

REACT

England & Wales · Charity number 802440

Details

Other names RAPID EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH POTENTIALLY TERMINAL ILLNESS, RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND AID FOR CHILDREN WITH POTENTIALLY TERMINAL ILLNESS, REACT

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1990-01-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (I) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS BY PROMOTING THE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CARE OF PERSONS, IN PARTICULAR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS, SUFFERING FROM POTENTIALLY TERMINAL ILLNESS. (II) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS BY PROMOTING THE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CARE OF PERSONS, IN PARTICULAR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, SUFFERING FROM POTENTIALLY TERMINAL ILLNESS AND THE SUPPORT OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES; (III) TO CONDUCT OR PROMOTE THE EDUCATION TRAINING AND RESEARCH INTO THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF SUCH PERSONS AND THE PUBLICATION OF THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH; AND (IV) THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES TO ASSIST IN THE TREATMENT OR CARE OF SUCH PERSONS WHEN, IN THE OPINION OF THE TRUSTEES, SUCH EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY A HEALTH AUTHORITY OR A LOCAL AUTHORITY (V) TO RELIEVE POVERTY BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PAYMENT OF FUNERAL AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES IN RESPECT OF THE FUNERALS OF VICTIMS OF POTENTIALLY TERMINAL ILLNESS, WHERE IT APPEARS THAT THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE MAKE IT REASONABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT (VI) TO RELIEVE POVERTY BY PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AND ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH HOLIDAYS OR BREAKS FOR THOSE WHO NORMALLY CARE FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM POTENTIALLY TERMINAL ILLNESS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES (INCLUDING SUCH PERSONS WHO HAVE RECENTLY CEASED SO CARING FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF A VICTIM OF POTENTIALLY TERMINAL ILLNESS) WHERE IT APPEARS THAT THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE MAKE IT REASONABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS OBJECT.

Activities: REACT WORKS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE BY PROVIDING BASIC ESSENTIAL AID AND EQUIPMENT TO FAMILIES CARING FOR A CHILD LIVING WITH A LIFE -LIMITED ILLNESS.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£725,437	£775,202	£750,067	7
2024-03-31	£695,291	£753,837	£761,005	7
2023-03-31	£687,546	£701,851	£788,549	7
2022-03-31	£593,278	£646,366	£814,618	7
2021-03-31	£614,097	£669,775	£843,212	10

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RUPERT ANTONY WILES	Chair	
Debra Ann Brownlee		2023-09-01
Debra Ann Brownlee		2024-12-06
Judy Burdett		2019-10-30
KEITH RICHARD ENTWISLE		
MR Richard Clifford		2014-11-26
PAUL GRAHAM MELLOR		
Victoria Andreas		2025-07-01

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Accounts



Rapid **e**ffective **a**ssistance
for **c**hildren with potentially
terminal illness

Annual Report and Financial Statements

1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

Registered Charity No. 802440

Scotland SC038067

REACT
Officers and Advisors
Year ended 31st March 2025

Founder

Sister Frances Dominica OBE

Patrons

Baroness van Dedem
Sir Derek Jacobi CBE
Samantha Bond

Trustees

R Wiles (Chairman)
D Brownlee
J Burdett
R Clifford
K Entwisle
P Mellor
Dr. M Miller (Resigned on 19.02.25)
V Andreas (Appointed as Trustee on 30.06.25)
B Dunk (Trustee Designate)

Director of Finance & Resources (“the Director”)

A Henshaw (Resigned on 12.12.25)

Director of Governance & Administration

R Breheny

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Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
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REACT
Report of the Trustees
Year ended 31st March 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, Charity Act 2011, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland SORP (FRS102).

React's aims and objectives

React's objective is to improve the quality of life for children with life-limiting conditions living in financially disadvantaged families throughout the UK.

The charity carries out this objective by:

- Providing children with essential aid and equipment that will enhance their quality of life, following recommendations from medical professionals who have identified a specific need.
- Responding with practical and sensitive support within days, if not hours. When a child's life is short, an immediate response is vital.
- Supporting those families who are unlikely to receive the assistance they need from any other source in sufficient time.
- Providing assistance throughout a child's lifetime. Many life-limiting illnesses are degenerative, and a child's needs may continually change.
- Eliminating red tape and bureaucracy, allowing aid to be given quickly and without fuss, keeping administrative costs as low as possible.

The Trustees confirm that the charity's aims and objectives are in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit.

React's Delivery of Public Benefit

In order to achieve the charity's aims and objectives, **React** provides a wide range of support to families caring for a terminally ill child. This support is essential to meet children's care, yet unavailable from any other source and the rapid response provided by **React** offers both practical and psychological support, thus improving the mental health of parents and carers.

Responding to requests from both families and healthcare professionals, **React** provides assistance to ensure a child's life remains comfortable, inclusive and stimulating in the form of:

- Specialist equipment, including specialist beds, sleep systems, rapid nebulisers, portable suction machines, chairs and baths;
- Mobility equipment, including wheelchairs, arm supports, hoists, buggies, adapted trikes and walking frames;
- Educational equipment, including computers, educational software, communication aids and sensory equipment;
- Respite holidays, at one of **React's** seven mobile homes located across the UK;
- Safety and Hygiene essentials, including home care items, white goods, beds, clothing and flooring;
- Travel and subsistence for lengthy hospital stays enabling parents to divide their time between a gravely ill child and siblings left at home;
- 'End of life' care, including memorial headstones.

By providing aid and essential equipment to children and their families, the charity meets essential needs that are unavailable from statutory sources and local authorities. React recognises the additional cost involved, in both time and finance for families caring for children who are living with terminal illness, and this is often compounded by a reduction of income especially when the need occurs for one or both parents to give up paid employment.

React achieved its aims and objectives during 2024-25, and in doing so provided a beneficial service for children with life-shortening conditions, living within financially disadvantaged families. The charity reviews the outcome of its work each year and assesses the value its service brings to each family. **React** directly liaises with paediatric palliative care teams up and down the UK to ensure its services are reaching the maximum number of beneficiaries at the highest level of efficiency, assessing the value it brings to each eligible family.

An analysis of total charitable expenditure amounting to £699,119 is given in Note 3 of the Financial Statements and this provides a detailed outline of the different areas of support as described above.

React encourages referrals from all professionals working in the field of children's palliative care and works to expand its service to those who are not familiar with the charity's work. Likewise, **React** actively seeks out organisations working with families caring for terminally ill children and welcomes enquiries directly from parents and carers.

React in England

The cost-of-living crisis continues to disproportionately affect **React** families, who strive to ensure that every day for their child is a positive one prioritising their seriously ill child's care needs over everyday necessities and general living costs such as utility bills and food.

React remains committed to providing rapid aid to families who require our assistance. The charity continues to receive requests for specialist and mobility equipment such as P-Pods, mobile hoists, trikes and car seats but many families are also applying for other smaller items including sensory toys, domestic and storage items, and travel and subsistence support.

React is grateful for mutually beneficial relationships with healthcare providers around the country including Great Ormond Street Hospital, Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Nottingham Children's Hospital and Birmingham Children's Hospital, and all other children's hospices and hospitals. Thanks to these organisations and the dedicated professionals attached to them, **React** can continue providing aid that improves the quality of life for children and young people.

React in Scotland

React works closely with a wide range of healthcare and medical professionals across Scotland. The charity has maintained relationships with organisations such as the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh and Glasgow and Children's Hospices Across Scotland and remains committed to creating new connections across the country. **React** greatly values its relationships with healthcare organisations, both established and new, allowing the charity to reach even more eligible families in the country. These relationships play a pivotal role in supporting the charity's mission, ensuring **React's** service maintains an efficient and accessible source of support to families in need in Scotland.

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We receive a variety of referrals from families in Scotland, reflecting the distinct demand for **React's** services across the country. These requests have ranged from a seizure monitor to quickly alert parents when a seizure occurs, to Eyegaze equipment allowing a child to control computer equipment with only their eyes. The wide variety of requests in addition to the consistency of applications received demonstrates the depth of need for the charity's assistance.

React continues to benefit from the expertise and local knowledge of Debbie Brownlee to its Board of Trustees. Debbie is a retired medical practitioner with a vast knowledge of children's palliative care. Debbie's insights and experience gained from many years of working across Scotland assist **React** in reaching even more medical professionals, healthcare organisations and families.

React in Wales

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation forecasted in January that child poverty in Wales is set to reach its highest rate in 30 years by the end of this decade, with more than 34% of children living in a low-income family. Financial pressure in many households results in families unable to access or afford essential equipment to aid their child's care. The Joseph Rowntree Foundation's research suggests that in the coming five years, a further 32,000 children in Wales could be pushed into poverty. **React** has witnessed a significant increase in demand from families living in Wales within the past year.

React is working closely with a large network of healthcare professionals from hospices and hospitals across Wales. The charity has benefitted from a particularly close relationship with Hope House Hospices over the years and, in recent months, **React's** Family Liaison Officers have met with professionals from Hope House Ty Gobaith to discuss how **React** can ensure it does all it can for families caring for terminally ill children in Wales.

React in Northern Ireland

There remains a distinct need for the **React's** service across Northern Ireland and we find that many high street stores are unavailable or offer limited services to this part of the United Kingdom. Ongoing price increases remain a prominent emotional and financial stress for families, which is additional to the day-to-day realities of caring for a child living with a life shortening illness. Grant requests from Northern Ireland have encompassed a wide range of equipment and aid, with a particularly strong need for specialist items such as P-Pods, therapy benches, pushchairs, wheelchair-suitable flooring and high-powered blenders for gastrostomy feeding.

React benefits from strong rapports with children's palliative care teams across Northern Ireland and relies on these professionals to provide referrals to the charity. As such, the charity is grateful to medical professionals and healthcare workers, associated with such organisations including Horizon House, Northern Ireland's Children's Hospice, and the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children which are just some of the examples of the many hospitals and palliative care teams the charity is working with in the country.

Donors and supporters

The charity remains immensely appreciative for the patronage of Trusts and Foundations, community groups and organisations, and individual supporters who are central to the charity's capacity to provide rapid assistance to children and young people, and their families.

React sends sincere thanks to all volunteers, donors and fundraisers supporting our work across the whole of the UK. The ongoing kindness of our supporter base enables **React** to continue

providing aid when it is most needed.

Respite Breaks for Terminally Ill Children - *'Giving Precious Quality Time'*

React believes that every child should have comfort, dignity and opportunity to participate in life as fully as possible and the charity continue to provide week long holiday breaks to families, offering respite from the stress of everyday life and a chance to make memories to be treasured.

React's service providing respite breaks for families at its mobile homes, was once again bolstered by a generous award from the Kentown Wizard Foundation who funded the purchase of four new caravans. Two of these homes are in new holiday locations, significantly improving accessibility and convenience for families living in the North and North East of England who are keen to experience a respite break and **React** sends its sincere thanks to the Kentown Wizard Foundation for making this possible.

As with all **React** mobile homes, the new chosen sites at Northumberland and North Yorkshire remain close enough to local amenities to ensure convenience. Following the purchase of the new homes, which offer a high standard accommodation, the charity is pleased to report the successful forging of new site partnerships while retaining a UK wide geographical distribution of sites: Norfolk (California Cliffs), South Wales (Trecco Bay), Blackpool (Cala Gran), Northumberland (Cresswell Towers), North Yorkshire (Cayton Bay) and Berwickshire (Eyemouth).

Visits to all mobile home sites by **React** staff has ensured the smooth transition and operation of all new mobile homes and feedback from families has been universally positive.

Families visiting these homes experience similar amenities found in any home. Twelve feet wide and comfortably sleeping six, **React's** three-bedroom holiday homes are spacious and suitable for most families. Kept in good condition through the charity's partnerships with site maintenance teams and family feedback, **React** is dedicated to ensuring all families are able to enjoy their much-needed time away. All sites provide an ideal base to explore nearby attractions and come with free entertainment passes to 'on' site facilities such as indoor swimming, sports facilities and evening entertainment.

Plans for the Future

React continues to expand its reach across the whole of the UK and to forge new relationships as well as maintaining 'old'. The charity's association with health and medical professionals who are attached to a variety of organisations remains paramount in the effective delivery of **React's** service. Over the last year, **React** has continued to solidify relationships with palliative care teams and has benefitted from a growing number of referrals from organisations such as Acorns Children's Hospice (West Midlands), Noah's Ark Children's Hospice (London) and Rainbows Children's Trust (Leicestershire). These relationships, in addition to close working affiliations with many more healthcare organisations across the country, enable **React** to keep up to date with the latest developments in the field of children's palliative care, and to make informed decisions with family applications.

React continues to employ staff situated across the UK who are encouraged to work remotely, with occasional in-person sessions at the charity's office in Chiswick. This year, **React** was delighted to welcome new Director of Finance and Resources ("the Director") Adam Henshaw, working alongside Vicky Andreas to ensure a smooth handover ahead of Vicky's retirement in June 2025. **React** is extremely pleased to advise that Vicky will stay very much involved with the charity as a Trustee.

React also welcomed a new Trustee Designate and long-time **React** supporter Brian Dunk to the Board, who brings a wealth of experience from the financial sector.

Recycling of Equipment

The responsibility and maintenance of equipment provided by **React** is passed on to each family. However, when there is a change of need or death of a child, **React** will endeavour to re-home each item to a child with a similar need providing the equipment remains in good serviceable condition.

PR & Marketing

It is the charity's policy to maintain low overheads and avoid unnecessary costs in all areas. With respect to PR and marketing, **React** veers away from large advertising promotions and chooses to raise its profile via potential service users thus encouraging close working relationships directly with palliative care teams. **React** frequently spreads its message through X (formally known as Twitter) and the charity's website.

The Charity is delighted to having been chosen by the BBC to broadcast a Lifetime Appeal which was aired in October 2025.

Family stories featured in **React's** biannual newsletter prove an important medium for raising awareness of the charity's work amongst potential and regular donors and service users.

Volunteers and Gifts in Kind

React is deeply grateful to all the volunteers who generously give their time and gifts in kind to support the charity's work. From organising events and giving presentations to raising awareness and holding collections in aid of **React** families, their efforts make a real difference. Volunteers operate under the guidance of **React** staff, who provide the resources and fundraising materials needed to help ensure each activity is a success.

Over the past year, volunteering activities have ranged from collections at classic car rallies, a charity expedition to Mount Everest base camp, angling clubs raising awareness and funds in their local community, organised charity walks, supermarket collections and many more eclectic and creative contributions to **React's** work.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is an unincorporated association constituted under a Trust Deed dated 7th November 1989 as varied by a supplemental Deed dated 25th February 2010 and a resolution dated 4th March 2015. The charity is honoured to receive guidance from **React's** Founder, Sister Frances Dominica OBE. Sister Frances is the Founder of Helen and Douglas House, the world's first children's hospice, based in Oxford.

The Trustees have appointed Rebecca Reheny as the Office Director responsible for all matters relating to Governance and office administration.

React is proud to receive the support of its three Patrons, Samantha Bond, The Baroness van Dedem and Sir Derek Jacobi CBE who are willing to give up their valuable time in helping **React** with its fundraising activities. Whilst the Trustees accept ultimate responsibility for directing the charity's affairs, they have delegated the day-to-day operational decisions to the Director who reports

to the Board at Trustees meetings. In addition, the Director regularly consults and involves the Trustees on all significant developments relating to the charity's work.

The Trustees receive monthly management information to ensure finances are in keeping with the budget agreed by the Board at the beginning of the financial year.

Trustees Induction and Training

When required, the Trustees look for suitable candidates to join the Board who can bring experience and expertise relevant to the charity's objectives. New Trustees are invited to join the Board (initially for a year as a Trustee Designate) by the Chairman following consultations with existing Trustees.

This method of recruitment enables the Board to assess the future contribution and effectiveness of each new member.

Having accepted an invitation to join the Board, the Trustee Designate must sign a declaration relating to the purposes and aims of the charity, as well as their general and specific duties determined by the Chairman. The Trustee Designate is then supplied with a welcome pack containing information covering all aspects of **React's** work. This includes the history of **React**, annual reports and accounts and a brief overview of all key policies relating to the Board and the organisation. New Trustees are also provided with published literature relating to Good Governance.

The Trustee Designate must then attend a series of meetings, initially with the Chairman, and later with the Director who will familiarise the Trustee with all the activities of the charity. In addition, all Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training seminars, found in publications such as Governance and Third Sector.

Related Party Transactions & Conflict of Interest

In accordance with charity policy, on joining the board, Trustees must declare any interests that may conflict with their ability to act appropriately in their role as Trustee. If a conflict of interest should arise, they will be required to withdraw from any related decision-making situations. There have been no such issues of conflict this year.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees give their time freely with no remuneration paid during the year. However, expenses incurred whilst operating on behalf of the charity are paid to the Trustees, primarily to cover any claimed travel and subsistence costs. The policy of paying these expenses, as agreed by the Board and Director, is as follows:

- All expenses are entered on an Expenses Claim Form and must be authorised by the Director and a Trustee independent of the transaction before payment is made.

Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed on Note 6a in the Financial Statements.

The Trustees review the level of pay and remuneration awarded to key management personnel annually. Consideration, where available is given to comparable pay and remuneration set in similar organisations.

Risk Management

The Trustees and Director, with input from key staff members, review annually major risks to which **React** is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the charity and its finances.

A Risk Assessment and Management Register has been established and is updated throughout the year and, where appropriate, plans are developed to mitigate any potential internal and external risks found.

Financial Review

React is pleased to report an increase in income this year (2025: £750,683 - 2024: £695,291).

As in previous years, a significant amount of **React's** total income comes with specific categories and geographical restrictions from charitable trusts. This income is treated as restricted funds as shown in the financial statements; and in compliance with the directives of the SORP, management and administration costs have been allocated to either charitable activities or fundraising costs.

The Board of Trustees has continued with its ongoing policy of generating a deficit on the Income and Expenditure Account as cash reserves have remained strong to maximise charitable impact. As a result, the charity has reported a deficit of £25,519 for the year (2024: £58,546).

Given the greater political and economic volatility during the period of drawing up this Annual Report, the Trustees have decided to take a much more prudent assessment of reporting future deficits. The Board feels that these uncertainties are already spilling over into the financial markets and as a result greater caution will be given to the management of cashflow.

Resources Expended

React provides basic essential items to children living with life-limiting conditions in accordance with the purpose and aims of the charity. Demand continues to be consistent and **React** is able to meet this demand to the extent that incoming funds permit. The process for making awards is as follows:

- The **React** application form is filled in by a member of the family, with the requirement that all requests are fully endorsed by a medical professional involved in the care of the child, explaining the extent of benefit and including quotes and assessments as required.
- A **React** Family Liaison Officer then assesses the application to ensure that it falls within **React's** remit and meets all the necessary criteria.
 - All suitable applications are written up by the Family Liaison Officer as a detailed summary and passed to the Director for further assessment.
 - Requests of under £2,000 are awarded by the Director following recommendation by the Family Liaison Officer.
 - Requests between £2,000 - £3,000 are approved by the Director and at least one Trustee.
 - Requests over £3,000 may only be awarded once approved by a majority of the Trustee Board.

Investment Policy

The basic principle governing Trustees' decisions when investing, is that they must take a prudent

approach. When investing charitable funds, Trustees seek to strike the right balance between two objectives:

- Providing an income to help **React** carry out its purpose effectively in the short term
- Maintaining and, if possible, enhancing the value of the invested funds, so as to enable **React** to effectively carry out its purposes in the longer term.

The Trustee Board consider the suitability of any investment, both for **React** as a charity and as a means of investment. The Trustees must be satisfied that the type of any proposed investment is appropriate for **React** as a charitable organisation and will consider the need for diversification to ensure the reduction of risk. The Board is satisfied with their decision to invest with Evelyn & Partners (formerly Smith & Williamson) and will review the charity's investments on a quarterly basis.

Investments in our Endowment Fund continue to be entrusted to Evelyn & Partners (Formerly Smith & Williamson) who manage the funds on a discretionary basis. Movements in the value of these funds is a net figure after taking into account additions and sales to/from the funds together with the relevant profits and losses attaching to these transactions.

Reserves Policy

Reserves are needed by the charity to:

- Maintain as far as possible a prudent level of charitable support to families during periods when income levels are low.
- Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation need to close.

This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases.

- Ensure the charity can honour existing commitments to families caring for a terminally ill child during any period of re-organisation or closure.

The Trustees have established a policy to retain a level of reserves of up to 6 months working capital, which is considered an acceptable level to safeguard the operation of the charity. A six months' reserves policy accounts for salaries, overheads, statutory redundancy pay and charitable expenditure to allow the charity to maintain the level of support pledged to individual families and medical professionals engaged in their care. The Trustees will apply the amount of the Expendable Endowment Fund and that part of the Unrestricted Funds as represented by the charity's investments in ensuring the minimum level of reserves is maintained.

Monitoring and reviewing of Reserves Policy:

- The Trustees will consider the level of reserves required each year when setting the following year's budget.
- The Reserves Policy is reviewed by the Trustees every year.
- The level of reserves will be monitored and recorded in monthly Management Accounts.

