

The Adsum Foundation

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102284

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Activities

Purposes: 1 to relieve persons, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress as a result of local, national or international disaster or by reason of their social and economic circumstances; 2 the relief of patients suffering from disease or sickness, or who are convalescent, disabled, handicapped, or infirm including. (a) the provision in the interests of social welfare of recreational facilities for such patients; (b) the relief in cases of financial distress of the dependents of such patients or of deceased patients; (c) the promotion of research into the causes and treatment of disease on terms that the results of such research are published; 3 to further the education (including social and physical training) of children and young persons; including (a) in awarding scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries or maintenance allowances tenable at any school, university or other educational establishment by the Trustees to persons under 25 years of age who are in need of financial assistance; (b) in providing financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to such persons on leaving school, university or other educational establishment to prepare them for or assist their entry into a trade or profession or service; (c) in awarding to such persons grants or maintenance allowances to enable them to travel whether in the United Kingdom or abroad in furtherance of their education; (d) in otherwise furthering the education of such persons. 4 such other charitable purposes as the Trustees shall think fit for the general benefit of the inhabitants of such country or part hereof as the Trustees shall think fit.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Education/training, Grant making, Relief of poverty

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),Overseas/developing countries,Specific areas of deprivation

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£609,140	£617,837	£-237,005	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Annalisa Mcmanus		
Anne-Marie Lonergan		
Bernard Casey		
Dr Christine Ellison		
Gavin Lonergan		

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Accounts

THE ADSUM FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Company Registration Number: NI071403

Charities Registration Number: NIC102284

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

The Directors (who are also the trustees) are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st March 2025, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP – FRS102), in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Achievements and performance

Once again, the focus of our work over the past 12 months has been vital projects in Madagascar where we continue to support rural communities by creating access to essential services such as water, education, sanitation, and healthcare.

Through the installation of 28 borehole wells, almost 8,500 people now have access to safe and sustainable sources of water. Prior to this, these communities often relied upon open, unprotected water sources, significant distances from their homes. The provision of reliable, clean water closer to their homes and places of study/work, truly is life changing. Community led water technicians and management committees were trained at each site to ensure the maintenance and sustainability of each borehole installed.

Our school building programme completed seven new schools, bringing bright and functional classrooms to students for many years to come. Over 1,000 pupils will access education in their newly built primary schools in this academic year alone. After feedback from beneficiaries, new to the building plans this year has been the addition of a separate and secure head teacher's office which provides an appropriate space for various meetings, sensitive written data and a quiet space for admin. Every school is fully furnished with chalk boards, work benches and storage units, and includes a new block of latrines. Finally, pupils are provided with resources packs including books and pencils.

During the year, we performed a maintenance assessment at each historical school location, with works then carried out at twelve to ensure the sustainability of each build. Separately from this, eleven schools had their water source (borehole well) refurbished to ensure safe and effective access for students. We also enhanced the school library collections at each of the schools, allocating 69 story book packs.

Our literacy project ensured that over 3,500 adults, across 150 locations, who for various reasons had either not attended primary school as a child, or graduated primary education without the required reading, writing and maths skills, were able to receive training to build knowledge and confidence in these key areas. This development in skills will enable opportunities for things such as paid employment, selling their goods at market and community leadership roles.

As they have done every year over the past decade, Adsum 'Africa Bike Aid' volunteers collected and reconditioned hundreds of bikes. This meant, two containers were able to be shipped during the financial year, with over 700 refurbished bikes provided to beneficiaries. The bikes reduce commuting times for things such as doctor's appointments and employment, which can often take hours of walking each way. The bikes can also provide an alternative to live cattle and cart for farmers transporting rice to market, and can provide a safer form of transport for women travelling alone.

We welcomed a new addition to the Adsum team, in the form of a Grant Making and Operations Coordinator, who will assist the current team in their continued success of the programmes.

And finally, we were delighted to once again be able to host our 'Battle of the Business Brains' corporate quiz fundraiser, which is a staple fundraising and networking event in our calendar.

