for the accounts to be prepared on a going concern basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment	- 25% on cost
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Work in progress

Work in progress is recognised at the point when the outcome of the rendering of services can be estimated reliably. Work in progress comprises of legal services provided by reference to the stage of completion at the end of the reporting period.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2022

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2022	2021
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Legal representation	173,989	228,926
Legal fees & advice	Legal representation	6,239	(412)
		<u>180,228</u>	<u>228,514</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
City Bridge Trust	22,401	67,018
Strand Parishes Trust	10,000	7,000
Access to Justice Foundation	50,000	-
Westminster Amalgamated Charity	5,250	-
Garden Court Chambers	4,000	4,000
City of Westminster	9,820	9,950
Trust for London	40,000	40,000
AB Charitable Trust	15,003	3,330
London Community Response Fund	-	25,628
Law Centres Network	-	72,000
Westminster Almshouse Foundation	10,000	-
Drapers Charitable Trust	4,596	-
Postcode Society Trust	2,919	-
	<u>173,989</u>	<u>228,926</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £
Legal representation	<u>158,522</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other resources expended	<u>55,665</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>59,165</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Other

	2022 Other resources expended £	2021 Total activities £
Rent & rates	14,679	8,629
Insurance	1,811	1,763
Telephone	1,878	1,890
Postage & Stationery	5,221	5,169
Sundries	421	452

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4. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Repairs & renewals	600	237
Computer costs	23,249	7,046
Subscriptions	1,365	5,144
Legal & professional fees	612	656
Staff training	889	2,468
Books & publications	4,029	2,834
Travelling	65	5
Bank charges	231	263
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	615	615
	<u>55,665</u>	<u>37,171</u>

Governance costs

	2022	2021
	Other	
	resources	Total
	expenses	activities
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	3,500	3,500
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>615</u>	<u>615</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Advice	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2022

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	21,648	-	21,648
Charitable activities			
Legal representation	121,496	107,018	228,514
Total	<u>143,144</u>	<u>107,018</u>	<u>250,162</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Legal representation	34,207	107,018	141,225
Other	40,671	-	40,671
Total	<u>74,878</u>	<u>107,018</u>	<u>181,896</u>
NET INCOME	68,266	-	68,266
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	12,056	-	12,056
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>80,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,322</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	<u>16,731</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2021	14,886
Charge for year	615
At 31 March 2022	<u>15,501</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,230</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,845</u>

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for the year ended 31 March 2022

10. WORK IN PROGRESS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Work-in-progress	<u>25,396</u>	<u>23,449</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	4,609	4,609
VAT	2,247	3,315
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>7,973</u>	<u>9,712</u>
	<u>14,829</u>	<u>17,636</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,244	1,279
Social security and other taxes	1,666	1,000
Other creditors	-	7,000
Accruals and deferred income	<u>34,033</u>	<u>32,464</u>
	<u>36,943</u>	<u>41,743</u>

13. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	13,967	12,218
Between one and five years	<u>18,442</u>	<u>12,218</u>
	<u>32,409</u>	<u>24,436</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	80,322	(20,044)	60,278
	<u>80,322</u>	<u>(20,044)</u>	<u>60,278</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>80,322</u>	<u>(20,044)</u>	<u>60,278</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	112,657	(132,701)	(20,044)
Restricted funds			
City Bridge Trust	22,401	(22,401)	-
Trust for London	40,000	(40,000)	-
Drapers Charitable Trust	4,596	(4,596)	-
Postcode Society Trust	2,919	(2,919)	-
Westminster Amalgamated Charity	5,250	(5,250)	-
City of Westminster	9,820	(9,820)	-
	<u>84,986</u>	<u>(84,986)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>197,643</u>	<u>(217,687)</u>	<u>(20,044)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,056	68,266	80,322
	<u>12,056</u>	<u>68,266</u>	<u>80,322</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>12,056</u>	<u>68,266</u>	<u>80,322</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	143,144	(74,878)	68,266
Restricted funds			
City Bridge Trust	67,018	(67,018)	-
Trust for London	40,000	(40,000)	-
	<u>107,018</u>	<u>(107,018)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>250,162</u>	<u>(181,896)</u>	<u>68,266</u>