Fundraising Regulations

React adheres to guidance set out in the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Practice and does not subscribe to fundraising agencies. **React** also complies with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and is mindful of the confidential nature of information received from families and other professionals and the storage thereof. The charity does not send out 'blanket' emails or correspondence and is cautious in its approach.

In the 2024-25 financial year there were no complaints raised in relation to fundraising activities and **React** remains vigilant in its duty to protect vulnerable people. The charity does not approach its beneficiaries for funding and acts immediately on requests to be removed from any mailing list. Donors who have not contacted or donated to **React** during the past 5 years, are automatically deleted and removed from any mailing list including the **React** bi-annual newsletter. Any request to delete personal information is strictly adhered to.

Legacies

React's work can benefit immensely from legacies and the charity is extremely grateful to supporters who have made a provision to the charity in their Will. This generosity allows **React** to gain a firm financial footing to continue to develop and expand our work assisting terminally ill children across the UK.

By the very nature of the donation, it is difficult to anticipate the size and frequency of legacies received and receipts are likely to vary year to year. This year, **React** benefitted from one legacy of £11,721.

Responsibilities of the Trustees in Relation to Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and of the incoming and outgoing resources of the charity

for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Officers & Advisors

Members of the Board, who are Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Disclosure to Auditors

In accordance with charity law, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information unknown to the charity's Auditors.

As the Trustees of the charity, we have taken the necessary steps in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Xeinadin Audit Limited have been re-appointed to act as auditors of the 2024-25 Financial Statements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Rupert A Wiles FCA
Chairman

Date: 22nd December 2025

REACT
Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees
Year ended 31st March 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of React Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102. The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 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 Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the 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 Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were authorised for issue.

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 12, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Xeinadin Audit Limited

Kieron Pearce FCCA

For and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Limited

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors

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Date: 22nd December 2025

Xeinadin Audit Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in accordance with Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

REACT
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Expendable Endowment 2025 £	Designated Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and gifts	2	281,465	421,848	-	-	703,313	657,493
Legacies	2	11,721	-	-	-	11,721	26,752
		293,186	421,848	-	-	715,034	684,245
Investment income	3	-	-	3,411	-	3,411	6,594
Interest Income	4	2,376	-	-	-	2,376	4,452
Other Income	5	4,616	-	-	-	4,616	-
Gain on disposal of Fixed Assets		25,246	-	-	-	25,246	-
Total income		325,424	421,848	3,411	-	750,683	695,291
Expenditure on:							
Cost of raising funds	6	(44,636)	(27,745)	(3,702)	-	(76,083)	(44,157)
Charitable activities	7	(411,541)	(287,578)	-	-	(699,119)	(709,680)
Total expenditure		(456,177)	(315,323)	(3,702)	-	(775,202)	(753,837)
Surplus/(deficit)		(130,753)	106,525	(291)	-	(24,519)	(58,546)
Net gains/ (losses) on investment assets		-	-	26,643	-	26,643	7,963
Net movement in funds		(130,753)	106,525	26,352	-	2,124	(50,583)
Transfer from Endowment		100,000	-	(100,000)	-	-	-
Revaluation of investment		-	-	(13,062)	-	(13,062)	23,039
Total funds brought forward		309,346	37,403	414,256	-	761,005	788,549
Total funds carried forward		278,593	143,928	327,546	-	750,067	761,005

All activities relate to continuing operations.

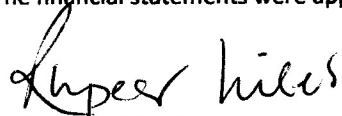
The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 21 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

REACT
Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fixed Assets							
Tangible Assets	12	219,517	-	-	-	219,517	77,700
Investments	11	-	-	327,546	-	327,546	414,256
Total Fixed Assets		219,517	-	327,546	-	547,063	491,956
Current Assets							
Debtors	13	397	-	-	-	397	386
Cash at Bank		79,755	143,928	-	-	223,683	326,919
Total Current Assets		80,152	143,928	-	-	224,080	327,305
Liabilities							
Creditors due within one year	14	21,076	-	-	-	21,076	58,257
Net current assets		59,076	143,928	-	-	203,004	269,049
Net Assets		278,593	143,928	327,546	-	750,067	761,005
The funds of the charity							
Unrestricted income funds	15	278,593	-	-	-	278,593	309,346
Designated funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds		-	143,928	-	-	143,928	37,403
Endowment funds		-	-	327,546	-	327,546	414,256
Total charity funds		278,593	143,928	327,546	-	750,067	761,005

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22nd December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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R A Wiles FCA Chairman

The notes on pages 21 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

REACT
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended 31st March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash(absorbed)/generated by operations	(10,479)	1,695
Investing activities		
(Purchase)/ sale of fixed assets	(53,835)	(74,014)
Decrease/(Increase) in value of investments	(38,922)	32,289
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash and cash equivalent	(103,236)	(40,030)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	326,919	366,949
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>223,683</u></u>	<u><u>326,919</u></u>
Cash generated from operations		
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(24,519)	(58,546)
Adjustments for:		
Investment result recognised in P&L	26,643	7,963
Depreciation	24,589	2,482
Movement in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	(11)	86
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	(37,181)	49,710
Cash absorbed by operations	<u><u>(10,479)</u></u>	<u><u>1,695</u></u>

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash held at bank.
The charity does not hold any other highly liquid investments.

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

b) Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees have reviewed the charity's financial position, including cash flow forecasts and reserves, and are satisfied that the charity's cash resources are sufficient to support its ongoing activities. Appropriate measures are in place to manage risks and ensure that charitable activities can continue without interruption. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

c) Incoming resources

Recognition of incoming resources

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

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

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Legacies

Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as an incoming resource in the year in which the charity is notified and when the value and entitlement of the legacy is known with reasonable certainty.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gains or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

d) Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds are funds which are used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by the donors. The cost of raising such funds are charged against these funds.

e) Designated Funds

Designated Funds are funds set aside from the unrestricted funds for a specific purpose.

f) Expendable Endowment Fund

The Expendable Endowment Fund may be invested to produce income and to finance expenditure at the discretion of the trustees.

Accounting policies (continued)

g) Depreciation

Provision is made for depreciation on tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Mobile homes:	20% straight line
Office Equipment:	20% written down value

h) Support Costs

Support costs include central function costs such as staff and overhead costs in support of React's principle activity. Where relevant, they have been allocated to activity cost categories on a percentage basis as appropriate.

i) Basis of recognition and allocation of expenditure

Charitable expenditure includes any VAT payable and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. It comprises costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Site fees payable in respect of mobile homes are recorded in the year that the fees are invoiced.

Costs of raising funds comprises the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

j) Taxation

React is a registered charity which renders its income exempt from UK income tax.

Irrecoverable VAT is not separately analysed and is charged to the statement of financial activities when the expenditure to which it relates to is incurred and is allocated as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Tax recovered from voluntary income received under Gift Aid is recognised when the related income is receivable and is allocated to the income category to which the income relates.

k) Investments

Investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date.

l) Operating lease

Rental payments under the operating lease are charged as expenditure incurred over the term of lease.

m) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with an original maturity date of three months or less.

n) Debtors

Debtors are measured at transaction price less any impairment unless the arrangements constitute a financial transaction, in which case the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at the prevailing market rate of interest.

o) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount to settle the past obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their transaction price after allowing for any trade discounts due unless the arrangement constituted a financing transaction in which case the transaction is measured at present value of future payments discounted at the prevailing market rate of interest.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2025

9. Net Incoming Resources

Net Income Resources for the year is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation	24,589	2,482
Auditors remuneration	9,000	7,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10. Trustees & employees information

a) The Trustees have taken out indemnity insurance

Neither the trustees nor any other persons connected with them received any remuneration or benefits in kind from the Charity during the year (2024: £Nil)

During the year under review expenses were paid to Trustees as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
b) Trustees Meeting Costs	-	-
Trustees expenses reimbursed	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employee costs during the year were:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries	281,950	260,486
Social security costs	24,845	22,836
Pension costs	5,809	5,882
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>312,603</u>	<u>289,204</u>

1 employee earning between £60,000-£80,000 (2024/2025)

The average number of persons employed during the year
 Full time equivalent

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

11. Investments

2025	2024
£	£
<u>327,546</u>	<u>414,256</u>

Fixed assets investments consists of quoted shares, trade bonds and similar investments. These are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value based on published market prices.

Movements in non-current investments

Cost or valuation	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total
	£	£	£
At 1st April 2024	-	414,256	414,256
Increase/(decrease)	-	(8,035)	(8,035)
Additions	-	125,956	125,956
Disposal	-	(204,631)	(204,631)
At 31st March 2025	<u> </u>	<u>327,546</u>	<u>327,546</u>
Carrying Amount			
At 31st March 2025	-		<u>327,546</u>
At 31st March 2024			<u>414,256</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2025

12. Fixed Assets	Mobile Homes	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2024	227,212	16,527	243,739
Additions	165,757	649	166,406
Disposals	(130,298)	(7,519)	(137,817)
	<u>262,671</u>	<u>9,657</u>	<u>272,328</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1st April 2024	153,601	12,438	166,039
Disposals	(130,298)	(7,519)	(137,817)
Charge for the year	23,725	864	24,589
	<u>47,028</u>	<u>5,783</u>	<u>52,811</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 31st March 2025	215,643	3,874	219,517
As at 31st March 2024	<u>73,611</u>	<u>4,089</u>	<u>77,700</u>

13. Debtors	£	£
Prepayments	397	386
	<u>397</u>	<u>386</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within the year	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals & Sundry creditors	<u>21,076</u>	<u>58,257</u>

15. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of fund movements	Fund b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Gains and Losses	Revaluation of investment	Transfers	Fund c/fwd
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
a) Unrestricted Funds	309,346	325,424	(456,177)	-	-	100,000	278,593
b) Restricted Funds	37,403	421,848	(315,323)	-	-	-	143,928
c) Expendable Endowment Funds	414,256	3,411	(3,702)	26,643	(13,062)	(100,000)	327,546
d) Designated Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	761,005	750,683	(775,202)	26,643	(13,062)	-	750,067

Notes:

- The Unrestricted Funds are available to be spent for any of the purposes of the charity.
- The Restricted Funds are funds which are used in accordance with the specific restrictions.
- The Expendable Endowment Fund is a legacy received in prior years from the charity's founder.
- The Designated Funds are funds set aside from a legacy to be used for PR expenditure

The net amount of endowment income available for transfer to unrestricted funds is immaterial. Accordingly, no transfer has been shown, and its omission does not constitute a material misstatement.

REACT
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st March 2025

16. Comparative Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Fund	Designated Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and gifts	281,465	421,848	-	-	703,313	657,493
Legacies	11,721	-	-	-	11,721	26,752
	293,186	421,848	-	-	715,034	684,245
Investment income	-	-	3,411	-	3,411	6,594
Interest Income	2,376	-	-	-	2,376	4,452
Other Income	4,616	-	-	-	4,616	-
Gain on disposal of Fixed Assets	25,246	-	-	-	25,246	-
Total income	325,424	421,848	3,411	-	750,683	695,291
Expenditure on:						
Cost of raising funds	(44,636)	(27,745)	(3,702)	-	(76,083)	(44,157)
Charitable activities	(411,541)	(287,578)	-	-	(699,119)	(709,680)
Total expenditure	(456,177)	(315,323)	(3,702)	-	(775,202)	(753,837)
Surplus/(deficit)	(130,753)	106,525	(291)	-	(24,519)	(58,546)
Net gains/ (losses) on investment assets	-	-	26,643	-	26,643	7,963
Net movement in funds	(130,753)	106,525	26,352	-	2,124	(50,583)
Transfer to Endowment	100,000	-	(100,000)	-	-	-
Revaluation of investment	-	-	13,062	-	13,062	23,039
Total funds brought forward	309,346	37,403	414,256	-	761,005	788,549
Total funds carried forward	278,593	143,928	327,546	-	750,067	761,005



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Year ended 31st March 2024

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REACT
Report of the Trustees
Year ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, Charity Act 2011, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland SORP (FRS102).

React's aims and objectives

React's objective is to improve the quality of life for children with life-limiting conditions living in financially disadvantaged families throughout the UK.

The charity carries out this objective by:

- providing children with essential aid and equipment that will enhance their quality of life, following recommendations from medical professionals who have identified a specific need.
- responding with practical and sensitive support within days, if not hours. When a child's life is short, an immediate response is vital.
- supporting those families who are unlikely to receive the assistance they need from any other source in sufficient time.
- providing assistance throughout a child's lifetime. Many life-limiting illnesses are degenerative and a child's needs may continually change.
- eliminating red tape and bureaucracy, allowing aid to be given quickly and without fuss, keeping administrative costs as low as possible.

The Trustees confirm that the charity's aims and objectives are in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit.

React's Delivery of Public Benefit

In order to achieve the charity's aims and objectives, **React** provides a wide range of support to families caring for a terminally ill child. This support is essential to meet children's care, yet unavailable from any other source and the rapid response provided by **React** offers both practical and psychological support, thus improving the mental health of parents and carers.

Responding to requests from both families and healthcare professionals, **React** provides assistance to ensure a child's life remains comfortable, inclusive and stimulating in the form of:

- Specialist equipment, including specialist beds, sleep systems, rapid nebulisers, portable suction machines, chairs and baths;
- Mobility equipment, including wheelchairs, arm supports, hoists, buggies, adapted trikes and walking frames;
- Educational equipment, including computers, educational software, communication aids and sensory equipment;
- Respite holidays, at one of **React's** five mobile homes located in the UK; Safety and Hygiene essential home care items, including white goods, beds, clothing and flooring;
- Travel and subsistence for lengthy hospital stays enabling parents to divide their time between a gravely ill child and siblings left at home;

React's Delivery of Public Benefit (continued)

- 'End of life' care, including memorial headstones.

By providing aid and essential equipment to children and their families, the charity meets essential needs that are unavailable from statutory sources and local authorities. React recognises the additional cost involved, in both time and finance for families caring for children who are living with terminal illness, and this is often compounded by a reduction of income especially when the need occurs for one or both parents to give up paid employment.

React achieved its aims and objectives during 2023/24, and in doing so provided a beneficial service for children with life-shortening conditions, living within financially disadvantaged families. The charity reviews the outcome of its work each year and assesses the value its service brings to each family. **React's** Honorary Medical Advisor and Trustee, Dr. Mike Miller brings a wealth of experience and a greater understanding of the complex care needs our families face.

An analysis of total charitable expenditure amounting to £709,680 is given in Note 3 of the Financial Statements and this provides a detailed outline of the different areas of support as described above.

React encourages referrals from all professionals working in the field of children's palliative care and works to expand its service to those who are not familiar with the charity's work. Likewise, **React** actively seeks out organisations working with families caring for terminally ill children and welcomes enquiries directly from parents and carers.

Plans for the Future

React continues to expand its presence across the UK and to forge new relationships as well as maintaining 'old'. The charity's association with health and medical professionals who are attached to a variety of organisations remains a key component of the effective delivery of **React's** service. In recent months, **React** has actively sought to solidify relationships with palliative care teams, including visits to various hospices, including Martin House Hospice (Leeds), Acorns Children's Hospice (Worcester) and Demelza Hospice (London). These visits, in addition to close working relationships with many more healthcare organisations across the country, enable **React** to keep up to date with the latest developments in the field of children's palliative care, and to make informed decisions with family applications.

The future of **React's** service providing respite breaks for families at its mobile homes, was bolstered by a generous award from the Kentown Wizard Foundation who funded the purchase of three new caravans which, replaced the charity's oldest mobile homes. Visits to all mobile home sites by **React** staff revealed essential feedback and, the decision was made to switch **React's** mobile homes at Seton Sands and Skegness, to new sites in Eyemouth and Great Yarmouth. Looking ahead, **React** plans to further expand its fleet of mobile homes to more locations within the UK, and allow easier access for more families who rely on the charity's service.

Plans for the Future (continued)

In May, **React** completed its move, away from offices in Kew where the charity was based for over 30 years. The charity is now fully settled in its new home in Chiswick. Staff are encouraged to work remotely and this arrangement allows **React** to recruit staff across the UK, with roughly half the charity's workforce now based outside of Greater London. Although **React** is sad to see the retirement of Sister Frances Dominica OBE who has stepped down from the Board, the charity is delighted to welcome a new Trustee, Debbie Brownlee who has worked with **React** in the past during her nursing career and is now helping to expand **React's** presence in Scotland.

Recycling of Equipment

The responsibility and maintenance of equipment provided by **React** is passed on to each family. However, when there is a change of need or death of a child, **React** will endeavour to re-home each item to a child with a similar need providing the equipment remains in good serviceable condition.

Respite Breaks for Terminally Ill Children - '*Giving Precious Quality Time*'

Facing intense financial pressure, many families caring for a child with a terminal diagnosis, will find contemplating a holiday out of reach and unaffordable. With the everyday complexities associated with caring for a child with such devastating diagnoses, many families face extraordinary demands on both emotional and physical strength. With awareness that a holiday is beneficial yet, often financially unattainable for families, **React** is delighted to offer a one-week mobile home holiday, offering a holiday environment for the whole family and allowing them to make precious memories together.

React believes that every child should have comfort, dignity and opportunity to participate in life as fully as possible and it is with thanks to the Kentown Wizard Foundation **React** continues to provide week long holiday breaks to families, offering respite from the stress of everyday life and a chance to make memories to be treasured. Having offered these holidays for many years, three mobile homes had reached the end of their serviceable lifespan and, an award from the Foundation funded their replacement. Following the purchase of the new homes, which offer a high standard accommodation to vulnerable families, the charity is pleased to announce new site partnerships have been forged while retaining a UK wide geographical distribution of sites: Norfolk (California Cliffs), South Wales (Trecco Bay), Blackpool (Cala Gran), and Berwickshire (Eyemouth). As with all **React** mobile homes, the new chosen sites at Berwickshire and Norfolk remain close enough to local amenities to ensure convenience for our families and good relationships built with site staff allow for a relaxed, stress free respite break.

Families visiting these homes experience similar amenities found in any home. Twelve feet wide and comfortably sleeping six, **React's** three bedroom holiday homes are spacious and suitable for most families. Kept in great condition through the charity's partnerships with site maintenance teams and family feedback, **React** is dedicated to ensuring all families are able to enjoy their much needed time away. Ensuring the family are able to enjoy their break stress free, all sites are an ideal base to

Respite Breaks for Terminally Ill Children - *'Giving Precious Quality Time'* (continued)

explore nearby attractions and come with free entertainment passes to 'on' site facilities such as indoor swimming, sports facilities and evening entertainment.

With the holiday season in full swing, **React** holidays remain as popular as ever across all of our four UK sites. In the coming year, the team are working towards ensuring the continued high quality respite break families have come to expect from **React** and hope to be able to expand our fleet further.

React in Scotland

React works closely with a wide range of healthcare and medical professionals across Scotland. The charity has maintained relationships with organisations such as the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh and Glasgow and Children's Hospices Across Scotland, and remains committed to creating new connections across the country. **React** greatly values its relationships with healthcare organisations, both established and new, allowing the charity to reach even more eligible families in the country. Healthcare and medical professionals play a pivotal role in supporting the charity's mission, ensuring **React's** service maintains an efficient and accessible source of support to families in need in Scotland.

We receive a variety of referrals from families in Scotland, reflecting the distinct demand for **React's** services across the country. These requests have ranged from a seizure monitor to quickly alert parents when a seizure occurs, and Eyegaze equipment allowing a child to control computer equipment with only their eyes. The wide variety of requests in addition to the consistency of applications received demonstrates the depth of need for the charity's assistance.

React has owned mobile homes in Scotland for a number of years, providing respite from everyday life to families caring for terminally ill children and creating a setting for memories to be made with the whole family. This year, **React** has purchased a new mobile home located in Eyemouth Holiday Park. Offering an upgraded experience in a brand-new home, **React** continues to improve upon its services and this has been greatly appreciated by those visiting so far.

React is benefiting from the appointment of Debbie Brownlee to its Board of Trustees. Debbie is a retired medical practitioner with a vast knowledge of children's palliative care. Debbie's insights and experience gained from many years of working across Scotland assist **React** in reaching even more medical professionals, healthcare organisations and families.

React in England

The cost-of-living crisis continues to disproportionately affect **React** families, and aside from the daily heartbreak they face, families are also facing the nearly-impossible task of prioritising their seriously ill child's care needs over every day necessities and general living costs such as utility bills and food. **React** remains committed to providing rapid aid to families who require our assistance. The charity

React in England (continued)

continues to receive requests for specialist and mobility equipment such as P-Pods, wheelchairs, trikes and car seats but many families are now also applying for other smaller items including sensory toys, domestic and storage items, and travel and subsistence support. There are significant workforce shortages and long waits in children's palliative care services and more parents are giving up paid work to provide essential care to their children, which in turn increases the financial pressures felt by families who are already struggling and doing all they can for their seriously ill child.

React continues to be a vital lifeline to financially disadvantaged families caring for their terminally ill child, by providing essential equipment and basic items for that are unavailable from the local authority and cannot be obtained through other sources.

React is grateful for mutually beneficial relationships with healthcare providers around the country including Great Ormond Street Hospital, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and Birmingham Children's Hospital, and all children's hospices and other community healthcare and medical professionals. Thanks to these organisations and specialist professionals, **React** can continue providing aid that improves the quality of life for children and young people at a time when it has the most impact.

React holidays remain popular and provide **React** families with an opportunity to spend quality time together and make precious memories. A generous award from the Kentown Wizard Foundation has enabled the charity to purchase three new mobile holiday homes, and the relocation of two parks now offers families a choice of a holiday in Blackpool, Norfolk, South Wales or Scotland.

The ongoing generosity of our supporter base in England enables **React** to continue providing aid when it is most needed. Many have undertaken fundraising activities to raise vital funds for the charity including a 'Fish-In' from a group of fishermen in the North East, a 24-hour race around Sandringham Estate, Skydiving from 14,000 feet and several schools choosing **React** as their Charity of the Year, raising much needed funds to provide aid to terminally ill children and their families.

The charity remains immensely appreciative for the patronage of Trusts and Foundations, community groups and organisations, and individual supporters who are central to the charity's capacity to provide rapid assistance to children and young people, and their families.

React in Wales

React continues to witness a growing demand for the charity's services in Wales, with the Welsh Children's Commissioner highlighting poverty as the biggest issue facing children in the country in 2024. With the cost of living crisis extending into a recession at the beginning of the year, it is no wonder that many families facing the extra expenses associated with caring for a terminally ill child turn to **React** for help. The current financial climate continues to bring extreme financial pressures to many families who are unable to access or afford essential equipment necessary for their child's care. Recent research by Welsh think-tank the Bevan Foundation suggests there are no clear improvements to poverty levels across Wales during the past four years. Given the expensive nature of specialist equipment and the continual financial hardships facing families throughout the country,

React in Wales (continued)

it is no surprise that **React** has witnessed such an increase in demand from families living in Wales within the last year.

As part of **React's** commitment to offering respite breaks for families caring for terminally ill children, the charity is delighted to announce the strengthening of our partnership with Trecco Bay holiday park in Porthcawl, South Wales. Situated on the beautiful Welsh coast, this holiday park is home to two of **React's** holiday homes. With thanks to the Kentown Wizard Foundation, the charity are proud to announce that a brand new home has been purchased in this idyllic location. Close to local amenities and on the doorstep of Trecco Bay beach, one of the best beaches in the country, holding a prestigious Blue Flag Award for the 15th consecutive year, our holiday homes in South Wales are extremely popular with families looking to make precious memories.

React is working closely with a large network of healthcare professionals from hospices and hospitals across Wales. Over the past year in particular, the charity has benefitted from tight-knit relationships with professionals from both Ty Hafan and Ty Gobaith Children's Hospices which has enabled **React** to improve the quality of life for more terminally ill children in Wales who may otherwise go without equipment deemed essential by healthcare professionals.

React also sends thanks to all volunteers, donors and fundraisers supporting our work across Wales. This year we have had fundraisers participate in the Cardiff Marathon and Swansea MMA competitions in aid of **React**. The charity has also received generous awards from organisations including Welsh Water, Blackwood Engineering and the Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust, in support of our families in Wales.

React in Northern Ireland

Families living in Northern Ireland who care for terminally ill children are met with additional challenges associated with the cost of living crisis. There remains a distinct need for the **React's** service across Northern Ireland and we find that many highstreet stores are unavailable or, offer limited services to this part of the country. Ongoing price increases remain a prominent emotional and financial stress for families, which is additional to the harsh day-to-day realities of caring for a child living with a life shortening illness. Higher energy usage is just one example, as the need for extra washing and tumble drying for families caring for children with incontinence or reflux drives up energy usage. Similarly, the necessity of electric-powered specialist equipment such as ceiling track hoists, suction pumps and wheelchair chargers increases families' power consumption exponentially, which subsequently means families must turn to charity sources like **React** for assistance.

React benefits from strong rapports with children's palliative care teams, and relies on these professionals to provide referrals to the charity. As such, the charity is grateful to medical professionals, and healthcare workers across the country, associated with organisations including Horizon House, Northern Ireland's Children's Hospice, and the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children which is just one of the many hospitals and palliative care teams the charity is working with.

React considers all eligible requests from families in financial need and is sincerely thankful for the generosity of its financial supporters in Northern Ireland.

PR & Marketing

It is the charity's policy to maintain low overheads and avoid unnecessary costs in all areas. With respect to PR and marketing, **React** veers away from large advertising promotions and chooses to raise its profile via potential service users thus encouraging close working relationships directly with palliative care teams. **React** frequently spreads its message through X (formally known as Twitter) and the charity's website.

PR stories featured in **React's** biannual newsletter prove an important medium for raising awareness of the charity's work amongst potential and regular donors and service users.

Volunteers and Gifts in Kind

React is grateful to all volunteers who kindly give up their time to support the charity's work, by organising events, presentations, raising awareness and holding collections in aid of **React** families. Volunteers work under the guidance of **React** staff, who are responsible for providing the necessary resources and fundraising materials to enable volunteers to successfully carry out activities.

Over the past year, volunteering activities have ranged from student-led collections on university campuses, bank employees embarking on charity walks, angling clubs raising awareness and funds in their local community, organised skydives, church coffee mornings and many more eclectic and creative contributions to **React's** work. **React** looks forward to continuing working with its dedicated volunteers over the coming year and, the charity remains deeply appreciative of all volunteers who have provided gifts in kind for events over the years.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is an unincorporated association constituted under a Trust Deed dated 7th November, 1989 as varied by a supplemental Deed dated 25th February 2010 and a resolution dated 4th March, 2015. The charity is honoured to receive guidance from **React's** Founder, Sister Frances Dominica OBE. Sister Frances is the Founder of Helen and Douglas House, the world's first children's hospice, based in Oxford.

React is proud to receive the support of its three Patrons, Samantha Bond, The Baroness van Dedem and Sir Derek Jacobi CBE who are willing to give up their valuable time in helping **React** with its fundraising activities. Whilst the Trustees accept ultimate responsibility for directing the charity's affairs they have delegated the day-to-day operational decisions to the Director, who reports to the Board at Trustees meetings. In addition, the Director regularly consults and involves the Trustees on all significant developments relating to the charity's work.

The Trustees receive monthly management information to ensure finances are in keeping with the budget agreed by the Board at the beginning of the financial year.

Trustees Induction and Training

When required, the Trustees look for suitable candidates to join the Board who can bring experience and expertise relevant to the charity's objectives. New Trustees are invited to join the Board (initially for a year as a Trustee Designate) by the Chairman following consultations with existing Trustees.

Trustees Induction and Training (continued)

This method of recruitment enables the Board to assess the future contribution and effectiveness of each new member.

Having accepted an invitation to join the Board, the Trustee Designate must sign a declaration relating to the purposes and aims of the charity, as well as their general and specific duties determined by the Chairman. The Trustee Designate is then supplied with a welcome pack containing information covering all aspects of **React's** work. This includes the history of **React**, annual reports and accounts and, a brief overview of all key policies relating to the Board and the organisation. New Trustees are also provided with published literature relating to Good Governance.

The Trustee Designate must then attend a series of meetings, initially with the Chairman, and later with the Director who will familiarise the Trustee with all the activities of the charity. In addition, all Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training seminars, found in publications such as Governance and Third Sector.

Related Party Transactions & Conflict of Interest

In accordance with charity policy, on joining the board, Trustees must declare any interests that may conflict with their ability to act appropriately in their role as Trustee. If a conflict of interest

should arise, they will be required to withdraw from any related decision-making situations. There have been no such issues of conflict this year.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees give their time freely with no remuneration paid during the year. However, expenses incurred whilst operating on behalf of the charity are paid to the Trustees, primarily to cover any claimed travel and subsistence costs. The policy of paying these expenses, as agreed by the Board and Director, is as follows:

- All expenses are entered on an Expenses Claim Form and must be authorised by the Director and a Trustee independent of the transaction before payment is made.

Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed on Note 6a in the Financial Statements.

The Trustees review the level of pay and remuneration awarded to key management personnel annually. Consideration, where available is given to comparable pay and remuneration set in similar organisations.

Risk Management

The Trustees and Director, with input from key staff members, review annually major risks to which **React** is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the charity and its finances.

A Risk Assessment and Management Register has been established and is updated throughout the year and, where appropriate, plans are developed to mitigate any potential internal and external risks found.

Financial Review

There has been very little change in the total income the charity has received this year compared to last year (2024: £695,291 – 2023: £687,546). However last year's income benefitted from a legacy of £89,319, compared to legacies received of £26,752 in 2023/24.

As in previous years, a significant amount of **React's** total income comes with specific categories and geographical restrictions from charitable trusts.. This income is treated as restricted funds as shown in the financial statements; and in compliance with the directives of the SORP, management and administration costs have been allocated to either charitable activities or fundraising costs.

The Board of Trustees has continued to persevere with its ongoing policy of generating a deficit on the Income and Expenditure Account as cash reserves have remained strong. As a result the charity has reported a deficit of £58,546 for the year (2023: £14,305)

It is worth reiterating that supporters of **React** should continue to take considerable comfort in recognising that the charity has so far been able to weather market volatility and will continue to be a safe beneficiary for ongoing financial support. **React's** existing financial strength is a reflection of past years' prudence in the management of its finances and this policy will continue to be adhered to.

Resources Expended

React provides basic essential items to children living with life-limiting conditions in accordance with the purpose and aims of the charity. Demand continues to be consistent and **React** is able to meet this demand to the extent that incoming funds permit. The process for making awards is as follows:

- The **React** application form is filled in by a member of the family, with the requirement that all requests are fully endorsed by a medical professional involved in the care of the child, explaining the extent of benefit and including quotes and assessments as required
- A **React** Family Liaison Officer then assesses the application to ensure that it falls within **React's** remit and meets all the necessary criteria.
- All suitable applications are written up by the Family Liaison Officer as a detailed summary and passed to the Director for further assessment.
- Requests of under £2,000 are awarded by the Director following recommendation by the Family Liaison Officer.
- Requests between £2,000 - £3,000 are approved by the Director and at least one Trustee.
- Requests over £3,000 may only be awarded once approved by a majority of the Trustee Board.

Investment Policy

The basic principle governing Trustees' decisions when investing, is that they must take a prudent approach. When investing charitable funds, Trustees seek to strike the right balance between two objectives:

- Providing an income to help **React** carry out its purpose effectively in the short term
- Maintaining and, if possible, enhancing the value of the invested funds, so as to enable **React** to effectively carry out its purposes in the longer term.

The Trustee Board consider the suitability of any investment, both for **React** as a charity and as a means of investment. The Trustees must be satisfied that the type of any proposed investment is appropriate for **React** as a charitable organisation and will consider the need for diversification to ensure the reduction of risk. The Board is satisfied with their decision to invest with Evelyn & Partners and will review the charity's investments on a quarterly basis.

Investments in our Endowment Fund continue to be entrusted to Evelyn & Partners (Formerly Smith & Williamson) who manage the funds on a discretionary basis. Movements in the value of these funds is a net figure after taking into account additions and sales to/from the funds together with the relevant profits and losses attaching to these transactions.

Reserves Policy

Reserves are needed by the charity to:

- Maintain as far as possible a prudent level of charitable support to families during periods when income levels are low.
- Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation need to close

This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases.

- Ensure the charity can honour existing commitments to families caring for a terminally ill child during any period of re-organisation or closure

The Trustees have established a policy to retain a level of reserves of up to 6 months working capital, which is considered an acceptable level to safeguard the operation of the charity. A six months' reserves policy accounts for salaries, overheads, statutory redundancy pay and charitable expenditure to allow the charity to maintain the level of support pledged to individual families and medical professionals engaged in their care. The Trustees will apply the amount of the Expendable Endowment Fund and that part of the Unrestricted Funds as represented by the charity's investments in ensuring the minimum level of reserves is maintained.

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Monitoring and reviewing of Reserves Policy:

- The Trustees will consider the level of reserves required each year when setting the following year's budget.
- The Reserves Policy is reviewed by the Trustees every year.
- The level of reserves will be monitored and recorded in monthly Management Accounts.

Fundraising Regulations

React adheres to guidance set out in the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Practice and does not subscribe to fundraising agencies. **React** also complies with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and is mindful of the confidential nature of information received from families and other professionals and the storage thereof. The charity does not send out 'blanket' emails or correspondence and is cautious in its approach.

In the 2023/24 financial year there were no complaints raised in relation to fundraising activities and **React** remains vigilant in its duty to protect vulnerable people. The charity does not approach its beneficiaries for funding and acts immediately on requests to be removed from any mailing list. Donors who have not contacted or donated to **React** during the past 5 years, are automatically deleted and removed from any mailing list including **React** bi-annual newsletter. Any request to delete personal information is strictly adhered to.

Legacies

React's work can benefit immensely from legacies and the charity is extremely grateful to supporters who have made a provision to the charity in their Will. This generosity allows **React** to gain a firm financial footing to continue to develop and expand our work assisting terminally ill children across the UK.

By the very nature of the donation, it is difficult to anticipate the size and frequency of legacies received and receipts are likely to vary year to year. This year, **React** benefitted from a number of legacies, including one generous contribution made following the sale of property and distributed between various charities.

Responsibilities of the Trustees in Relation to Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and of the incoming and outgoing resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Officers & Advisors

Members of the Board, who are Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Disclosure to Auditors

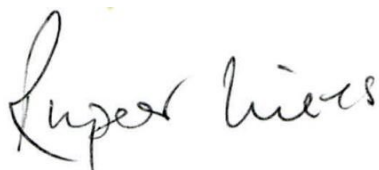
In accordance with charity law, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information unknown to the charity's Auditors.

As the Trustees of the charity, we have taken the necessary steps in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

We have appointed Cooper Dawn Jerrom to act as our auditors of the 2023/2024 Financial Statements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Rupert A Wiles FCA
Chairman

Date: 25/11/2024

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees
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Opinion

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

In our opinion the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st 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 Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we

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do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement [set out on pages 12-13], the trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered

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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:

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs , we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (ie. gives a true and fair view).

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Further description of our responsibilities can be found on Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Michael Amos

Michael Amos (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Cooper Dawn Jerrom
Limited Unit SCF 1& 2, Wester International
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Date : 25/11/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment	Designated		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment	Designated Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and gifts	382,681	274,813	-	-	657,493	591,640
Legacies	26,752	-	-	-	26,752	89,319
	409,433	274,813	-	-	684,245	680,959
Investment income	1,457	-	5,137	-	6,594	5,654
Interest Income	4,452	-	-	-	4,452	-
Funding events	-	-	-	-	-	933
Total income	415,342	274,813	5,137	-	695,291	687,546
Expenditure on:						
Cost of raising funds	(21,341)	(14,121)	(3,108)	(5,587)	(44,157)	(45,533)
Charitable activities	(486,391)	(223,289)	-	-	(709,680)	(656,318)
Total expenditure	(507,732)	(237,410)	(3,108)	(5,587)	(753,837)	(701,851)
Surplus/(deficit)	(92,391)	37,403	2,029	(5,587)	(58,546)	(14,305)
Net gains/ (losses) on investment assets	(2,893)	-	10,856	-	7,963	(11,763)
Net movement in funds	(95,284)	37,403	12,885	(5,587)	(50,583)	(26,068)
Transfer to Endowment	(45,587)	-	40,000	5,587	-	-
Revaluation of investment	-	-	23,039	-	23,039	-
Total funds brought forward	450,217	-	338,332	-	788,549	814,617
Total funds carried forward	309,346	37,403	414,256	-	761,005	788,549

All activities relate to continuing operations.

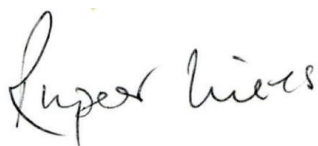
The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 21 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

REACT
Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Designated Funds	Total Funds £	2023 £
Fixed Assets							
Tangible Assets	8	77,700				77,700	6,168
Investments	7			414,256		414,256	423,507
Total Fixed Assets		<u>77,700</u>		<u>414,256</u>		<u>491,956</u>	<u>429,675</u>
Current Assets							
Debtors & prepayments	9	386				386	472
Cash at Bank		289,516	37,403			326,919	366,949
Total Current Assets		<u>289,902</u>	<u>37,403</u>			<u>327,305</u>	<u>367,421</u>
Liabilities							
Creditors due within one year	10	58,257				58,257	8,547
Net current assets		231,646	37,403			269,049	358,874
Net Assets		<u>309,346</u>	<u>37,403</u>	<u>414,256</u>		<u>761,005</u>	<u>788,549</u>
The funds of the charity							
Unrestricted income funds	12	309,346	-	-	-	309,346	450,217
Designated funds		-	-	-	-	-	
Restricted income funds		-	37,403	-	-	37,403	
Endowment funds		-	-	414,256	-	414,256	338,332
Total charity funds		<u>309,346</u>	<u>37,403</u>	<u>414,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>761,005</u>	<u>788,549</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 25th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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R A Wiles FCA Chairman

The notes on pages 21 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

REACT
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended 31st March 2024

	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash(absorbed)/generatd by operations	1,695	(22,525)
Investing activities		
Purchase/ sale of fixed assets	(74,014)	
Decrease/(Increase) in value of investments	32,289	9,752
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent	(40,030)	(12,773)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	366,949	379,722
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>326,919</u></u>	<u><u>366,949</u></u>
Cash generated from operations		
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(58,546)	(14,305)
Adjustments for:		
Investment result recognised in P&L	7,963	(11,763)
Depreciation	2,482	2,482
Movement in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	86	(46)
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	49,710	1,107
Cash absorbed by operations	<u><u>1,695</u></u>	<u><u>(22,525)</u></u>

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

React is an unincorporated association, registered as a charity in both England and Wales and Scotland. Its principal office is disclosed on page 1. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with The Accounting Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Accounting Reporting Standard issued in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. In the light of the impact of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, appropriate steps have been taken by the Trustees to ensure the safety of its staff and visitors in compliance with the Government's recommendations, and the cash resources of the charity are sufficiently robust to ensure normal charitable activities are able to proceed over the next financial period. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of preparing the financial statements.

b) Incoming resources

Recognition of incoming resources

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

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

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Legacies

Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as an incoming resource in the year in which the charity is notified and when the value and entitlement of the legacy is known with reasonable certainty.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gains or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

c) Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds are funds which are used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by the donors. The cost of raising such funds are charged against these funds.

d) Designated Funds

Designated Funds are funds set aside from the unrestricted funds for a specific purpose.

e) Expendable Endowment Fund

The Expendable Endowment Fund may be invested to produce income and to finance expenditure at the discretion of the trustees.

Accounting policies (continued)

f) Depreciation

Provision is made for depreciation on tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Mobile homes:	20% straight line
Office Equipment:	20% written down value

g) Support Costs

Support costs include central function costs such as staff and overhead costs in support of React's principle activity. Where relevant, they have been allocated to activity cost categories on a percentage basis as appropriate.

h) Basis of recognition and allocation of expenditure

Charitable expenditure includes any VAT payable and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. It comprises costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Site fees payable in respect of mobile homes are recorded in the year that the fees are invoiced

Costs of raising funds comprises the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

i) Taxation

React is a registered charity which renders its income exempt from UK income tax.

Irrecoverable VAT is not separately analysed and is charged to the statement of financial activities when the expenditure to which it relates to is incurred and is allocated as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Tax recovered from voluntary income received under Gift Aid is recognised when the related income is receivable and is allocated to the income category to which the income relates.

j) Investments

Investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date.

k) Operating lease

Rental payments under the operating lease are charged as expenditure incurred over the term of lease.

l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with an original maturity date of three months or less.

m) Debtors

Debtors are measured at transaction price less any impairment unless the arrangements constitute a financial transaction, in which case the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at the prevailing market rate of interest.

n) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount to settle the past obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their transaction price after allowing for any trade discounts due unless the arrangement constituted a financing transaction in which case the transaction is measured at present value of future payments discounted at the prevailing market rate of interest.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2024

2. Cost of Raising Funds

	(Note)	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds		Expendable / Restricted Funds		Total	
		2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Public Relations & fundraising		5,587	7,340	3,108	2,821	8,695	10,161
Support costs		14,341	14,712	14,121	17,478	28,462	32,190
Governance Costs	4	7,000	3,182	-	-	7,000	3,182
		<u>26,928</u>	<u>25,234</u>	<u>17,229</u>	<u>20,299</u>	<u>44,157</u>	<u>45,533</u>

3. Charitable Activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Educational & Specialist Equipment	255,027	241,147
Safety & Hygiene Equipment	91,789	95,872
Mobile Home Holidays	42,880	34,642
Funeral Expenses	5,951	8,487
Travel & Subsistence	10,039	6,648
Fundraising expenses	2,095	-
Direct Charitable Expenditure	<u>407,781</u>	<u>386,796</u>
Support costs	301,899	269,522
Governance Costs		
Total Charitable Expenditure	<u><u>709,680</u></u>	<u><u>656,318</u></u>

4. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Audit fees	7,000	3,000	-	-
Trustees Expenses (6a)	-	182	-	-
	<u>7,000</u>	<u>3,182</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Year Ended 31st March 2024

5. Net Incoming Resources

Net Income Resources for the year is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	2,482	2,482
Auditors remuneration	7,000	3,000
	<u>7,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>

6. Trustees & employees information

The Trustees have taken out indemnity insurance

Neither the trustees nor any other persons connected with them received any remuneration or benefits in kind from the Charity during the year (2023: £Nil)

During the year under review expenses were paid to Trustees as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trustees Meeting Costs	-	-
Trustees expenses reimbursed	-	182
	<u>-</u>	<u>182</u>

b) Employee costs during the year were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries	260,486	226,297
Social security costs	22,836	19,917
Pension costs	5,882	5,661
	<u>289,204</u>	<u>251,875</u>

1 employee earning between £60,000-£80,000 (2023/2024)

	2024	2023
The average number of persons employed during the year	7	7
Full time equivalent	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

7. Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
	<u>414,256</u>	<u>423,507</u>

Fixed assets investments consists of quoted shares, trade bonds and similar investments. These are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value based on published market prices.