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15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 299948

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01988411 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 299948

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Berringers LLP
Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
Lygon House
50 London Road
Bromley
Kent
BR1 3RA

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

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PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
for the year ended 31 March 2021

TRUSTEES	K Brathwaite H Fitzgerald P Purton K Wilby R Bush M Khan
COMPANY SECRETARY	K Brathwaite
REGISTERED OFFICE	421 Harrow Road London W10 4RE
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	01988411 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	299948
AUDITORS	Berringers LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Lygon House 50 London Road Bromley Kent BR1 3RA

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Law Centre are to provide free legal advice and assistance to poor persons resident or working in the Greater London area and in particular in the area of North Paddington, which includes the London postal districts of W2, W9 and those areas of W10 that fall within Westminster City Council.

The Law Centre employs solicitors, caseworkers and administrative staff to provide legal assistance in the areas of housing, employment and welfare rights.

Significant activities

The Law Centre provides free specialist legal advice, practical casework and Tribunal representation to poor and vulnerable people in the areas of Housing, Welfare Benefits and Employment Law, helping marginalised people increase their income, obtain and/or retain stable, suitable housing (including finding homes for those street homeless), and remain in profitable employment, free from discriminatory treatment.

Public benefit

The Trustees consider that the objectives and activities stated above of the Law Centre provides public benefit within the meaning and terms of the Charity Act 2011.

Volunteers

The Law Centre regularly uses volunteers, for both casework and admin tasks, to enhance and maximise its service delivery, while at the same time giving those volunteers improved skills and experience to assist them in the job market. The Centre has over time worked in partnership with various charitable organisations, including Pro Bono Community and One Westminster, to source suitable volunteers and also accepts direct applications from individuals seeking volunteer positions.

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2021

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Centre is open to new clients to drop in personally five days a week. Clients may also contact the Centre by telephone or by email. The Centre's first contact staff welcome new clients, diagnose their problems, and will either arrange an appointment for them with the Centre's specialist solicitors/caseworkers or refer or signpost them to other advice and support agencies, where these organisations are best placed to help them with their problem.

The Centre's solicitors/caseworkers will make home visits or arrange client appointments at partner agencies, where, due to disability or other problems, clients are unable to travel to the Centre's office.

During 2020/21 the Covid pandemic presented unprecedented operational challenges for all businesses, including the Law Centre. Throughout the various lockdowns, the Centre continued to provide its service, assisting current clients and welcoming new clients. Frontline and caseworker staff were at all times available in office hours for clients to contact them by phone and/or email while a physical presence was maintained in the office by a skeleton staff to assist those whose vulnerabilities render it difficult for them to benefit from a remotely delivered service. Facilitated by a major IT upgrade, the Law Centre adjusted its working methods to allow staff to work remotely with clients and third parties and participate by video conference in Court hearings, professional meetings and training sessions, enabling the Centre to continue functioning effectively on all levels, in spite of the restrictions in place.

During 2020/21 the Law Centre:

- Secured substantial one-year grants from the London Community Response Fund and the MOJ Community Justice Fund, in particular to bolster its provision of assistance to vulnerable people during the Covid pandemic and fund a major IT overhaul to facilitate effective remote working;
- Continued to successfully deliver a project funded by City Bridge Trust aimed at reducing poverty among people in London and a project funded by Trust for London funding employment law advice, casework and representation for low waged workers;
- Continued to successfully deliver casework and representation under a Legal Aid Contract granted for three years from 1 September 2018, funding cases in housing and welfare benefits;
- Underwent its triennial audit to renew its Specialist Quality Mark accreditation, leading to renewed accreditation until September 2023;
- Renewed its lease of accessible premises in a prominent high street position in an area of high deprivation, for three years from 1 April 2021.