Movements in non-current investments

Cost or valuation	Unrestricted	Endowment	Total
	Funds	Fund	
	£	£	£
At 1st April 2023	85,175	338,332	423,507
Increase	-	35,856	35,856
Additions	-	253,623	253,623
Disposal	(85,175)	(213,554)	(298,729)
At 31st March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>414,256</u>	<u>414,256</u>
Carrying Amount			
At 31st March 2024	-		<u>414,256</u>
At 31st March 2023			<u>423,507</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2024

8. Fixed Assets

Cost	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2023	153,198	16,527	169,725
Additions	<u>74,014</u>	<u>16,527</u>	<u>74,014</u>
	<u>227,212</u>	<u>16,527</u>	<u>243,739</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1st April 2023	152,316	11,241	163,557
Charge for the year	1,285	1,197	2,482
	<u>153,601</u>	<u>12,438</u>	<u>166,039</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 31st March 2024	73,611	4,089	77,700
As at 31st March 2023	<u>882</u>	<u>5,286</u>	<u>6,168</u>

9. Debtors

	£	£
Prepayments	386	472
	<u>386</u>	<u>472</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within the year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals & Sundry creditors	<u>58,257</u>	<u>8,547</u>

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of fund movements	Fund b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Gains and Losses	Revaluation of investment	Transfers	Fund c/fwd
	£	£	£	£	£		£
a) Unrestricted Funds	450,217	415,342	(507,732)	(2,893)	-	(45,587)	309,346
b) Restricted Funds	-	274,813	(237,410)	-	-	-	37,403
c) Expendable Endowment Funds	338,332	5,137	(3,108)	10,856	23,039	40,000	414,256
d) Designated Funds	-	-	(5,587)	-	-	5,587	-
Total	788,549	695,291	(753,837)	7,963	23,039	-	761,005

Notes:

- The Unrestricted Funds are available to be spent for any of the purposes of the charity.
- The Restricted Funds are funds which are used in accordance with the specific restrictions.
- The Expendable Endowment Fund is a legacy received in prior years from the charity's founder.
- The Designated Funds are funds set aside from a legacy to be used for PR expenditure

REACT
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st March 2024

13. Comparative Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment	Designated		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Fund	Designated Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and gifts	382,681	274,813	-	-	657,493	591,640
Legacies	26,752	-	-	-	26,752	89,319
	409,433	274,813	-	-	684,245	680,959
Investment income	1,457	-	5,137	-	6,594	5,654
Interest Income	4,452	-	-	-	4,452	-
Funding events	-	-	-	-	-	933
Total income	415,342	274,813	5,137	-	695,291	687,546
Expenditure on:						
Cost of raising funds	(21,341)	(14,121)	(3,108)	(5,587)	(44,157)	(45,533)
Charitable activities	(486,391)	(223,289)	-	-	(709,680)	(656,318)
Total expenditure	(507,732)	(237,410)	(3,108)	(5,587)	(753,837)	(701,851)
Surplus/(deficit)	(92,391)	37,403	2,029	(5,587)	(58,546)	(14,305)
Net gains/ (losses) on investment assets	(2,893)	-	10,856	-	7,963	(11,763)
Net movement in funds	(95,284)	37,403	12,885	(5,587)	(50,583)	(26,068)
Transfer to Endowment	(45,587)	-	40,000	5,587	-	-
Revaluation of investment	-	-	23,039	-	23,039	-
Total funds brought forward	450,217	-	338,332	-	788,549	814,617
Total funds carried forward	309,346	37,403	414,256	-	761,005	788,549

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Year ended 31st March 2023

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Sir Derek Jacobi CBE
Samantha Bond

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REACT
Report of the Trustees
Year ended 31st March 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, Charity Act 2011, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland SORP (FRS102).

React's aims and objectives

React's objective is to improve the quality of life for children with life-limiting conditions living in financially disadvantaged families throughout the UK.

The charity carries out this objective by:

- providing children with essential aid and equipment that will enhance their quality of life, following recommendations from medical professionals who have identified a specific need.
- responding with practical and sensitive support within days, if not hours. When a child's life is short, an immediate response is vital.
- supporting those families who are unlikely to receive the assistance they need from any other source in sufficient time.
- providing assistance throughout a child's lifetime. Many life-limiting illnesses are degenerative and a child's needs may continually change.
- eliminating red tape and bureaucracy, allowing aid to be given quickly and without fuss, keeping administrative costs as low as possible.

The Trustees confirm that the charity's aims and objectives are in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit.

React's Delivery of Public Benefit

In order to achieve the charity's aims and objectives, **React** provides a wide range of support to families caring for a terminally ill child. This support is essential to meet children's care, yet unavailable from any other source and the rapid response provided by **React** offers both practical and psychological support, thus improving the mental health of parents and carers.

Responding to requests from both families and healthcare professionals, **React** provides assistance to ensure a child's life remains comfortable, inclusive and stimulating in the form of:

- Specialist equipment, including specialist beds, sleep systems, rapid nebulisers, portable suction machines, chairs and baths;
- Mobility equipment, including wheelchairs, arm supports, hoists, buggies, adapted trikes and walking frames;
- Educational equipment, including computers, educational software, communication aids and sensory equipment;
- Respite holidays, at one of **React's** five mobile homes located in the UK;
- Safety and Hygiene essential home care items, including white goods, beds, clothing and flooring;
- Travel and subsistence for lengthy hospital stays enabling parents to divide their time between a gravely ill child and siblings left at home;
- 'End of life' care, including memorial headstones.

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Report of the Trustees (continued)
Year ended 31st March 2023

React's Delivery of Public Benefit (continued)

By providing aid and essential equipment to children and their families, the charity meets essential needs that are unavailable from statutory sources and local authorities. React recognises the additional cost involved, in both time and finance for families caring for children who are living with terminal illness, and this is often compounded by a reduction of income especially when the need occurs for one or both parents to give up paid employment.

React achieved its aims and objectives during 2022/23, and in doing so provided a beneficial service for children with life-shortening conditions, living within financially disadvantaged families. The charity reviews the outcome of its work each year and assesses the value its service brings to each family. **React's** Honorary Medical Advisor and Trustee, Dr. Mike Miller brings a wealth of experience and a greater understanding of the complex care needs our families face.

An analysis of total charitable expenditure amounting to £627,993 is given in Note 3 of the Financial Statements and this provides a detailed outline of the different areas of support as described above.

React encourages referrals from all professionals working in the field of children's palliative care and works to expand its service to those who are not familiar with the charity's work. Likewise, **React** actively seeks out organisations working with families caring for terminally ill children and welcomes enquiries directly from parents and carers.

Plans for the Future

React continues to evolve as an organisation and respond to changes and developments in the voluntary and healthcare sector. The charity is keen to expand its reach as a national charity and, following the introduction of remote working for staff during the Covid-19 pandemic, **React** now employs two members of staff based outside of London and the home counties. As further part of **React's** efforts to increase its national scope, the charity is currently in the process of closing its office in Kew, which has served as **React's** base for over 30 years, with the view to transitioning to home-working for all staff. **React** is confident that with more staff from across the UK joining the team, it will be of great benefit to families who are not London or Surrey based. **React** will maintain its base in London, with a new virtual office space in Chiswick, which the charity hopes will preserve its close connection to the local community and relationships to volunteers, who have generously supported the charity for many years.

Other developments include the recruitment of **React's** Head of Family Care, who is responsible for building and maintaining the charity's relationships with its large network of families and healthcare professionals. The Head of Family Care is also committed to reaching out to families in areas of the UK which yield fewer requests than others, but where families who could benefit from **React's** service. The charity will continue to work with health and medical organisations across the country in order to raise as much awareness for its work in the children's palliative care sector as possible.

Recycling of Equipment

The responsibility and maintenance of equipment provided by **React** is passed on to each family. However, when there is a change of need or death of a child, **React** will endeavour to re-home each item to a child with a similar need providing the equipment remains in good serviceable condition.

Respite Breaks for Terminally Ill Children - 'Giving Precious Quality Time'

All families who turn to **React** are financially disadvantaged and it is not uncommon to find that when children live with complex care needs, one or both parents are required to give up paid employment. Parents who are 24-hour carers each day often do not have the option to seek employment to support the family. This can lead to financial pressures, dependence on benefits and poverty.

When families are living with the devastating impact of caring for a child with a terminal diagnosis, the daily struggles of every family member are unimaginably difficult. The physical and emotional demands of caring can lead to problems which are both mental and physical. For the families referred to **React**, a holiday is not financially obtainable, yet often, so desperately needed. This is why **React** is delighted to offer holidays to families to enjoy a week's stay at mobile homes located at four sites around the UK: Skegness (Coastfields); South Wales (Trecco Bay); Blackpool (Cala Gran); and East Lothian (Seton Sands).

React recognises just how difficult daily life is for the families referred for assistance. The charity also understands the hugely positive impact a break away can have on the whole family and that a new environment away from home can help families undertaking some of the most demanding and constant care routines possible. They face a daily challenge to not only keep their child well, but to add quality to a short life.

For many parents, it is incredibly difficult to divide their time and support equally between their children. Siblings may feel isolated by a brother or sister's illness and, it is not uncommon for siblings to be separated from parents during lengthy hospital admissions, often needing to stay with relatives. Additionally, essential care routines are often lengthy and time consuming. Serious illness can be far beyond emotional maturity and a **React** holiday provides some kind of normality and gives the whole family the opportunity to enjoy activities together within the structured framework of park activities.

The charity's three-bedroom holiday homes provide families with similar amenities found in any home, including kitchen, spacious living and dining areas, bathroom and comfortable sleeping for up to six family members. **React** provides families with site pass giving access to indoor swimming, outdoor play, various sport facilities and evening entertainment. **React** has formed a good relationship with site managers to ensure families can speak directly with site staff should any problems occur during their stay.

All holiday site maintenance teams work alongside the charity and provide detailed reports with regards to the condition of each mobile home and suggestions of any essential repairs. Furthermore, **React** values feedback obtained from visiting families and ensures each home is visited annually by a member of staff who will report any issues to site management. The **React** homes are as popular as ever and we shall work towards expanding our fleet to ensure more families can take up the opportunity to holiday in the UK, yet near enough to medical amenities if so required.

React in Scotland

The charity works closely with healthcare professionals and palliative care organisations across Scotland, proudly maintaining its existing relationships while also building new connections. Well-established rapports with organisations such as Children’s Hospice Association Scotland and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in both Edinburgh and Glasgow have enabled the charity to reach families who are eligible for **React’s** services. **React** is grateful for the connections it has with social work and medical healthcare professionals, who continue to play a pivotal role in supporting the charity’s mission of ‘Giving Depth to Short Lives’ in Scotland. We deeply value our relationships with professionals who act as key pillar in ensuring the maintained efficacy of **React’s** service in Scotland.

Referrals from families in Scotland reflect the varied nature of the need across the country and the demand for specialist equipment and aid remains acutely apparent. Requests to the charity range from physio mats for children with complex needs to specialist tricycles to aid mobility. Such requests demonstrate the depth of need for the charity’s assistance. Additionally, **React’s** mobile home situated in the Seton Sands holiday village continues to be a popular setting for **React** families to gain some respite from everyday life and create lasting memories together with parents and siblings.

React has appointed Debbie Brownlee to its Board of Trustees. As a retired medical practitioner, Nurse Debbie’s work across Scotland is well regarded and, through her knowledge of children’s palliative care, **React** will forge stronger bonds with healthcare organisations, medical professionals, and families, throughout the country.

React thanks all volunteers, donors, community fundraising groups, charitable trusts and foundations whose generous assistance to the charity’s work in Scotland has enabled **React** to provide equipment and aid to so many families in the country.

React in England

All families caring for a terminally ill child have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and, the cost of living crisis. Whilst struggling with the additional costs associated when caring for a seriously ill child, many families find themselves having to face the impossible choice between prioritising for their child’s care needs or, contributing to general living costs such as paying utility bills or buying food. **React** remains committed to providing its essential service, which acts as a life-line to so many families. Although the charity continues to receive a high number of requests for highly specialised equipment, such as P-Pods, Trikes and Baths, many families apply for relatively minor provisions such as sensory toys, domestic items and/or clothing and travel which, in many cases, seemed previously unaffordable. Furthermore, families caring for terminally ill children in England are challenged by a different set of factors to those in Wales and Scotland. Adult prescription costs and university fees are just two examples of such nuances which, again, increase the financial pressures on families caring for gravely ill children in the country.

React maintains its position as a 'last stop' for families by filling the void left by local authorities and providing the essential equipment and aid necessary for the well-being of children living with a life shortening illness.

React is proud of the long-standing relationships it has with healthcare services across the country and the charity continues to enjoy close links with organisations like Great Ormond Street Hospital, Birmingham Children's Hospital and Alder Hey Children's Hospital which, among many others such as Noah's Ark and Acorn's Children's Hospice, have proven invaluable to **React's** ability to provide its services. The charity is grateful to all key workers and medical professionals who enable **React** to support children and their families through these difficult times.

The charity's mobile homes, situated in Skegness and Blackpool remain popular with **React's** families. While each of these sites are available to all families who are eligible for **React's** services across the UK, they are especially convenient for those based in England, providing a comfortable break from the daily care routine.

React continues to benefit from a generous support base and we are immensely grateful for all trusts, foundations, community groups, and volunteers, who remain central in enabling the charity to provide its rapid service to families.

React in Wales

The demand for **React** in Wales continues to grow, as the average cost of a single request from families living in the country has risen by 35% when comparing requests received in 2023 to 2022. This increase can be widely attributed to the increased cost-of-living, as many families continue to face multiple financial challenges brought about by the fiscal crisis. It has been increasingly difficult for families to afford the basic essentials including food, heating, and transport, and costs continue to rise across the board. Many families are unable to afford vital equipment needed for their child's care, especially given the expensive nature of specialist medical equipment which is prohibitive to many. It is understandable as to why so many families must turn to **React**, and why the average cost of a single request from families living in Wales has risen greatly.

React's holiday homes are situated in Trecco Bay holiday park in Porthcawl, South Wales, where the charity houses two caravans for families to use. The homes are situated alongside Trecco Bay beach which holds a prestigious Blue Flag award, as well as being surrounded by many other beaches for families to choose from including Porthcawl and Sandy Bay. The mobile homes give families the opportunity to spend quality time together, whilst enjoying remarkable Welsh views, golden sands, and rock pools. During their stay, families can also visit local attractions such as St Fagan's National History Museum and Margam Country Park, both of which are free of charge. **React** can offer families assistance towards fuel and transport costs for those in the greatest financial need.

React works closely with healthcare professionals at multiple hospitals and hospices across Wales, including University Hospital of Wales and Ty Hafan, to deliver a prompt and efficient service. **React** also thanks and acknowledges all volunteers, donors and fundraisers who kindly fund our work in Wales, and are delighted with the ongoing partnership with the Millenium Stadium Trust.

React in Northern Ireland

Many families living in Northern Ireland not only face limitations obtaining basic essential equipment from statutory services but, are limited to the number of major high street stores operating in the country. The charity works closely with many palliative care organisations including Northern Ireland Children's Hospice, The Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, and Children's Disability and Palliative Care Teams to identify families who will benefit from **React's** service. Appropriate aids and equipment can significantly improve a child's quality of life, as well as making care routines easier for family members and carers. Children living with life-shortening illnesses are often highly susceptible to infection and tend to require more clothing, bibs, and bedding during any given day. Domestic equipment including white goods are essential to maintain sufficient levels of hygiene and to ensure the child is clean and comfortable. **React** welcomes applications of this nature and, as the presence of high street stores are limited, **React** Family Liaison Officers help families by liaising with small local retailers to ensure an effective and efficient service is provided.

React's work in Northern Ireland is supported by various Charitable Trusts and Foundations, and this enables the charity to help financially disadvantaged families caring for a terminally ill child.

PR & Marketing

React does not engage in costly PR, marketing or advertising campaigns, in line with the charity's policy to keep costs and overheads to a minimum, and prefers to increase its profile by direct engagement with palliative care teams. Exceptions include **React's** biannual newsletter, which acts as a vital tool for raising awareness among donors and potential service-users. The cost of

production relating to the newsletter has substantially reduced both for this year and future editions. Hard copies posted to health and medical professionals have been replaced with a digital format. This has not only benefitted the reduction of the charity's environmental footprint but offers a user friendly way of redistribution.

Volunteers and Gifts in Kind

React thanks its dedicated network of volunteers, whose hard work and commitment to the charity's cause has enabled React to reach out to many more families across the UK and raise vital funds. **React** volunteers contribute in a variety of ways, such as organising events, giving talks and presentations, raising awareness and holding collections. All volunteer activity is managed and facilitated by **React** staff members, who provide the fundraising and promotional materials required.

Following the suspension of events due to the coronavirus pandemic, the charity is pleased to confirm, in-house events are set to make a return and currently in early planning stages. **React** remains grateful to all businesses and organisations who have generously provided gifts in kind in support of events over the years, and to volunteers who have kindly lent their time to ensure the resumption of fundraising events returns to previous levels.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is an unincorporated association constituted under a Trust Deed dated 7th November, 1989 as varied by a supplemental Deed dated 25th February 2010 and a resolution dated 4th March, 2015. The charity is honoured to receive guidance from **React's** Founder, Sister Frances Dominica OBE. Sister Frances is the Founder of Helen and Douglas House, the world's first children's hospice, based in Oxford.

React is proud to receive the support of its three Patrons, Samantha Bond, The Baroness van Dedem and Sir Derek Jacobi CBE who are willing to give up their valuable time in helping **React** with its fundraising activities.

Whilst the Trustees accept ultimate responsibility for directing the charity's affairs they have delegated the day-to-day operational decisions to the Director, who reports to the Board at Trustees meetings. In addition, the Director regularly consults and involves the Trustees on all significant developments relating to the charity's work.

The Trustees receive monthly management information to ensure finances are in keeping with the budget agreed by the Board at the beginning of the financial year.

Trustees Induction and Training

When required, the Trustees look for suitable candidates to join the Board who can bring experience and expertise relevant to the charity's objectives. New Trustees are invited to join the Board (initially for a year as a Trustee Designate) by the Chairman following consultations with existing Trustees. This method of recruitment enables the Board to assess the future contribution and effectiveness of each new member.

Having accepted an invitation to join the Board, the Trustee Designate must sign a declaration relating to the purposes and aims of the charity, as well as their general and specific duties determined by the Chairman. The Trustee Designate is then supplied with a welcome pack containing information covering all aspects of **React's** work. This includes the history of **React**, annual reports and accounts and, a brief overview of all key policies relating to the Board and the organisation. New Trustees are also provided with published literature relating to Good Governance.

The Trustee Designate must then attend a series of meetings, initially with the Chairman, and later with the Director who will familiarise the Trustee with all the activities of the charity. In addition, all Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training seminars, found in publications such as Governance and Third Sector.

Related Party Transactions & Conflict of Interest

In accordance with charity policy, on joining the board, Trustees must declare any interests that may conflict with their ability to act appropriately in their role as Trustee. If a conflict of interest should arise, they will be required to withdraw from any related decision-making situations. There have been no such issues of conflict this year.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees give their time freely with no remuneration paid during the year. However, expenses incurred whilst operating on behalf of the charity are paid to the Trustees, primarily to cover any claimed travel and subsistence costs. The policy of paying these expenses, as agreed by the Board and Director, is as follows:

- All expenses are entered on an Expenses Claim Form and must be authorised by the Director and a Trustee independent of the transaction before payment is made.

Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed on Note 6a in the Financial Statements.

The Trustees review the level of pay and remuneration awarded to key management personnel annually. Consideration, where available is given to comparable pay and remuneration set in similar organisations.

Risk Management

The Trustees and Director, with input from key staff members, review annually major risks to which **React** is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the charity and its finances.

A Risk Assessment and Management Register has been established and is updated throughout the year and, where appropriate, plans are developed to mitigate any potential internal and external risks found.

Financial Review

This year, **React's** total income increased from 593,030 to £680,959.

The increase in total income is attributed to the receipt of a legacy amounting to £89,319 but we are particularly pleased that income from Charitable Trusts (our largest source of income) has remained constant as compared with last year.

As in previous years, a significant amount of **React's** total income comes with specific categories and geographical restrictions. This income is treated as restricted funds as shown in the financial statements; and in compliance with the directives of the SORP, management and administration costs have been allocated to either charitable activities or fundraising costs.

REACT
Report of the Trustees (continued)
Year ended 31st March 2023

The Board of Trustees has continued to persevere with its ongoing policy of generating a deficit on the Income and Expenditure Account as cash reserves have remained strong. As a result the charity has reported a deficit of £14,305 for the year

Supporters of **React** should continue to take considerable comfort in recognising the charity has so far been able to weather the negative impact of Covid-19 and market volatility and will continue to be a safe beneficiary for ongoing financial support. **React's** existing financial strength is a reflection of past years' prudence in the management of its finances and this policy will continue to be adhered to.

The office has continued to function safely and well with the introduction of highly digitalised systems which have enabled staff to work largely from home. New procedures were introduced last year to ensure that telephone calls could be answered at home and all relevant documents were scanned and uploaded into a secure cloud storage system. These new systems have worked well and have enabled the charity to function efficiently from anywhere in the UK.

Resources Expended

React provides basic essential items to children living with life-limiting conditions in accordance with the purpose and aims of the charity. Demand continues to be consistent and **React** is able to meet this demand to the extent that incoming funds permit. The process for making awards is as follows:

- The **React** application form is filled in by a member of the family, with the requirement that all requests are fully endorsed by a medical professional involved in the care of the child, explaining the extent of benefit and including quotes and assessments as required
- A **React** Family Liaison Officer then assesses the application to ensure that it falls within **React's** remit and meets all the necessary criteria.
- All suitable applications are written up by the Family Liaison Officer as a detailed summary and passed to the Director for further assessment.
- Requests of under £2,000 are awarded by the Director following recommendation by the Family Liaison Officer.
- Requests between £2,000 - £3,000 are approved by the Director and at least one Trustee.
- Requests over £3,000 may only be awarded once approved by a majority of the Trustee Board.

Investment Policy

The basic principle governing Trustees' decisions when investing, is that they must take a prudent approach. When investing charitable funds, Trustees seek to strike the right balance between two objectives:

- Providing an income to help **React** carry out its purpose effectively in the short term
- Maintaining and, if possible, enhancing the value of the invested funds, so as to enable **React** to effectively carry out its purposes in the longer term.

The Trustee Board consider the suitability of any investment, both for **React** as a charity and as a means of investment. The Trustees must be satisfied that the type of any proposed investment is appropriate for **React** as a charitable organisation and will consider the need for diversification to ensure the reduction of risk. The Board is satisfied with their decision to invest with Evelyn & Partners and will review the charity's investments on a quarterly basis.

Investments in our Endowment Fund continue to be entrusted to Evelyn & Partners (Formerly Smith & Williamson) who manage the funds on a discretionary basis. Movements in the value of these funds is a net figure after taking into account additions and sales to/from the funds together with the relevant profits and losses attaching to these transactions.

Reserves Policy

Reserves are needed by the charity to:

- Maintain as far as possible a prudent level of charitable support to families during periods when income levels are low.
- Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation need to close

This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases.

- Ensure the charity can honour existing commitments to families caring for a terminally ill child during any period of re-organisation or closure

The Trustees have established a policy to retain a level of reserves of up to 6 months working capital, which is considered an acceptable level to safeguard the operation of the charity. A six months' reserves policy accounts for salaries, overheads, statutory redundancy pay and charitable expenditure to allow the charity to maintain the level of support pledged to individual families and medical professionals engaged in their care. The Trustees will apply the amount of the Expendable Endowment Fund and that part of the Unrestricted Funds as represented by the charity's investments in ensuring the minimum level of reserves is maintained.

Monitoring and reviewing of Reserves Policy:

- The Trustees will consider the level of reserves required each year when setting the following year's budget.
- The Reserves Policy is reviewed by the Trustees every year.
- The level of reserves will be monitored and recorded in monthly Management Accounts.

Fundraising Regulations

React adheres to the code of fundraising practice as set out by the Fundraising Regulator and does not subscribe to fundraising agencies. The charity also complies with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and is mindful in its approach and does not send out "blanket" emails or correspondence.

We are proud to say, there were no complaints raised in relation to fundraising activities during 2022/23. **React** does not approach its beneficiaries for funding, recognising a duty to protect vulnerable people. The charity acts immediately to donors who wish to be removed from any mailing list and, those donors receiving the **React** bi-annual newsletter, who have not contacted or donated to the charity during the past 5 years, will be automatically deleted. Our policy to comply with all requests, asking to delete personal information, is strictly adhered to.

Legacies

We would like to encourage and thank supporters who have made provision for **React** in their Will. Their commitment to **React** will help us to build a secure financial foundation on which we can expand and enhance our work with terminally ill children throughout the UK.

However, it is important to recognise that the receipt of legacies, whilst most welcome, are unpredictable by their very nature and the size of last year's receipts are unlikely to be repeated.

Responsibilities of the Trustees in Relation to Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and of the incoming and outgoing resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REACT
Report of the Trustees (continued)
Year ended 31st March 2023

Officers & Advisors

Members of the Board, who are Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Disclosure to Auditors

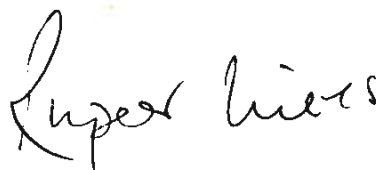
In accordance with charity law, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information unknown to the charity's Auditors.

As the Trustees of the charity, we have taken the necessary steps in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

We have appointed Just Audit & Assurance Ltd. to act as our auditors of the 2022/2023 Financial Statements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Rupert A Wiles FCA
Chairman

Date: 12th December 2023

REACT
Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees
Year ended 31st March 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of React Charity (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash flow statement and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees 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 charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity'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 Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the 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 Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were authorised for issue.

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 12.] the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

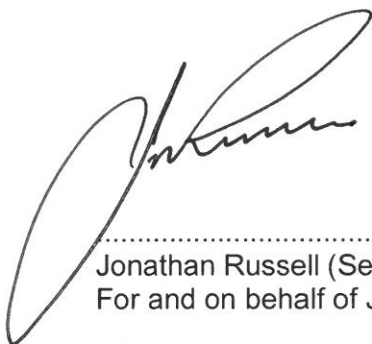
As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees
Year ended 31st March 2023

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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



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Jonathan Russell (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Just Audit & Assurance Ltd, Statutory Auditor

37 Market Square
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Date: *13 December 2023*

REACT
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment	Designated		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment	Designated Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and gifts	254,416	337,224	-	-	591,640	587,930
Legacies	89,319	-	-	-	89,319	5,100
	343,735	337,224	-	-	680,959	593,030
Investment income	790	-	4,864	-	5,654	247
Funding events	933	-	-	-	933	
Total income	345,458	337,224	4,864	-	687,546	593,277
Expenditure on:						
Cost of raising funds	(17,894)	(17,478)	(2,821)	(7,340)	(45,533)	(46,893)
Charitable activities	(303,517)	(352,801)	-	-	(656,318)	(599,473)
Total expenditure	(321,411)	(370,279)	(2,821)	(7,340)	(701,851)	(646,366)
Surplus/(deficit)	24,047	(33,055)	2,043	(7,340)	(14,305)	(53,088)
Net gains/ (losses) on investment assets	2,858		(14,621)		(11,763)	24,494
Net movement in funds	26,905	(33,055)	(12,578)	(7,340)	(26,068)	(28,594)
Transfer between reserves	(9,292)	18,142	-	(8,850)	-	-
Total funds brought forward	432,604	14,913	350,910	16,190	814,617	843,212
Total funds carried forward	450,217	-	338,332	-	788,549	814,618

All activities relate to continuing operations.

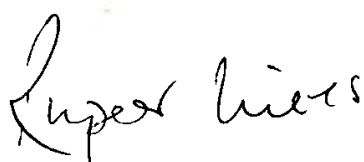
The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 21 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

REACT
Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Designated Funds	Total Funds £	2022 £
Fixed Assets							
Tangible Assets	8	6,168				6,168	8,650
Investments	7	85,175	-	338,332	-	423,507	433,259
Total Fixed Assets		91,343	-	338,332	-	429,675	441,909
Current Assets							
Debtors & prepayments	9	472				472	427
Cash at Bank		366,949	-	-	-	366,949	379,722
Total Current Assets		367,421	-	-	-	367,421	380,149
Liabilities							
Creditors due within one year	10	8,547	-	-	-	8,547	7,440
Net current assets		358,874	-	-	-	358,874	372,309
Net Assets		450,217	-	338,332	-	788,549	814,618
The funds of the charity							
Unrestricted income funds	12	450,217	-	-	-	450,217	432,605
Designated funds		-	-	-	-	-	16,190
Restricted income funds		-	-	-	-	-	14,913
Endowment funds		-	-	338,332	-	338,332	350,910
Total charity funds		450,217	-	338,332	-	788,549	814,618

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on [12th December 2023] and signed on its behalf by:



R A Wiles FCA Chairman

The notes on pages 21 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

REACT
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended 31st March 2023

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash(absorbed)/generatd by operations	(22,525)	(26,626)
Investing activities		
Purchase/ sale of fixed assets	-	(1,815)
Decrease/(Increase) in value of investments	9,752	25,504
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent	(12,773)	(2,937)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	379,722	382,659
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>366,949</u></u>	<u><u>379,722</u></u>
Cash generated from operations		
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(14,305)	(53,088)
Adjustments for:		
Investment result recognised in P&L	(11,763)	24,494
Depreciation	2,482	3,768
Movement in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	(46)	(31)
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	1,107	(1,769)
Cash absorbed by operations	<u><u>(22,525)</u></u>	<u><u>(26,626)</u></u>

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

React is an unincorporated association, registered as a charity in both England and Wales and Scotland. Its principal office is disclosed on page 1. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with The Accounting Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Accounting Reporting Standard issued in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. In the light of the impact of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, appropriate steps have been taken by the Trustees to ensure the safety of its staff and visitors in compliance with the Government's recommendations, and the cash resources of the charity are sufficiently robust to ensure normal charitable activities are able to proceed over the next financial period. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of preparing the financial statements.

b) Incoming resources

Recognition of incoming resources

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

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

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Legacies

Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as an incoming resource in the year in which the charity is notified and when the value and entitlement of the legacy is known with reasonable certainty.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gains or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

c) Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds are funds which are used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by the donors. The cost of raising such funds are charged against these funds.

d) Designated Funds

Designated Funds are funds set aside from the unrestricted funds for a specific purpose.

e) Expendable Endowment Fund

The Expendable Endowment Fund may be invested to produce income and to finance expenditure at the discretion of the trustees.

Accounting policies (continued)

f) Depreciation

Provision is made for depreciation on tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Mobile homes:	20% straight line
Office Equipment:	20% written down value

g) Support Costs

Support costs include central function costs such as staff and overhead costs in support of React's principle activity. Where relevant, they have been allocated to activity cost categories on a percentage basis as appropriate.

h) Basis of recognition and allocation of expenditure

Charitable expenditure includes any VAT payable and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. It comprises costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Site fees payable in respect of mobile homes are recorded in the year that the fees are invoiced

Costs of raising funds comprises the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

i) Taxation

React is a registered charity which renders its income exempt from UK income tax.

Irrecoverable VAT is not separately analysed and is charged to the statement of financial activities when the expenditure to which it relates to is incurred and is allocated as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Tax recovered from voluntary income received under Gift Aid is recognised when the related income is receivable and is allocated to the income category to which the income relates.

j) Investments

Investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date.

k) Operating lease

Rental payments under the operating lease are charged as expenditure incurred over the term of lease.

l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with an original maturity date of three months or less.

m) Debtors

Debtors are measured at transaction price less any impairment unless the arrangements constitute a financial transaction, in which case the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at the prevailing market rate of interest.

n) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount to settle the past obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their transaction price after allowing for any trade discounts due unless the arrangement constituted a financing transaction in which case the transaction is measured at present value of future payments discounted at the prevailing market rate of interest.

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2. Cost of Raising Funds

	(Note)	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds		Expendable / Restricted Funds		Total	
		2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Public Relations & fundraising		7,340	17,657	2,821	-	10,161	17,657
Support costs		14,712	9,492	17,478	15,796	32,190	25,288
Governance Costs	4	3,182.0	3,947	-	-	3,182	3,947
		<u>25,234</u>	<u>31,096</u>	<u>20,299</u>	<u>15,796</u>	<u>45,533</u>	<u>46,892</u>

3. Charitable Activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Educational & Specialist Equipment	241,147	187,711
Safety & Hygiene Equipment	95,872	89,171
Mobile Home Holidays	34,642	32,522
Funeral Expenses	8,487	14,222
Travel & Subsistence	6,648	8,613
Direct Charitable Expenditure	<u>386,796</u>	<u>332,239</u>
Support costs	269,522	267,226
Governance Costs		
Total Charitable Expenditure	<u>656,318</u>	<u>599,463</u>

4. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Audit fees	3,000	3,613	-	-
Trustees Expenses (6a)	182	334	-	-
	<u>3,182</u>	<u>3,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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5. Net Incoming Resources

Net Income Resources for the year is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation	2,482	3,768
Auditors remuneration	3,000	3,160
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,160</u>

6. Trustees & employees information

The Trustees have taken out indemnity insurance

Neither the trustees nor any other persons connected with them received any remuneration or benefits in kind from the Charity during the year (2022: £Nil)

During the year under review expenses were paid to Trustees as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trustees Meeting Costs	-	-
Trustees expenses reimbursed	182	334
	<u>182</u>	<u>334</u>

b) Employee costs during the year were:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries	226,297	229,388
Social security costs	19,917	20,139
Pension costs	5,661	5,824
	<u>251,875</u>	<u>255,351</u>

1 employee earning between £60,000-£80,000 (2022/2023)

	2023	2022
The average number of persons employed during the year	7	6
Full time equivalent	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

7. Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
	<u>423,507</u>	<u>433,259</u>

Fixed assets investments consists of quoted shares, trade bonds and similar investments. These are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value based on published market prices.

Movements in non-current investments

Cost or valuation	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total
	£	£	£
At 1st April 2022	82,349	350,910	433,259
Return on investment	2,826	(12,578)	(9,752)
At 31st March 2023	<u>85,175</u>	<u>338,332</u>	<u>423,507</u>
Carrying Amount			
At 31st March 2022	-		<u>433,259</u>
At 31st March 2023			<u>423,507</u>

The investments held with the Charities Aid Foundation at the year end consists of -

	2023	2022
	No.of units	No.of units
CAF- Balanced Growth Fund	<u>51,976</u>	<u>51,197</u>

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8. Fixed Assets			
Cost	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2022	153,198	16,527	169,725
Additions	-	-	-
	<u>153,198</u>	<u>16,527</u>	<u>169,725</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1st April 2022	151,031	10,044	161,075
Charge for the year	1,285	1,197	2,482
	<u>152,316</u>	<u>11,241</u>	<u>163,557</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 31st March 2023	882	5,286	6,168
As at 31st March 2022	<u>2,167</u>	<u>6,483</u>	<u>8,650</u>

	2023	2022
	£	£
9. Debtors		
Prepayments	472	427
	<u>472</u>	<u>427</u>

	2023	2022
	£	£
10. Creditors: amounts falling due within the year		
Accruals & Sundry creditors	8,547	7,440
	<u>8,547</u>	<u>7,440</u>

12. Analysis of charitable funds						
Analysis of fund movements	Fund b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Gains and Losses	Transfers	Fund c/fwd
	£	£	£	£		£
a) Unrestricted Funds	432,604	345,458	(321,411)	2,858	(9,292)	450,217
b) Restricted Funds	14,913	337,224	(370,279)	-	18,142	-
c) Expendable Endowment Funds	350,910	4,864	(2,821)	(14,621)	-	338,332
d) Designated Funds	16,190	-	(7,340)	-	(8,850)	-
Total	814,617	687,546	(701,851)	(11,763)	-	788,549

Notes:

- The Unrestricted Funds are available to be spent for any of the purposes of the charity.
- The Restricted Funds are funds which are used in accordance with the specific restrictions.
- The Expendable Endowment Fund is a legacy received in prior years from the charity's founder.
- The Designated Funds are funds set aside from a legacy to be used for PR expenditure

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Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st March 2023

13. Comparative Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment	Designated		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	Designated Funds	Total	Total
					2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and gifts	254,416	337,224	-	-	591,640	587,930
Legacies	89,319	-	-	-	89,319	5,100
	343,735	337,224			680,959	593,030
Investment income	790	-	4,864	-	5,654	247
Funding events	933	-	-	-	933	
Total income	345,458	337,224	4,864		687,546	593,277
Expenditure on:						
Cost of raising funds	(17,894)	(17,478)	(2,821)	-	(38,193)	(46,893)
Charitable activities	(303,517)	(352,801)	-	(7,340)	(656,318)	(599,473)
Total expenditure	(321,411)	(370,279)	(2,821)	(7,340)	(701,851)	(646,366)
Surplus/(deficit)	24,047	(33,055)	2,043	(7,340)	(14,305)	(53,088)
Net gains/ (losses) on investment assets	2,858		(14,621)		(11,763)	24,494
Net movement in funds	26,905	(33,055)	(12,578)	(7,340)	(26,068)	(28,594)
Transfer between reserves	(9,292)	18,142	-	(8,850)	-	-
Total funds brought forward	432,604	14,913	350,910	16,190	814,617	843,212
Total funds carried forward	450,217	-	338,332	-	788,549	814,618

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Year ended 31st March 2022

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Samantha Bond

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REACT
Report of the Trustees
Year ended 31st March 2022

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, Charity Act 2011, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland SORP (FRS102).

React's aims and objectives

React's objective is to improve the quality of life for children with life-limiting conditions living in financially disadvantaged families throughout the UK.

The charity carries out this objective by:

- providing children with essential aid and equipment that will enhance their quality of life, following recommendations from medical professionals who have identified a specific need.
- responding with practical and sensitive support within days, if not hours. When a child's life is short, an immediate response is vital.
- supporting those families who are unlikely to receive the assistance they need from any other source in sufficient time.
- providing assistance throughout a child's lifetime. Many life-limiting illnesses are degenerative and a child's needs may continually change.
- eliminating red tape and bureaucracy, allowing aid to be given quickly and without fuss, keeping administrative costs as low as possible.

The Trustees confirm that the charity's aims and objectives are in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit.

React's Delivery of Public Benefit

In order to achieve the charity's aims and objectives, **React** provides a wide range of support to families caring for a life-limited child. This support is essential to meet children's care, yet unavailable from any other source in sufficient time. The rapid response provided offers both practical and psychological support, and thus improving the mental health of carers.

Responding to applications, **React** provides children and their families with assistance which will ensure a child's life remains comfortable, inclusive and stimulating in the form of:

- Specialist equipment, including specialist beds, sleep systems, rapid nebulisers, portable suction machines, chairs and baths;
- Mobility equipment, including wheelchairs, arm supports, hoists, buggies, adapted trikes and walking frames;
- Educational equipment, including computers, educational software, communication aids and sensory equipment;
- Respite holidays, at one of **React's** five mobile homes located in the UK;
- Safety and Hygiene essential home care items, including white goods, beds, clothing and flooring;
- Travel and subsistence for lengthy hospital stays enabling parents to divide their time between a gravely ill child and siblings left at home;
- 'End of life' care, including memorial headstones and funeral expenses.

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React's Delivery of Public Benefit (continued)

By providing aid and essential equipment to children and their families, the charity meets essential needs which are unavailable from Healthcare Trusts or Local Authorities, within a family's area of residence. React recognises the additional cost in both time and finance for families caring for a child with a terminal illness which is often compounded by a reduction of income and the need occurs for one or both parents to give up paid employment.

During 2021/22, **React** achieved its aims and objectives and in doing so provided a beneficial service to children with life-shortening conditions, who are living within financially disadvantaged families. The charity reviews the outcome of its work each year and assesses the benefits its service brings to each family. **React's** Honorary Medical Advisor and trustee, Dr. Mike Miller brings a wealth of experience and a greater understanding of the complex care needs our families face.

An analysis of total charitable expenditure amounting to £599,473 is given in Note 4 of the Financial Statements and this provides a detailed outline of the different areas of support described above.

To enable access to **React's** services, the charity encourages referrals from professionals working within children's palliative care. **React** also continues to seek opportunities to expand its service network, in order to meet the needs of families caring for a terminally ill child.