Fundraising activities

The Law Centre receives no local authority funding. It has an active fundraising programme, under which it is continually applying for charitable grants and seeking out private donations. The fundraising plan is reviewed and updated regularly by staff and the plan and a report on fundraising progress are presented to each Management Committee meeting. The Law Centre uses the support of fundraising advisers supplied free of charge to it by the Law Centres Network and these advisers keep the Centre appraised of new fundraising opportunities as they arise.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Centre's gross income was higher this year at £250,163 against £178,278, while expenditure slightly decreased to £181,897 from £182,532. This resulted in net incoming resources of £68,266. At the year end restricted funds amounted to nil (2020 - £nil) whilst unrestricted funds which were £12,056 increased to £80,322.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Law Centre that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three to six months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Law Centre's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. The Centre currently falls short of this target but is making every effort to rebuild reserves over the coming years to meet this target.

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2021

FUTURE PLANS

For the future the Law Centre is committed to maintaining its current level of service in the three areas of social welfare law in which it currently advises and, as and when funding permits, increasing its complement of caseworkers to reach even more beneficiaries and meet the ever increasing demand for assistance that the Centre experiences. The Centre is committed to retaining its base on the Harrow Road, an area of high income deprivation with an acute housing crisis, and to this end has just renewed its lease until March 2024.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As required by the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve from their appointment or co-option until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee is required to stand down at each Annual General meeting and when appointed, will commence to act from the end of that meeting. Retiring members may stand for re-election.

Organisational structure

The Centre operates as a non-hierarchical collective. Staff undertake the day to day running of the centre, making decisions in monthly meetings and decisions reached are recorded in written minutes. The staff of the Centre are employed by the company limited by guarantee, Paddington Law Centre Limited, of whom the directors are also the trustees of the charity. The directors/trustees make up a Management Committee who meet every two months to oversee the Centre's finances and make the strategic and key financial decisions, which are recorded in written minutes. Overall legal supervision of the Centre for the purposes of the Law Society and Solicitors Regulation Authority is the responsibility of the Supervising Solicitor.

The members of the company undertake to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each in the event of the winding up of the company, whilst a member, or within one year of cessation of membership.

Induction and training of new trustees

The method of election ensures that most Trustees already have knowledge of the needs of the community, and other training is put in place for new Management Committee members during the first few months from their election according as their needs become known. At each Management Committee meeting, there are reports to ensure trustees are up to date with activities and changes in legislation or funding requirements.

Trustees are also offered further sources of information, either through one to one help from other members of the Committee or through the publications and links to the websites of organisations such as the Charity Commission, the Law Centres Network and the Legal Aid Agency.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Paddington Law Centre Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that 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 charitable company will continue in business.

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

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

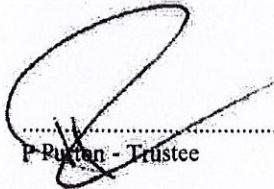
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Berringers LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15/12/2021..... and signed on its behalf by:


.....
P. Patten - Trustee

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Paddington Law Centre Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the 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 Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the independent auditors thereon.

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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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 Report of the trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

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 Report of the trustees.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report or in preparing the Report of the trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the 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.

Our 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 a Report of the independent auditors 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:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and error, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry, control environment and business performance;
- results of our enquiries to management about their own assessment of the risks of fraud and error;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud may occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

Our procedures to respond to risk include the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected areas that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error;
- addressing the risk of fraud and error through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journals, assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED**

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 auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



John Cardnell BSc FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Berringers LLP
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 15/12/2021

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		21,649	-	21,649	8,174
Charitable activities	2				
Legal representation		121,496	107,018	228,514	170,104
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total		143,145	107,018	250,163	178,278
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	3				
Legal representation		34,208	107,018	141,226	138,315
Other		<u>40,671</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,671</u>	<u>44,217</u>
Total		74,879	107,018	181,897	182,532
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		68,266	-	68,266	(4,254)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		12,056	-	12,056	16,310
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>80,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,322</u>	<u>12,056</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

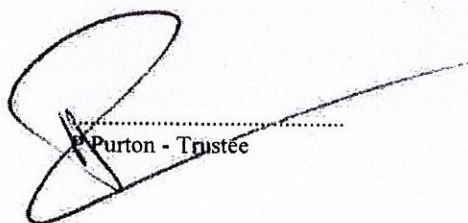
PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

**BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	1,845	-	1,845	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Work in progress	10	23,449	-	23,449	24,786
Debtors	11	17,636	-	17,636	16,018
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>70,171</u>	<u>8,964</u>	<u>79,135</u>	<u>29,202</u>
		111,256	8,964	120,220	70,006
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(32,779)	(8,964)	(41,743)	(57,950)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>78,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,477</u>	<u>12,056</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>80,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,322</u>	<u>12,056</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>80,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,322</u>	<u>12,056</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				<u>80,322</u>	<u>12,056</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>80,322</u>	<u>12,056</u>

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15/12/2021 and were signed on its behalf by:


P Purton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

Stocks

Work in progress is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2021

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2021	2020
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Legal representation	228,926	160,273
Legal fees & advice	Legal representation	(412)	9,831
		<u>228,514</u>	<u>170,104</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
City Bridge Trust	67,018	49,872
London Legal Support Trust	-	5,000
Strand Parishes Trust	7,000	7,000
Henry Smith Charity	-	30,300
Garden Court Chambers	4,000	4,000
City of Westminster	9,950	7,431
Trust for London	40,000	40,000
AB Charitable Trust	3,330	16,670
London Community Response Fund	25,628	-
Law Centres Network	72,000	-
	<u>228,926</u>	<u>160,273</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs
	£
Legal representation	<u>141,226</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Other resources expended	<u>37,171</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>40,671</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Other

	2021	2020
	Other resources expended	Total activities
	£	£
Rent & rates	8,629	11,277
Insurance	1,763	1,744
Telephone	1,890	1,767
Postage & Stationery	5,169	6,003
Sundries	452	7,525
Repairs & renewals	237	639

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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4. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Computer costs	7,046	4,238
Subscriptions	5,144	1,987
Legal & professional fees	656	1,228
Staff training	2,468	406
Books & publications	2,834	2,345
Travelling	5	126
Bank charges	263	201
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>615</u>	<u>1,231</u>
	<u>37,171</u>	<u>40,717</u>

Governance costs

	2021	2020
	Other	Total
	resources	activities
	expenses	
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	3,500	3,500
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>615</u>	<u>1,231</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
	7	7
Advice	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	8,174	-	8,174
Charitable activities			
Legal representation	80,232	89,872	170,104
Total	88,406	89,872	178,278
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Legal representation	48,443	89,872	138,315
Other	44,217	-	44,217
Total	92,660	89,872	182,532
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(4,254)	-	(4,254)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	16,310	-	16,310
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>12,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,056</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2020	14,271
Additions	<u>2,460</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>16,731</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2020	14,271
Charge for year	<u>615</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>14,886</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,845</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2021

10. WORK IN PROGRESS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Work-in-progress	<u>23,449</u>	<u>24,786</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	4,609	8,347
VAT	3,315	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>9,712</u>	<u>7,671</u>
	<u>17,636</u>	<u>16,018</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	12,815
Trade creditors	1,279	1,279
Social security and other taxes	1,000	1,000
VAT	-	107
Other creditors	7,000	7,000
Accruals and deferred income	<u>32,464</u>	<u>35,749</u>
	<u>41,743</u>	<u>57,950</u>

13. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	12,218	12,218
Between one and five years	<u>12,218</u>	<u>12,218</u>
	<u>24,436</u>	<u>24,436</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,056	68,266	80,322
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>12,056</u>	<u>68,266</u>	<u>80,322</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	143,145	(74,879)	68,266
Restricted funds			
City Bridge Trust	67,018	(67,018)	-
Trust for London	<u>40,000</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	
	107,018	(107,018)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>250,163</u>	<u>(181,897)</u>	<u>68,266</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,310	(4,254)	12,056
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>16,310</u>	<u>(4,254)</u>	<u>12,056</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2021

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	88,406	(92,660)	(4,254)
Restricted funds			
City Bridge Trust	49,872	(49,872)	-
Trust for London	<u>40,000</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>89,872</u>	<u>(89,872)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>178,278</u>	<u>(182,532)</u>	<u>(4,254)</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.