Plans for the Future

Over the years, **React** has built strong relationships with medical and healthcare professionals, enabling the charity to supply a 'fourth emergency service' and provide families caring for a terminally ill child with the vital aid and assistance they need. **React** will continue to work closely with consultants, nurses, GP's and social and healthcare workers, forging relationships with children's hospices and hospitals and all those working in the field of children's palliative care.

A flexible and varied service will continue to be provided to families, as we look to the future. For example, the NHS may offer a bulky and heavy suction machine but **React** can consider a lighter more portable model which is less restrictive for the family to use. This small consideration often means the difference between remaining housebound, to venturing out into the community to visit family and friends. **React** will work with professionals directly involved with each family to determine exactly what is the most beneficial aid needed for every individual child.

The charity continues to work towards assisting all families, who meet its criteria in pursuit of its mission, to ensure that a terminally ill child's quality of life is not compromised, no matter how short that life may be.

Recycling of Equipment

The responsibility and maintenance of equipment provided by **React** is passed on to each family. However, when there is a change of need or death of a child, **React** will endeavour to re-home each item to a child with a similar need providing the equipment remains in good serviceable condition.

React Holidays

In 2020, **React** was forced to close its mobile homes for the season in line with government guidelines. With the easing of restrictions in 2021, the charity reopened and re-introduced **React** holidays to families who went on to enjoy a week's stay at mobile homes located at four sites around the UK: Skegness (Coastfields); South Wales (Trecco Bay); Blackpool (Cala Gran); and East Lothian (Seton Sands).

Families who were required to cancel mobile home holidays in 2020 were offered the chance to re-book in 2021 without requiring to submit a new application. Families were thrilled to have the opportunity once again, to experience a **React** Holiday which offers enormous benefit to, not only exhausted parents, but to siblings, giving the whole family a chance to experience new surroundings in a relaxed environment.

The importance of respite holidays cannot be overstated. Caring for a terminally ill child is often a full-time nursing role which can be exhausting. Carer parents must learn complex care routines, travel to multiple hospital appointments on a daily or weekly basis and, typically provide 24 hour one-to-one care. A lack of respite can have a detrimental effect on mental and emotional wellbeing and time away from daily routines can be beneficial to the whole family. **React** is aware of the huge benefits gained from respite holidays and is pleased to offer an environment where, the family can relax and socialise with fellow holiday makers.

The charity's three-bedroom holiday homes provide families with similar amenities found in any home, including kitchen, spacious living and dining areas, bathroom and comfortable sleeping for up to six family members. **React** provides families with site passes giving access to indoor swimming, outdoor play, various sport facilities and evening entertainment. **React** has formed a good relationship with site managers to ensure families can speak directly with site staff should any problems occur during their stay.

The average lifespan of a mobile home is five years. However, by following a detailed maintenance programme and relying on the goodwill of park management, many have lasted much longer. All holiday site maintenance teams work alongside the charity and provide detailed reports with regards to the condition of each mobile home and to advise on any essential repairs. Furthermore, **React** values feedback obtained from visiting families and ensures each home is visited annually by a member of staff who will report any issues to site management.

React in Scotland

React is proud of its long-standing relationships with health professionals and organisations throughout Scotland, who have helped maintain awareness of **React's** work, across the country. Organisations such as Children's Hospice Association Scotland and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh and Glasgow, have been particularly key to the charity's services in Scotland and we would like to thank all health professionals who have been instrumental in streamlining **React's** work with families living in the country.

The nature of equipment requested varies greatly and ranges from simple sensory toys for children with developmental delay, to high-grade specialist bed for children who require frequent changes in position throughout the night. **React's** mobile home in Seton Sands holiday village remains a popular destination for families and the charity hopes to fulfil all requests for the coming season following a busy 2021.

React is grateful to all volunteers, donors, fundraising groups and charitable trusts and foundations who have continued to generously support its work in Scotland to enable families to benefit from the charity's service.

React in England

Families based in England, particularly in the country's largest towns and cities, continue to struggle with the persistent effects of the pandemic. Children living with a wide range of complex illnesses often struggle with compromised immune systems, making the risk of infection from Covid-19 potentially fatal. Whilst the easing of restrictions and vaccination rollout has enabled some to resume their normal lives, many families are still required to isolate wherever possible, as the threat from the virus remains present. **React** continues to offer an 'ear' to families who reach out, simply to hear a friendly, sympathetic voice at the end of a phone.

England is home to some of the most renowned paediatric healthcare services in the world, including Great Ormond Street Hospital, Birmingham Children's Hospital and Alder Hey Children's Hospital and **React** continues to enjoy close links with each of them and countless others. **React's** mobile homes in Skegness and Blackpool provide an attractive option for families in need of a respite break at seaside resorts which, provide fun for the whole family and the opportunity to make precious memories together.

React would like to thank all supporters in England who, enable the charity to continue its rapid service and recognition is given to volunteers around the country who have run soup kitchens during lockdown and signed up for running events to raise valuable donations.

React in Wales

Demand for React **React's** work in Wales is widespread and the average cost of a single request from families living in the country has risen by 16% over the past twelve months. This increase in cost has been widely attributed to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, as specialist equipment typically accessible through hospice visits and therapy sessions has been inaccessible for many families who are isolating with their child at home. The desire to own equipment for home use has increased and therefore, led the demand.

The opening of **React's** holiday site situated in Trecco Bay holiday park in Porthcawl, South Wales, is a popular location and the charity houses two homes here for families to use. The homes are situated alongside a Blue Flag beach, with remarkable views, rock pools and golden sands for families to enjoy quality time together. **React** also offers families assistance towards fuel and transport costs for those in the greatest financial need.

Working with the many hospitals and hospices across Wales and including the various children's palliative care teams, **React** can deliver a prompt and efficient service, responding within a matter of hours and we thank and acknowledge all volunteers, donors and fundraisers who kindly support **React's** work in the country.

React in Northern Ireland

Many families living in Northern Ireland face limitations from statutory sources and health authorities and therefore, turn to **React** as a last resort. The charity liaises with Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and The Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, to identify families struggling to obtain essential aid which can significantly improve care routines and life quality in the home. Equipment to enhance safety and hygiene is a prominent need because children living with complex illnesses are highly susceptible to infection. Essential domestic equipment such as white goods, are often difficult to obtain as the majority of mainland high street stores, do not service Northern Ireland. **React** works to build relations with small local retailers to ensure a swift and efficient service.

React extends its sincere thanks to various charitable trusts and foundations who support **React's** work in Northern Ireland, allowing the charity to reach out to those families caring for a terminally ill child, who are in desperate need.

PR & Marketing

React does not normally engage in costly advertising and promotes its work through its website, social media and the distribution of literature produced 'in-house'. The charity's regular annual expense is a bi-annual newsletter which raises awareness in order to attract potential service users and donors.

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In December 2017 we received a legacy of £100,000 from Elliott Simmons designated for the purposes of funding future PR and Marketing activities of the charity. £16,885 has been deducted from this reserve in 2021/22 representing the salary of the employee responsible for the charity's PR and Marketing and the balance of this award as of 31 March 2022, stands at £16,190.

Volunteers and Gifts in Kind

React benefits from a network of dedicated volunteers working across the UK, volunteering their time in a variety of ways including organising fundraising events, promoting awareness and acting as **React** representatives. This is managed from the **React** office but relies on key volunteers to offer personal guidance. The charity provides each volunteer with a fundraising pack and monitors the provision of merchandise, collecting boxes and buckets.

Due to the pandemic, the work of a dedicated Events Committee, run by a group of volunteers, has been put on hold. Their activity will be encouraged to resume at their earliest convenience and it is expected that, social fundraising events will resume. **React** continues to maintain relationships from those organisations and companies offering gifts in kind which include a variety of raffle and auction prizes.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is an unincorporated association constituted under a Trust Deed dated 7th November, 1989 as varied by a supplemental Deed dated 25th February 2010 and a resolution dated 4th March, 2015. The charity is honoured to receive guidance from **React's** Founder, Sister Frances Dominica OBE. Sister Frances is the Founder of Helen and Douglas House, the world's first children's hospice, based in Oxford.

React is proud to receive the support of its three Patrons, Samantha Bond, The Baroness van Dedem and Sir Derek Jacobi CBE who are willing to give up their valuable time in helping **React** with its fundraising activities.

Whilst the Trustees accept ultimate responsibility for directing the charity's affairs they have delegated the day-to-day operational decisions to the Director, who reports to the Board at Trustees meetings. In addition, the Director regularly consults and involves the Trustees on all significant developments relating to the charity's work.

The Trustees receive monthly management information to ensure finances are in keeping with the budget agreed by the Board at the beginning of the financial year.

Trustees Induction and Training

When required, the Trustees look for suitable candidates to join the Board who can bring experience and expertise relevant to the charity's objectives. New Trustees are invited to join the Board (initially for a year as a Trustee Designate) by the Chairman following consultations with existing Trustees. This method of recruitment enables the Board to assess the future contribution and effectiveness of each new member.

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Report of the Trustees (continued)
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Having accepted an invitation to join the Board, the Trustee Designate must sign a declaration relating to the purposes and aims of the charity, as well as their general and specific duties determined by the Chairman. The Trustee Designate is then supplied with a welcome pack containing information covering all aspects of **React's** work. This includes the history of **React**, annual reports and accounts and, a brief overview of all key policies relating to the Board and the organisation. New Trustees are also provided with published literature relating to Good Governance.

The Trustee Designate must then attend a series of meetings, initially with the Chairman, and later with the Director who will familiarise the Trustee with all the activities of the charity. In addition, all Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training seminars, found in publications such as Governance and Third Sector.

Related Party Transactions & Conflict of Interest

In accordance with charity policy, on joining the board, Trustees must declare any interests that may conflict with their ability to act appropriately in their role as Trustee. If a conflict of interest should arise, they will be required to withdraw from any related decision-making situations. There have been no such issues of conflict this year.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees give their time freely with no remuneration paid during the year. However, expenses incurred whilst operating on behalf of the charity are paid to the Trustees, primarily to cover any claimed travel and subsistence costs. The policy of paying these expenses, as agreed by the Board and Director, is as follows:

- All expenses are entered on an Expenses Claim Form and must be authorised by the Director and a Trustee independent of the transaction before payment is made.

Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed on Note 6a in the Financial Statements.

The Trustees review the level of pay and remuneration awarded to key management personnel annually. Consideration, where available is given to comparable pay and remuneration set in similar organisations.

Risk Management

The Trustees and Director, with input from key staff members, review annually major risks to which **React** is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the charity and its finances.

A Risk Assessment and Management Register has been established and is updated throughout the year and, where appropriate, plans are developed to mitigate any potential internal and external risks found.

Financial Review

This year, **React's** total income declined from £615,513 to 593,031.

This decrease in total income is attributed to a fall in the value of legacies received compared to the previous financial period (from £25,000 to £5,000), to the absence of any fundraising events due to Covid 19 restrictions and a decline in private donations as higher costs of living have eroded the public's discretionary expenditure. However, income from Charitable Trusts has marginally increased which is most encouraging as competition for this source of income between charitable organisations is strong.

As in previous years, a significant amount of **React's** total income comes with specific categories and geographical restrictions. This income is treated as restricted funds as shown in the financial statements; and in compliance with the directives of the SORP, management and administration costs have been allocated to either charitable activities or fundraising costs.

Despite the reported fall in income, the Board of Trustees have continued to persevere with its ongoing policy of generating a deficit on the Income and Expenditure Account as cash reserves have remained strong. As a result the deficit of £53,088 for the year is close to the reported deficit in 2021 of £55,678 with the charity able to provide almost £600,000 of support to families.

The cash position of the charity has been boosted through sales earlier in the financial year of investment units managed by Smith & Williamson and CCLA. These sales were authorised by the Trustees in order to take advantage of strong financial markets and to generate realised gains sufficient to cover, what at that time, was a much larger deficit. This has been a timely decision to have taken as markets have since become very volatile and there is every indication that we are now entering into a financial bear market. It is therefore possible that we shall be reporting a fall in the value of our investments in next year's Annual Report unless there is better news in the meantime on inflation and the destructive war in Ukraine.

Supporters of **React** should continue to take considerable comfort in recognising the charity has so far been able to weather the negative impact of Covid-19 and market volatility and will continue to be a safe beneficiary for ongoing financial support. **React's** existing financial strength is a reflection of past years' prudence in the management of its finances and this policy will continue to be adhered to.

The office has continued to function safely and well with the introduction of highly digitalised systems which have enabled staff to work largely from home. New procedures were introduced last year to ensure that telephone calls could be answered at home and all relevant documents were scanned and uploaded into a Cloud Storage system. These new systems have worked well and have enabled the charity to function efficiently.

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Resources Expended

React provides basic essential items to children living with life-limiting conditions in accordance with the purpose and aims of the charity. Demand continues to be consistent and **React** is able to meet this demand to the extent that incoming funds permit. The process for making awards is as follows:

- The **React** application form is filled in by a member of the family, with the requirement that all requests are fully endorsed by a medical professional involved in the care of the child, explaining the extent of benefit and including quotes and assessments as required
- A **React** Family Liaison Officer then assesses the application to ensure that it falls within **React's** remit and meets all the necessary criteria.
- All suitable applications are written up by the Family Liaison Officer as a detailed summary and passed to the Director for further assessment.
- Requests of under £2,000 are awarded by the Director following recommendation by the Family Liaison Officer.
- Requests between £2,000 - £3,000 are approved by the Director and at least one Trustee.
- Requests over £3,000 may only be awarded once approved by a majority of the Trustee Board.

Investment Policy

The basic principle governing Trustees' decisions when investing, is that they must take a prudent approach. When investing charitable funds, Trustees seek to strike the right balance between two objectives:

- Providing an income to help **React** carry out its purpose effectively in the short term
- Maintaining and, if possible, enhancing the value of the invested funds, so as to enable **React** to effectively carry out its purposes in the longer term.

The Trustee Board consider the suitability of any investment, both for **React** as a charity and as a means of investment. The Trustees must be satisfied that the type of any proposed investment is appropriate for **React** as a charitable organisation and will consider the need for diversification to ensure the reduction of risk. The Board is satisfied with their decision to invest with Smith & Williamson and CAF and will review the charity's investments on a quarterly basis.

The Financial Review above has outlined the steps the Trustees have taken during the year to take advantage of healthy increases in the value of the charity's portfolio of investments. An amount of £100,000 was taken out of the portfolio to fund charitable activities but as will be seen from Note 7, subsequent improvements in the values of the underlying securities have reduced the impact of these sales in the portfolio. However, the Trustees are anticipating a decline in values by the end of the 2022/23 Year End due to current volatility in the financial markets.

Investments in our Endowment Fund continue to be entrusted to Smith & Williamson who manage the funds on a discretionary basis. The increase in the value of these funds is a net figure after taking into account additions and sales to/from the funds together with the relevant profits and losses attaching to these transactions.

Reserves Policy

Reserves are needed by the charity to:

- Maintain as far as possible a prudent level of charitable support to families during periods when income levels are low.
- Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation need to close

This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases.

- Ensure the charity can honour existing commitments to families caring for a terminally ill child during any period of re-organisation or closure

The Trustees have established a policy to retain a level of reserves of up to 6 months working capital, which is considered an acceptable level to safeguard the operation of the charity. A six months' reserves policy accounts for salaries, overheads, statutory redundancy pay and charitable expenditure to allow the charity to maintain the level of support pledged to individual families and medical professionals engaged in their care. The Trustees will apply the amount of the Expendable Endowment Fund and that part of the Unrestricted Funds as represented by the charity's investments in ensuring the minimum level of reserves is maintained

Monitoring and reviewing of Reserves Policy:

- The Trustees will consider the level of reserves required each year when setting the following year's budget.
- The Reserves Policy is reviewed by the Trustees every year.
- The level of reserves will be monitored and recorded in monthly Management Accounts.

Fundraising Regulations

React adheres to the code of fundraising practice as set out by the Fundraising Regulator and does not subscribe to fundraising agencies. The charity also complies with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and is mindful in its approach and does not send out "blanket" emails or correspondence.

We are proud to say, there were no complaints raised in relation to fundraising activities during 2021/22. **React** does not approach its beneficiaries for funding, recognising a duty to protect vulnerable people. The charity acts immediately to donors who wish to be removed from any mailing list and, those donors receiving the **React** bi-annual newsletter, who have not contacted or donated to the charity during the past 5 years, will be automatically deleted. Our policy to comply with all requests, asking to delete personal information, is strictly adhered to.

Legacies

We would like to encourage and thank supporters who have made provision for **React** in their Will. Their commitment to **React** will help us to build a secure financial foundation on which we can expand and enhance our work with terminally ill children throughout the UK.

However, it is important to recognise that the receipt of legacies, whilst most welcome, are unpredictable by their very nature and the size of last year's receipts are unlikely to be repeated.

Responsibilities of the Trustees in Relation to Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and of the incoming and outgoing resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Officers & Advisors

Members of the Board, who are Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Disclosure to Auditors

In accordance with charity law, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information unknown to the charity's Auditors.

As the Trustees of the charity, we have taken the necessary steps in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

We have appointed Peter Upton Ltd to act as our auditors of the 2021/22 Financial Statements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Rupert A Wiles FCA
Chairman

Date: 22 August 2022

REACT
Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees
Year ended 31st March 2022

Opinion

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

In our opinion, the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity'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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

REACT
Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees (continued)
Year ended 31st March 2022

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity 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 Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report to the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

REACT
Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees (continued)
Year ended 31st March 2022

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:


We exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. It is our responsibility to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and to obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

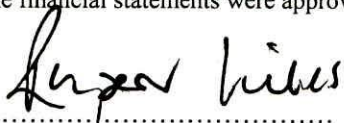

Peter Upton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Peter Upton (Statutory Auditor)
PO Box 782
Maidenhead
Berks
SL6 1FR

Date: 25 August 2022

REACT
Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Designated Funds	Total Funds £	2021 £
Fixed Assets							
Tangible Assets	8	8,650				8,650	10,603
Investments	7	82,349		350,910		433,259	458,763
Total Fixed Assets		<u>90,999</u>		<u>350,910</u>		<u>441,909</u>	<u>469,366</u>
Current Assets							
Debtors & prepayments	9	427				427	396
Cash at Bank		348,619	14,913		16,190	379,722	382,659
Total Current Assets		<u>349,046</u>	<u>14,913</u>		<u>16,190</u>	<u>380,149</u>	<u>383,055</u>
Liabilities							
Creditors due within one year	10	7,440				7,440	9,209
Net current assets		341,606	14,913		16,190	372,709	843,212
Net Assets		<u>432,605</u>	<u>14,913</u>	<u>350,910</u>	<u>16,190</u>	<u>814,618</u>	<u>843,212</u>
The funds of the charity							
Unrestricted income funds	12	432,605	-	-	-	432,605	429,180
Designated funds		-	-	-	16,190	16,190	33,075
Restricted income funds		-	14,913	-	-	14,913	20,837
Endowment funds		-	-	350,910	-	350,910	360,120
Total charity funds		<u>432,605</u>	<u>14,913</u>	<u>350,910</u>	<u>16,190</u>	<u>814,618</u>	<u>843,212</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on [22/8/22] and signed on its behalf by:



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R A Wiles FCA Chairman

The notes on pages 19 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

REACT
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated	Endowment		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment	Designated Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	2021 £
Income from:						
Donations and gifts	267,389	320,542			587,931	615,153
Legacies	5,100				5,100	
	272,489	320,542			593,031	615,153
Investment income	247				247	240
Exceptional items	2					(1,296)
Funding events						
Total income	272,736	320,542			593,278	614,097
Expenditure on:						
Cost of raising funds	14,212	15,796		16,885	46,893	48,530
Charitable activities	288,803	310,670			599,473	621,245
Total expenditure	303,015	326,466		16,885	646,366	669,775
Surplus/(deficit)	(30,279)	(5,924)		(16,885)	(53,088)	(55,678)
Net gains/ (losses) on investment assets	5,705		18,789		24,494	103,399
Net movement in funds	(24,574)	(5,924)	18,789	(16,885)	(28,594)	47,721
Transfer between reserves	27,999		(27,999)			
Total funds brought forward	429,180	20,837	360,120	33,075	843,212	795,491
Total funds carried forward	432,605	14,913	350,910	16,190	814,618	843,212

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 19 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

REACT
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended 31st March 2022

	2022	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash(absorbed) by operations	(2,937)	(33,842)
Investing activities		
Purchase of assets	1,815	7,192
Proceeds on sale of assets	100,000	-
Net cash (used by)/generated from investing activities	<u>98,878</u>	<u>(26,650)</u>
Financing activities	(123,966)	-
Net cash generated from financing activities	-	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent	<u>(25,088)</u>	<u>(26,650)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	382,659	416,501
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>379,485</u></u>	<u><u>382,659</u></u>
Cash generated from operations		
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(55,088)	(55,678)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in the profit and loss		
Depreciation	3,768	4,263
Gain on disposals of investments	24,494	-
Fair value losses on impairments	-	-
Movement in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	(31)	38,998
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	1,769	(14,233)
Cash absorbed by operations	<u><u>(25,088)</u></u>	<u><u>(26,650)</u></u>

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

React is an unincorporated association, registered as a charity in both England and Wales and Scotland. Its principal office is disclosed on page 1. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with The Accounting Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Accounting Reporting Standard issued in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. In the light of the impact of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, appropriate steps have been taken by the Trustees to ensure the safety of its staff and visitors in compliance with the Government's recommendations, and the cash resources of the charity are sufficiently robust to ensure normal charitable activities are able to proceed over the next financial period. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of preparing the financial statements.

b) Incoming resources

Recognition of incoming resources

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

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

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Legacies

Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as an incoming resource in the year in which the charity is notified and when the value and entitlement of the legacy is known with reasonable certainty.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gains or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

c) Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds are funds which are used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by the donors. The cost of raising such funds are charged against these funds.

d) Designated Funds

Designated Funds are funds set aside from the unrestricted funds for a specific purpose.

e) Expendable Endowment Fund

The Expendable Endowment Fund may be invested to produce income and to finance expenditure at the discretion of the trustees.

Accounting policies (continued)

f) Depreciation

Provision is made for depreciation on tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Mobile homes:	20% straight line
Office Equipment:	20% written down value

g) Support Costs

Support costs include central function costs such as staff and overhead costs in support of **React's** principle activity. Where relevant, they have been allocated to activity cost categories on a percentage basis as appropriate.

h) Basis of recognition and allocation of expenditure

- *Charitable expenditure* includes any VAT payable and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. It comprises costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- *Site fees* payable in respect of mobile homes are recorded in the year that the fees are invoiced
- *Costs of raising funds* comprises the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- *Governance costs* include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

i) Taxation

React is a registered charity which renders its income exempt from UK income tax.

Irrecoverable VAT is not separately analysed and is charged to the statement of financial activities when the expenditure to which it relates to is incurred and is allocated as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Tax recovered from voluntary income received under Gift Aid is recognised when the related income is receivable and is allocated to the income category to which the income relates.

j) Investments

Investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date.

k) Operating lease

Rental payments under the operating lease are charged as expenditure incurred over the term of lease.

l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with an original maturity age of three months or less.

m) Debtors

Debtors are measured at transaction price less any impairment unless the arrangements constitute a financial transaction, in which case the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at the prevailing market rate of interest.

n) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount to settle the past obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their transaction price after allowing for any trade discounts due unless the arrangement constituted a financing transaction in which case the transaction is measured at present value of future payments discounted at the prevailing market rate of interest.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2022

2. Exceptional items	Donations and Gifts	
	2022	2021
	£	£
(a) Furlough receipts	-	12,704
(b) Shortfall in legacy receipt	-	(14,000)
		<u>(1,296)</u>

(a) Exceptional items relate to furlough receipts from the UK Government in respect of employees not working for the charity but still employed by React

(b) Greater probate costs has reduced the anticipated amount of the legacy

3. Cost of Raising Funds

	(Note)	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total	
		2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Public Relations & fundraising		17,657	335	-	335	17,657	670
Support costs		13,439	26,914	15,796	20,946	29,235	47,860
Governance Costs	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>31,096</u>	<u>27,249</u>	<u>15,796</u>	<u>21,281</u>	<u>46,892</u>	<u>48,530</u>

4. Charitable Activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Educational & Specialist Equipment	187,719	175,958
Safety & Hygiene Equipment	89,171	106,770
Mobile Home Holidays	32,522	19,766
Funeral Expenses	14,222	10,737
Travel & Subsistence	8,613	3,089
Direct Charitable Expenditure	<u>332,247</u>	<u>316,320</u>
Support costs	267,226	296,645
Total Charitable Expenditure	<u><u>599,473</u></u>	<u><u>621,245</u></u>

Note: The values inserted under Mobile Home holidays represent the cost of holidays available each year at caravan sites in Blackpool, Skegness, Scotland and Wales.

5. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	3,613	8,280	-	-
Governance Costs	-	1,728	-	-
Trustees Expenses (6a)	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,613</u>	<u>10,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2022

5a. Net Incoming Resources

Net Income Resources for the year is stated after charging:	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation	3,768	4,263
Auditors remuneration	3,160	8,280
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. Trustees & employees information

The Trustees have taken out indemnity insurance

Neither the trustees nor any other persons connected with them received any remuneration or benefits in kind from the Charity during the year (2021: £Nil)

During the year under review expenses were paid to Trustees as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trustees Meeting Costs	-	-
Trustees expenses reimbursed	334	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	334	-

b) Employee costs during the year were:	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries	229,388	248,989
Social security costs	20,139	23,153
Pension costs	5,824	6,710
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	255,351	278,852

1 employee earning between £60,000-£69,999 (2021/2022)

	2022	2021
The average number of persons employed during the year		
Full time equivalent	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	6	7

7. Investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	432,538	458,763

Fixed assets investments consists of quoted shares, trade bonds and similar investments. These are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value based on published market prices.

Movements in non-current investments

Cost or valuation	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total
	£	£	£
At 1st April 2021	98,644	360,120	458,763
Net additions			
Valuation Change	3,705	70,070	73,775
Disposals	(20,000)	(80,000)	(100,000)
At 31st March 2022	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	82,349	350,190	432,538
Carrying Amount			
At 31st March 2022			<u> </u>
			432,538
At 31st March 2021			<u> </u>
			458,763

The investments held with the Charities Aid Foundation at the year end consists of -

	2022	2021
	No.of units	No.of units
CAF- Balanced Growth Fund	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	51,977	64,267

REACT
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2022

8. Fixed Assets

Cost	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2021	153,198	14,712	167,910
Additions	-	1,815	1,815
	<u>153,198</u>	<u>16,527</u>	<u>169,725</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1st April 2021	148,460	8,847	157,307
Charge for the year	2,571	1,197	3,768
	<u>151,031</u>	<u>10,044</u>	<u>161,075</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 31st March 2022	<u>2,167</u>	<u>6,483</u>	<u>8,650</u>
As at 31st March 2021	<u>4,738</u>	<u>5,865</u>	<u>10,603</u>

9. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments	427	396
	<u>395</u>	<u>396</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within the year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals & Sundry creditors	7,440	9,210
	<u>7,440</u>	<u>9,210</u>

11. Operating Lease Commitments

As at 31st March 2022 **React** had the following operating lease commitments:-

	2022	2021
	£	£
Office Lease		
Within 1 year	1,353	4,482
2-5 years	-	1,353
5+ years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of fund movements	Fund b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Gains and Losses	Transfers	Fund c/fwd
	£	£	£	£		£
a) Unrestricted Funds	429,180	272,736	(303,015)	5,705	27,999	432,605
b) Restricted Funds	20,837	320,542	(326,466)			14,913
c) Expendable Endowment Funds	360,120			18,789	(27,999)	350,910
d) Designated Funds	33,075		(16,885)			16,190
Total	843,212	593,278	(646,366)	24,494		814,618

12. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

- The Unrestricted Funds are available to be spent for any of the purposes of the charity.
- The Restricted Funds are funds which are used in accordance with the specific restrictions.
- The Expendable Endowment Fund is a legacy received in prior years from the charity's founder.
- The Designated Funds are funds set aside from a legacy to be used for PR expenditure

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13. Comparative consolidated statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Fund	Designated Funds	Total	Total Funds 2021 £
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and gifts	267,389	320,542				615,153
Legacies	5,100				5,100	
	272,489	320,542			593,031	615,153
Investment income	247				247	240
Exceptional items						(1,296)
Funding events and other						
Total income	272,736	320,542			593,278	614,097
Expenditure on:						
Cost of raising funds	14,212	15,796	-	16,885	46,893	48,530
Charitable activities	288,803	310,670			599,473	621,245
Investment costs						
Total expenditure	303,015	326,466		16,885	646,366	669,775
Net gains/ (losses) on investment assets	5,705		18,789		24,494	103,399
Net movement in funds	(24,574)	(5,924)	18,789	(16,885)	(28,594)	47,721
Transfer between reserves	27,999		(27,999)	-		
Total funds brought forward	429,180	20,837	360,120	33,075	843,212	795,491
Total funds carried forward	432,605	14,913	350,910	16,190	814,618	843,212



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Baroness van Dedem
Sir Derek Jacobi CBE
Samantha Bond

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Dr. M Miller Consultant Paediatric Palliative Medicine

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REACT
Report of the Trustees
Year ended 31st March 2021

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, Charity Act 2011, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland SORP (FRS102).

React's aims and objectives

React's objective is to improve the quality of life for children with life-limiting conditions living in financially disadvantaged families throughout the UK.

The charity carries out this objective by:

- providing children with essential aid and equipment that will enhance their quality of life, following recommendations from medical professionals who have identified a specific need.
- responding with practical and sensitive support within days, if not hours. When a child's life is short, an immediate response is vital.
- supporting those families who are unlikely to receive the assistance they need from any other source in sufficient time.
- providing assistance throughout a child's lifetime. Many life-limiting illnesses are degenerative and a child's needs may continually change.
- eliminating red tape and bureaucracy, allowing aid to be given quickly and without fuss, keeping administrative costs as low as possible.

The Trustees confirm that the charity's aims and objectives are in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit.

React's Delivery of Public Benefit

In order to achieve the charity's aims and objectives, **React** provides a wide range of support to families caring for a life-limited child. This support is essential to meet children's care, yet unavailable from any other source in sufficient time. The rapid response provided offers both practical and psychological support, and thus improving the mental health of carers.

Responding to applications, **React** provides children and their families with assistance which will ensure a child's life remains comfortable, inclusive and stimulating in the form of:

- Specialist equipment, including specialist beds, sleep systems, rapid nebulisers, portable suction machines, chairs and baths;
- Mobility equipment, including wheelchairs, arm supports, hoists, buggies, adapted trikes and walking frames;
- Educational equipment, including computers, educational software, communication aids and sensory equipment;
- Respite holidays, at one of **React's** five mobile homes located in the UK;
- Safety and Hygiene essential home care items, including white goods, beds, clothing and flooring;
- Travel and subsistence for lengthy hospital stays enabling parents to divide their time between a gravely ill child and siblings left at home;
- 'End of life' care, including memorial headstones and funeral expenses.

React's Delivery of Public Benefit (continued)

By providing aid and essential equipment to children and their families, the charity meets essential needs which are unavailable from Healthcare Trusts or Local Authorities, within a family's area of residence. React recognises the additional cost in both time and finance for families caring for a child with a terminal illness which is often compounded by a reduction of income and the need occurs for one or both parents to give up paid employment.

During 2020/21, **React** achieved its aims and objectives and in doing so provided a beneficial service to children with life-shortening conditions, who are living within financially disadvantaged families. The charity reviews the outcome of its work each year and assesses the benefits its service brings to each family. **React's** Honorary Medical Advisor and trustee, Dr. Mike Miller brings a wealth of experience and a greater understanding of the complex care needs our families face.

An analysis of total charitable expenditure amounting to £621,245 is given in Note 4 of the Financial Statements and this provides a detailed outline of the different areas of support described above.

To enable access to **React's** services, the charity encourages referrals from professionals working within children's palliative care. **React** also continues to seek opportunities to expand its service network, in order to meet the needs of families caring for a terminally ill child.

Plans for the Future

Public sector funding continues to be sporadic and this contributes towards the demand for **React's** services. Examples of where this occurs are as follows:

- Limits on NHS and Local Authority budgets restrict the level of statutory support available to families.
- Specialist equipment which improves the quality of life for terminally ill children is frequently unavailable through government sources and is often priced beyond the financial means of low-income families.
- As an illness progresses, the needs of a child may change, thus incurring increased costs due to the additional equipment required.

As a result of the above, **React** receives multiple requests from families. In wanting to serve as many families as possible, it is essential to understand and target the key need of each family with the assistance of the sponsor directly involved in their care. Additionally, due to advances in medical and technical science, children with debilitating illnesses are living longer and there is a range of specialist equipment produced to meet their specific needs. The expertise of professionals working in the field of children's palliative care has always played a pivotal role in the work of **React** and will continue to do so to ensure the equipment provided is of maximum benefit for each child.

The charity continues to work towards assisting all those families, who meet its criteria in pursuit of its mission, to ensure that a terminally ill child's quality of life is not compromised, no matter how short that life may be. It is not uncommon for children who are referred to **React** to be diagnosed with more than one medical condition and this often leads to both physical and neurological disabilities.

Recycling of Equipment

The responsibility and maintenance of equipment provided by **React** is passed on to each family. However, when there is a change of need or death of a child, **React** will endeavour to re-home each item to a child with a similar need providing the equipment remains in good serviceable condition.

React Holidays

The Coronavirus pandemic forced **React** to abandon its mobile homes holidays throughout the UK in respect of Summer 2020 as all sites were forced to close in order to comply with social distancing regulations laid down by the Government.

The great attraction of these holiday homes is that they offer enormous benefit not only to exhausted parents, but also to siblings, giving the whole family a chance to experience new surroundings in a relaxed environment. The charity's caravans are located at various sites across the UK and the current locations include: Skegness (Coastfields); South Wales (Trecco Bay); Blackpool (Cala Gran); and East Lothian (Seton Sands)

Families meeting **React's** criteria can normally request one week's holiday and the scheme is extremely popular, with peak season often filled months in advance. The Board of Trustees is currently considering the extent to which the charity will be able to resume providing these holidays in 2021. Much will depend upon the advice provided by the authorities as to the safety of families and the regulations required. Careful attention will be given to the response of the various park sites, thus ensuring effective distancing and cleaning measures

The average lifespan of a mobile home is five years. However, by following a detailed maintenance programme and relying on the goodwill of park management, many have lasted much longer. All holiday site maintenance teams work alongside the charity and provide detailed reports with regards to the condition of each mobile home and to advise on any essential repairs. Furthermore, **React** values feedback obtained from visiting families and ensures each home is visited annually by a member of staff who will report any issues to site management.

Coronavirus

Whilst all families felt the mental and emotional toll of the pandemic, for **React** parents, this was considerably difficult as they shielded for months with little or no outside support, worrying about protecting their vulnerable child from the virus. Additionally, the pandemic placed families under enormous financial strain. Many parents were furloughed or made redundant and even those living on income support benefits, struggled with rising costs incurred by food deliveries. **React** offered a friendly 'ear' to parents who required no more than, the knowledge that, there was help and support available. **React** staff successfully made the transition to home working and kept all services intact, thus protecting their co-workers and the needs of families. Having embraced this new way of working, the charity is content in knowing, **React** can operate this way indefinitely.

React in Scotland

React continues to build strong relationships with healthcare professionals throughout Scotland and is proud of its association with the Children's Hospice Association Scotland CHAS and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow and Edinburgh. The charity works alongside palliative care professionals to ensure families caring for a terminally ill child can access its services. Some reports suggest as many as 26% of children are living in poverty and this is reflected in the requests received from Scotland which can range from basic storage to store medications and supplies, to specialist equipment, specifically tailored to meet a child's needs. Referrals for specialist equipment equate to half of the number of requests received from Scotland with a particular interest in those of a postural nature and may include moulded seating or profiling beds. **React's** mobile home based at Seton Sands holiday village is always popular and a waiting list is in place for those hoping to take a holiday this year.

React remains thankful to its volunteers and supporters in Scotland including fundraising groups, charitable trusts and individuals who generously support its work in the country.

React in England

Research undertaken by Together for Short Lives advises that, there has been a sharp rise in the number of babies, children and young people living with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition in England. With more than two in five families living in poverty (Child Poverty Action Group), many parents are struggling financially which has had an enormous impact during the pandemic. For parents who have been separated from usual support systems and, with medical and healthcare organisations overwhelmed or limited to the amount of aid they can provide, families are often alone without adequate support. **React** continues to reach out to palliative care professionals to ensure families obtain access to vital support and now that many organisations are emerging from lockdown, the charity hopes to increase its charitable activities and reach those families who have since received a terminal prognosis for their child. The charity's mobile homes in Coastfields, Skegness and Cala Gran, Blackpool are an attractive option for holidaymakers and **React** hopes to fulfil all requests to visit this season.

It is with thanks to the support of local community groups, volunteers and charitable trusts and organisations that many families have benefitted from **React's** service and special thanks goes to the Eveson Trust for their generous award.

React in Wales

Prior to the coronavirus crisis, Save the Children reported that nearly one in three children are growing up in poverty, in Wales. This is reflected in the applications received from the country with requests varying from a basic cot or washing machine, to specialist profiling beds. **React** works closely with all children's hospices and has formed excellent relationships with Hope House and Ty Gobaith. The two mobile homes based in Trecco Bay, South Wales remain our most popular holiday homes where guests can enjoy the many facilities available including an outdoor wet play area, adventure play area and Blue Flag beach. Our work in Wales extends across the country and we try to facilitate all requests demonstrating a 'basic, essential, need'. Many families have sought help of an educational variety, especially for those children who are home schooled yet unable to obtain laptops and touchpads. For children who find communication difficult, a simple touch screen programme can often assist tremendously and will encourage learning whilst confined to the home. We thank those supporters who continue to recognise the value of **React's** work and to professionals who encourage welsh families to apply.

React in Northern Ireland

React continues to raise awareness of its services in Northern Ireland, working closely with healthcare professionals including organisations such as the Royal Belfast Hospital for Children and the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice. The charity works alongside many palliative care teams and strives to make new contacts to ensure no child who meets our criteria, goes without. Research published by the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCY) suggests that almost one in every four children born in Northern Ireland, is living in a family struggling to meet basic needs. Safety and hygiene equipment is very popular in Northern Ireland, where many usual high street stores do not exist. Families are forced to source white goods from individual traders making ordering and delivery difficult. We thank the many professionals who have offered to source goods on our behalf to make the purchase and delivery as easy as possible. Additional thanks must go to the charitable trusts who support our work in Northern Ireland and we will continue to do all we can to help those who are unable to access aid from any other source.

PR & Marketing

React does not normally engage in costly advertising and promotes its work through its website, social media and the distribution of literature produced 'in-house'. The charity's regular annual expense is a bi-annual newsletter which raises awareness in order to attract potential service users and donors.

In December 2017 we received a legacy of £100,000 from Elliott Simmons designated for the purposes of funding future PR and Marketing activities of the charity. As a result each year an amount has been deducted from this reserve representing the salary of the employee responsible for the charity's PR and Marketing. In 2020/21 an amount of £18,802 was applied to this reserve as shown in the Financial Statements and the balance of this donation still outstanding as at 31 March 2021 stands at £33,075.

Volunteers and Gifts in Kind

React benefits from a network of dedicated volunteers working across the UK, volunteering their time in a variety of ways including organising fundraising events (where possible), promoting awareness and acting as representatives. This is managed from the **React** office but relies on key volunteers to offer personal guidance. The charity provides each volunteer with a fundraising pack and monitors the provision of merchandise, collecting boxes and buckets.

React also receives a great deal of support from a dedicated Events Committee, set up to hold fundraising events throughout the year in aid of the charity's work. The charity continues to benefit from gifts in kind which include a variety of raffle and auction prizes given in support of **React** events.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is an unincorporated association constituted under a Trust Deed dated 7th November, 1989 as varied by a supplemental Deed dated 25th February 2010 and a resolution dated 4th March, 2015. The charity is honoured to receive guidance from **React's** Founder, Sister Frances Dominica OBE. Sister Frances is the Founder of Helen and Douglas House, the world's first children's hospice, based in Oxford.

React is proud to receive the support of its three Patrons, Samantha Bond, The Baroness van Dedem and Sir Derek Jacobi CBE who are willing to give up their valuable time in helping **React** with its fundraising activities.

Whilst the Trustees accept ultimate responsibility for directing the charity's affairs they have delegated the day-to-day operational decisions to the Director, who reports to the Board at Trustees meetings. In addition, the Director regularly consults and involves the Trustees on all significant developments relating to the charity's work.

The Trustees receive monthly management information to ensure finances are in keeping with the budget agreed by the Board at the beginning of the financial year.

Trustees Induction and Training

When required, the Trustees look for suitable candidates to join the Board who can bring experience and expertise relevant to the charity's objectives. New Trustees are invited to join the Board (initially for a year as a Trustee Designate) by the Chairman following consultations with existing Trustees. This method of recruitment enables the Board to assess the future contribution and effectiveness of each new member.

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Having accepted an invitation to join the Board, the Trustee Designate must sign a declaration relating to the purposes and aims of the charity, as well as their general and specific duties determined by the Chairman. The Trustee Designate is then supplied with a welcome pack containing information covering all aspects of **React's** work. This includes the history of **React**, annual reports and accounts and, a brief overview of all key policies relating to the Board and the organisation. New Trustees are also provided with published literature relating to Good Governance.

The Trustee Designate must then attend a series of meetings, initially with the Chairman, and later with the Director who will familiarise the Trustee with all the activities of the charity. In addition, all Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training seminars, found in publications such as Governance and Third Sector.

Related Party Transactions & Conflict of Interest

In accordance with charity policy, on joining the board, Trustees must declare any interests that may conflict with their ability to act appropriately in their role as Trustee. If a conflict of interest should arise, they will be required to withdraw from any related decision-making situations. There have been no such issues of conflict this year.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees give their time freely with no remuneration paid during the year. However, expenses incurred whilst operating on behalf of the charity are paid to the Trustees, primarily to cover any claimed travel and subsistence costs. The policy of paying these expenses, as agreed by the Board and Director, is as follows:

- All expenses are entered on an Expenses Claim Form and must be authorised by the Director and a Trustee independent of the transaction before payment is made.

Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed on Note 6a in the Financial Statements.

The Trustees review the level of pay and remuneration awarded to key management personnel annually. Consideration, where available is given to comparable pay and remuneration set in similar organisations.

Risk Management

The Trustees and Director, with input from key staff members, review annually major risks to which **React** is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the charity and its finances.

A Risk Assessment and Management Register has been established and is updated throughout the year and, where appropriate, plans are developed to mitigate any potential internal and external risks found.

Financial Review

This year, **React's** total income declined from £999,273 to £614,097. This decrease in total income is largely attributed to a number of legacies totalling £252,177 received during the previous financial period together with a successful fundraising event held on the grounds of the Bank of England in Roehampton in 2019. This was the last major fundraising event the charity was able to organise before the pandemic struck and the event scheduled for September 2020 at Trumpeter's House has been cancelled.

In the 2020 Annual Report, the Trustees indicated that they would be budgeting an operating deficit in the year in recognition of the sizeable cash balances the charity was holding. The Income and Expenditure Account in the 2021 Financial Statements show that this deficit amounted to £55,678.

During the past year, the charity has nevertheless been able to attract the ongoing support of charitable trusts despite the volatility in the financial markets. **React** newsletters to the general public have also generated a favourable response. The Trustees are incredibly grateful to the charity's supporters, who have recognised the difficult fundraising climate and donated to **React's** charitable activities throughout the year.

As in previous years, a significant amount of **React's** total income comes with specific categories and geographical restrictions. This income is treated as restricted funds as shown in the financial statements; and in compliance with the directives of the SORP, management and administration costs have been allocated to either charitable activities or fundraising costs.

Unsurprisingly, the pandemic and the Government's policies to combat the Covid-19 virus have severely affected the charity's ability to organise fundraising events. These events would have involved large numbers of people gathered in close proximity to one another and would therefore have contravened health regulations. Furthermore, the public's natural caution in the face of this epidemic would in any case, have reduced the numbers attending, despite the care and attention which would have been given to minimising the risk of transmission of the disease.

At the beginning of the first lockdown the trustees participated in the furlough scheme provided by the Government in protecting those jobs at risk. For **React**, this involved those employees who would normally have been working on fundraising events. When it became apparent that there would be no quick return to normal activities, the trustees regrettably decided to make these jobs redundant and as a result we parted with two part time employees. The benefit received by the charity under the furlough scheme amounted to £12,704 and is shown as an exceptional item in the Financial Statements (see Note 2). The absence of fundraising events is reflected in the sharp diminution of fundraising costs – down from £151,487 to £48,530.

The charity is reporting this year a slight decrease in the amount of its Charitable Activities from £632,848 in 2020 to £621,245 this year. The Trustees believe that the attention of medical sponsors for families was diverted to some extent in order to deal with the impact of the coronavirus in hospitals and hospices. Faced with this, our staff concentrated much of its efforts

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maintaining contact with families and encouraging applications from this source. As a result, there has only been a small drop in the number of applications from families but there has also been a small decline in the average value of equipment requested. This demonstrates the need for essential supplies which were unavailable through usual channels due to the pandemic.

The Trustees are confident that this situation will be reversed in 2021 following the very successful vaccination programme throughout the UK. The fall in the number of new coronavirus cases will result in a relaxation of health restrictions and consequently sponsors will once more concentrate more readily on the charity's well founded ability to improving the quality of life for terminally ill children.

Supporters of **React** should take considerable comfort in recognising the charity has so far been able to weather the negative impact of Covid-19 and will continue to be a safe beneficiary for ongoing financial support. **React's** existing financial strength is a reflection of past years' prudence in the management of its finances and this policy will continue to be adhered to.

The office has continued to function safely and well with the introduction of highly digitalised systems which have enabled staff to work largely from home. New procedures have been introduced to ensure that telephone calls can be answered at home and all relevant documents have been scanned and uploaded into a Cloud Storage system.

Resources Expended

React provides basic essential items to children living with life-limiting conditions in accordance with the purpose and aims of the charity. Demand continues to be consistent and **React** is able to meet this demand to the extent that incoming funds permit. The process for making awards is as follows:

- The **React** application form is filled in by a member of the family, with the requirement that all requests are fully endorsed by a medical professional involved in the care of the child, explaining the extent of benefit and including quotes and assessments as required
- A **React** Family Liaison Officer then assesses the application to ensure that it falls within **React's** remit and meets all the necessary criteria.
- All suitable applications are written up by the Family Liaison Officer as a detailed summary and passed to the Director for further assessment.
- Requests of under £2,000 are awarded by the Director following recommendation by the Family Liaison Officer.
- Requests between £2,000 - £3,000 are approved by the Director and at least one Trustee.
- Requests over £3,000 may only be awarded once approved by a majority of the Trustee Board.

Investment Policy

The basic principle governing Trustees' decisions when investing, is that they must take a prudent approach. When investing charitable funds, Trustees seek to strike the right balance between two objectives:

- Providing an income to help **React** carry out its purpose effectively in the short term
- Maintaining and, if possible, enhancing the value of the invested funds, so as to enable **React** to effectively carry out its purposes in the longer term.

The Trustee Board consider the suitability of any investment, both for **React** as a charity and as a means of investment. The Trustees must be satisfied that the type of any proposed investment is appropriate for **React** as a charitable organisation and will consider the need for diversification to ensure the reduction of risk. The Board is satisfied with their decision to invest with Smith & Williamson and CAF and will review the charity's investments on a quarterly basis.

Despite the serious impact the Coronavirus has had on normal commercial activities around the world, financial markets have been looking forward to a substantial recovery in worldwide economies. This has been reflected in a significant improvement in stock values and these have been reflected in the charity's investments. Although the threat of inflation and higher interest rates are beginning to be aired, the markets have been relatively sanguine about these threats. The trustees believe that the managers of its funds will continue to safeguard the charity's assets appropriately.

The charity's investments in the managed funds are valued at £458,763, an increase of £103,399. The cost of generating funds (Note 3) is 7.6% of total funds raised in comparison to 15.3% in 2019/20. Investments in our Endowment Fund are entrusted to Smith & Williamson who manage the funds on a discretionary basis. The increase in the value of these funds is a net figure after taking into account additions and sales to/from the funds together with the relevant profits and losses attaching to these transactions.

Reserves Policy

Reserves are needed by the charity to:

- Maintain as far as possible a prudent level of charitable support to families during periods when income levels are low.
- Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation need to close

This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases.

- Ensure the charity can honour existing commitments to families caring for a terminally ill child during any period of re-organisation or closure

The Trustees have established a policy to retain a level of reserves of up to 6 months working capital, which is considered an acceptable level to safeguard the operation of the charity. A 6 months reserves policy accounts for salaries, overheads, statutory redundancy pay and charitable expenditure to allow the charity to maintain the level of support pledged to individual families and

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medical professionals engaged in their care. The Trustees will apply the amount of the Expendable Endowment Fund and that part of the Unrestricted Funds as represented by the charity's investments in ensuring the minimum level of reserves is maintained

Monitoring and reviewing of Reserves Policy:

- The Trustees will consider the level of reserves required each year when setting the following year's budget.
- The Reserves Policy is reviewed by the Trustees every year.
- The level of reserves will be monitored and recorded in monthly Management Accounts.

Fundraising

React adheres to the code of fundraising practice as set out by the Fundraising Regulator and does not subscribe to fundraising agencies. The charity also complies with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and is mindful in its approach and does not send out "blanket" emails or correspondence.

As outlined in the Financial Review above, the charity has not been able to organise any large scale fundraising events due to the restrictions imposed by Government in response to the pandemic. Nevertheless, the charity has continued to seek funds from the public through its twice yearly newsletters and regular applications and activity reports to charitable trusts. The trustees are very grateful for the support shown to **React** from these sectors throughout the year.

We are proud to say, there were no complaints made about our fundraising endeavours during 2020/21. Additionally, we do not approach **React** families for funding, recognising a duty to protect vulnerable people. Those donors receiving the **React** bi-annual newsletter, who have not contacted or donated to the charity in the past 5 years, are automatically deleted from our database. All requests to be removed before this time are strictly adhered to.

Legacies

We would like to encourage and thank supporters who have made provision for **React** in their Will. Their commitment to **React** will help us to build a secure financial foundation on which we can expand and enhance our work with terminally ill children throughout the UK.

However, it is important to recognise that the receipt of legacies, whilst most welcome, are unpredictable by their very nature and the size of last year's receipts are unlikely to be repeated

Responsibilities of the Trustees in Relation to Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and of the incoming and outgoing resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Officers & Advisors

Members of the Board, who are Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Disclosure to Auditors

In accordance with charity law, we certify that:

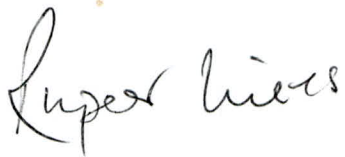
- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information unknown to the charity's Auditors.

As the Trustees of the charity, we have taken the necessary steps in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

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Year ended 31st March 2021

We have appointed Peter Upton Ltd to act as our auditors of the 2020.21 Financial Statements

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Rupert A Wiles FCA
Chairman

Date: 8 October 2021

REACT
Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of REACT
Year ended 31st March 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of REACT (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its profit 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 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the director has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The director is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Report of the Director, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the 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.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Director.

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 director's remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the director was 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 Director.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Director's Responsibilities set out on page two, the director is 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 director determines 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 director is responsible for assessing the 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 director either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' 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 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

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if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

We exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism through the audit. It is our responsibility to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and to obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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 Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the 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 company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Peter Upton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Peter Upton (STATUTORY AUDITOR)

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Date:14 October 2021.....

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Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated	Endowment		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment	Designated Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	2020 £
Income from:						
Donations and gifts	313,495	301,658			615,153	697,138
Legacies						252,177
	313,495	301,658			615,153	949,315
Investment income	240				240	2,683
Exceptional items	2 (1,296)				(1,296)	
Funding events						47,275
Total income	312,439	301,658			614,097	999,273
Expenditure on:						
Cost of raising funds	9,736	19,992		18,802	48,530	151,487
Charitable activities	344,379	276,866			621,245	632,848
Total expenditure	354,115	296,858		18,802	669,775	784,335
Surplus/(deficit)	(41,676)	4,800		(18,802)	(55,678)	(47,856)
Net gains/ (losses) on investment assets	24,092		79,307		103,399	(45,890)
Net movement in funds	(17,584)	4,800	79,307	(18,802)	47,721	169,248
Total funds brought forward	446,764	16,037	280,813	51,877	795,491	626,243
Total funds carried forward	429,180	20,837	360,120	33,075	843,212	795,491

All activities relate to continuing operations.

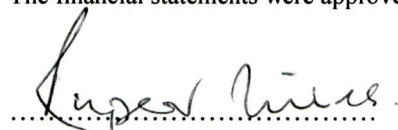
The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 18 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Designated Funds	Total Funds £	2020 £
Fixed Assets							
Tangible Assets	8	10,603				10,603	7,673
Investments	7	98,643		360,120		458,763	355,365
Total Fixed Assets		109,246		360,120		469,366	363,038
Current Assets							
Debtors & prepayments	9	396				396	39,394
Cash at Bank		328,747	20,837		33,075	382,659	416,501
Total Current Assets		329,143	20,837		33,075	383,055	455,895
Liabilities							
Creditors due within one year	10	9,209				9,209	23,442
Net current assets		319,934	20,837		33,075	373,846	795,491
Net Assets		429,180	20,837	360,120	33,075	843,212	795,491
The funds of the charity							
Unrestricted income funds	12	429,180	-	-	-	429,180	446,764
Designated funds		-	-	-	33,075	33,075	51,877
Restricted income funds		-	20,837	-	-	20,837	16,037
Endowment funds		-	-	360,120	-	360,120	280,813
Total charity funds		429,180	20,837	360,120	33,075	843,212	795,491

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on [15 Sep] and signed on its behalf by:



 R A Wiles FCA Chairman

The notes on pages 18 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended 31st March 2021

	2021	2020
		£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash(absorbed) by operations	(33,842)	206,561
Investing activities		
Purchase of assets	7,192	
Proceeds on sale of assets	-	-
Net cash (used by)/generated from investing activities	<u>(26,650)</u>	<u>206,561</u>
Financing activities	-	-
Net cash generated from financing activities		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent	<u>(26,650)</u>	<u>206,561</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	416,501	209,940
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>382,659</u></u>	<u><u>416,501</u></u>
Cash generated from operations		
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(55,678)	169,248
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in the profit and loss		45,690
Depreciation	4,263	6,648
Gain on disposals of investments	-	-
Fair value losses on impairments	-	-
Movement in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	38,998	(34,467)
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	(14,233)	19,442
Cash absorbed by operations	<u><u>(26,650)</u></u>	<u><u>206,561</u></u>

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

React is an unincorporated association, registered as a charity in both England and Wales and Scotland. Its principal office is disclosed on page 1. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with The Accounting Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Accounting Reporting Standard issued in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. In the light of the impact of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, appropriate steps have been taken by the Trustees to ensure the safety of its staff and visitors in compliance with the Government's recommendations, and the cash resources of the charity are sufficiently robust to ensure normal charitable activities are able to proceed over the next financial period. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of preparing the financial statements.

b) Incoming resources

Recognition of incoming resources

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

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

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Legacies

Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as an incoming resource in the year in which the charity is notified and when the value and entitlement of the legacy is known with reasonable certainty.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gains or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

c) Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds are funds which are used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by the donors. The cost of raising such funds are charged against these funds.

d) Designated Funds

Designated Funds are funds set aside from the unrestricted funds for a specific purpose.

e) Expendable Endowment Fund

The Expendable Endowment Fund may be invested to produce income and to finance expenditure at the discretion of the trustees.

Accounting policies (continued)

f) Depreciation

Provision is made for depreciation on tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Mobile homes:	20% straight line
Office Equipment:	20% written down value

g) Support Costs

Support costs include central function costs such as staff and overhead costs in support of React's principle activity. Where relevant, they have been allocated to activity cost categories on a percentage basis as appropriate.

h) Basis of recognition and allocation of expenditure

- *Charitable expenditure* includes any VAT payable and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. It comprises costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- *Site fees* payable in respect of mobile homes are recorded in the year that the fees are invoiced
- *Costs of raising funds* comprises the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- *Governance costs* include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

i) Taxation

React is a registered charity which renders its income exempt from UK income tax.

Irrecoverable VAT is not separately analysed and is charged to the statement of financial activities when the expenditure to which it relates to is incurred and is allocated as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Tax recovered from voluntary income received under Gift Aid is recognised when the related income is receivable and is allocated to the income category to which the income relates.

j) Investments

Investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date.

k) Operating lease

Rental payments under the operating lease are charged as expenditure incurred over the term of lease.

l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with an original maturity date of three months or less.

m) Debtors

Debtors are measured at transaction price less any impairment unless the arrangements constitute a financial transaction, in which case the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at the prevailing market rate of interest.

n) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount to settle the past obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their transaction price after allowing for any trade discounts due unless the arrangement constituted a financing transaction in which case the transaction is measured at present value of future payments discounted at the prevailing market rate of interest.

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2. Exceptional items	Donations and Gifts		Donations and Gifts	
	2021		2020	
	£		£	
(a) Furlough receipts	12,704		-	
(b) Shortfall in legacy receipt	(14,000)		-	
	<u>(1,296)</u>		<u>-</u>	

(a) Exceptional items relate to furlough receipts from the UK Government in respect of employees not working for the charity but still employed by React

(b) Greater probate costs has reduced the anticipated amount of the legacy

3. Cost of Raising Funds

	(Note)	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total	
		2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Public Relations & fundraising		335	45,429	335	8,134	670	53,563
Support costs		26,914	57,876	20,946	38,320	47,860	96,196
Governance Costs	5		1,728		-		1,728
		<u>27,249</u>	<u>105,033</u>	<u>21,281</u>	<u>46,454</u>	<u>48,530</u>	<u>151,487</u>

4. Charitable Activities

	(Note)	2021		2020	
		Nos	£	Nos	£
Educational & Specialist Equipment			175,958	246	193,322
Safety & Hygiene Equipment			106,770	182	133,191
Respite Holidays				20	7,503
Mobile Home Holidays			19,766	217	32,407
Funeral Expenses			10,737	21	23,202
Travel & Subsistence			3,089	47	4,820
Direct Charitable Expenditure			<u>316,320</u>	<u>733</u>	<u>394,445</u>
Support costs			296,645		236,675
Governance Costs	5		8,280		1,728
Total Charitable Expenditure			<u><u>621,245</u></u>		<u><u>632,848</u></u>

Note: With the exception of Mobile Home holidays, the numbers shown above represent the number of cheques issued. The numbers inserted under Mobile Home holidays represent the number of holidays available each year at caravan sites in Blackpool, Skegness, Scotland and Wales.

5. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	8,280	4,960	-	-
Trustees Expenses (6a)	-	574	-	-
	<u>8,280</u>	<u>5,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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5a. Net Incoming Resources

Net Income Resources for the year is stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation	4,263	6,648
Rents payable under operating leases		7,536
Auditors remuneration	8,280	3,000
	<u>8,280</u>	<u>3,000</u>

6. Trustees & employees information

The Trustees have taken out indemnity insurance

Neither the trustees nor any other persons connected with them received any remuneration or benefits in kind from the Charity during the year (2020: £Nil)

During the year under review expenses were paid to Trustees as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trustees Meeting Costs	-	474
Trustees expenses reimbursed	-	100
	<u>-</u>	<u>574</u>

b) Employee costs during the year were:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries	248,989	271,830
Social security costs	23,153	23,341
Pension costs	6,710	5,799
	<u>278,852</u>	<u>300,970</u>

1 employee earning between £60,000-£69,999 (2020/2021)

The average number of persons employed during the year
Full time equivalent

	2021	2020
	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

7. Investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
	<u>458,763</u>	<u>355,365</u>

Fixed assets investments consists of quoted shares, trade bonds and similar investments. These are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value based on published market prices.

Movements in non-current investments

Cost or valuation	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total
	£	£	£
At 1st April 2020	74,552	280,813	355,365
Net additions			
Valuation Change	24,092	79,307	103,399
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2021	<u>98,644</u>	<u>360,120</u>	<u>458,764</u>
Carrying Amount			
At 31st March 2021			<u>458,764</u>
At 31st March 2020			<u>355,365</u>

The investments held with the Charities Aid Foundation at the year end consists of -

	2021	2020
	No.of units	No.of units
CAF- Balanced Growth Fund	<u>64,267</u>	<u>64,267</u>

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8. Fixed Assets			
Cost	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2020	153,198	7,519	160,717
Additions	-	7,193	7,193
	<u>153,198</u>	<u>14,712</u>	<u>167,910</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1st April 2020	145,889	7,155	153,044
Charge for the year	2,571	1,692	4,263
	<u>148,460</u>	<u>8,847</u>	<u>157,307</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 31st March 2021	<u>4,738</u>	<u>5,865</u>	<u>10,603</u>
As at 31st March 2020	<u>7,309</u>	<u>364</u>	<u>7,673</u>

9. Debtors	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments	395	39,394
	<u>395</u>	<u>39,394</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within the year	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals & Sundry creditors	9,210	23,442
	<u>9,210</u>	<u>23,442</u>

11. Operating Lease Commitments

As at 31st March 2021 **React** had the following operating lease commitments:-

	2021	2020
	£	£
Office Lease		
Within 1 year	4,482	11,910
2-5 years	1,353	35,418
5+ years		29,469
	<u>4,482</u>	<u>76,797</u>

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of fund movements	Fund b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Gains and Losses	Transfers	Fund c/fwd
	£	£	£	£		£
a) Unrestricted Funds	446,764	312,439	(354,115)	24,092		429,180
b) Restricted Funds	16,037	301,658	(296,858)			20,837
c) Expendable Endowment Funds	280,813			79,307		360,120
d) Designated Funds	51,877		(18,802)			33,075
Total	795,491	614,097	(669,775)	103,399		843,212

12. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

- The Unrestricted Funds are available to be spent for any of the purposes of the charity.
- The Restricted Funds are funds which are used in accordance with the specific restrictions.
- The Expendable Endowment Fund is a legacy received in prior years from the charity's founder.
- The Designated Funds are funds set aside from a legacy to be used for PR expenditure

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13. Comparative consolidated statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Fund	Designated Funds	Total	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	2020 £
Income from:						
Donations and gifts	313,495	301,658			615,153	697,138
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