The gratitude from and impact of our work on Malagasy communities motivates us as we plan our future work to change more lives. We are grateful to our supporters for their continued commitment to help the lives of people in need across Madagascar.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Financial review and funds policy

During the year, the Foundation's incoming resources for distribution totalled £489,427, with its resources expended on charitable activities totalling £528,330. The resources expended were principally in support of development needs in Madagascar. The operating costs of the Foundation were met entirely by LFT Charitable Trust so that 100% of any money donated to or through the Foundation goes directly to our partners and the projects on the ground.

At the year end the Foundation had £130,025 of cash funds available for distribution and the Directors have already committed £104,000 of this to their partners in Madagascar who are involved in many programmes across the charity spectrum, including projects with themes such as education, health, water and sustainable livelihood projects. The net outgoing resources for the year amounting to £8,697 as shown in the statement of financial activities on page 9 have been transferred from the company's funds.

The company plans to continue its activities in the forthcoming years.

The Adsum Foundation does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

The Trustees do not consider a Reserve Policy is necessary given the current financial arrangement in place with LFT Charitable Trust which meets 100% of the Foundation's operating costs.

Objectives and Activities (and how they deliver public benefit)

The Company is a non-profit making entity which funds education, health, sustainable livelihoods and water and sanitation projects in the developing world, with a focus on Madagascar.

The Company's activities benefit the public by:

1. providing relief for persons, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress as a result of local, national or international disaster or by reason of their social and economic circumstances. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include improved health outcomes, improved education and life and job opportunities.
2. providing relief of patients suffering from disease or sickness, or who are convalescent, disabled, handicapped or infirm. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include improved health outcomes, the provision in the interests of social welfare of recreational facilities for such patients and the relief in cases of financial distress of the dependents of such patients or of deceased patients. It would also include research into the causes and treatments of disease on terms that the results of such research are published.
3. furthering the education (including social and physical training) of children and young persons. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include improved education, job prospects, life skills and as a result living conditions for them and their families.

These can all be demonstrated through local and government statistics and feedback from beneficiaries and their families. These purposes would not lead to harm. The charity's beneficiaries could be anyone locally, nationally or internationally. There is no private benefit.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to its beneficiaries.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit requirement.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name:	The Adsum Foundation
Directors and Trustees who held office during the year, and in the period since 31 March 2025 to the date these accounts were approved, were as follows:	Mr. Gavin Lonergan Mrs. Anne-Marie Lonergan Mr. Bernard Casey Ms. Annalisa McManus (appointed 10/05/24)
Charity Commission registration number:	NIC102284
Company Registration Number:	NI071403
Registered office / Principal Office:	4 Annadale Avenue Belfast BT7 3JH

Structure, governance and management

The Company is a charity limited by guarantee without share capital which avails of the “Limited” exemption.

The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23 December 2008. In the event of the Company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10. The Board is responsible for the overall governance of the Company and is actively involved in the day-to-day management of the organisation.

Directors are appointed in line with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company.

The Board of Directors are also known as Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission.

The Trustees are responsible for the overall governance of the charity.

Risk management

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Financial risk is reviewed on a monthly basis having due regard to ongoing income and expenses.

Statement of directors’ responsibilities

The directors (who are the trustees of The Adsum Foundation) are responsible for preparing the directors’ report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP-FRS102;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

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

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.


Auditors

A resolution to appoint auditors will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 12th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


Mr Gavin Lonergan

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADSUM FOUNDATION

(Company registration number NI 071403)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Adsum Foundation for the year ended 31st March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The directors 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADSUM FOUNDATION (continued)

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 directors' report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report have 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 directors' report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement (set out on pages 4 and 5), the directors (who are also the trustees of the charitable company) 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 directors 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 directors are 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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), 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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADSUM FOUNDATION
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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

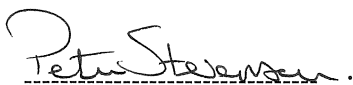
Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting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

- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and key personnel, and from our own knowledge and experience of the charitable sector. We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006 and taxation legislation, while also giving consideration to data protection regulations, employment law and health and safety legislation.
- The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the team remained alert to the possibility of fraud and non-compliance throughout the audit.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur. We did so through discussions with management as to their assessment of areas where fraud or non-compliance might occur, as well as considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance.
- In order to ascertain the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations, we made enquiries of management as to whether there was any actual or potential litigation, we reviewed legal correspondence, we inspected tax correspondence and we performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected activity.

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 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 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Peter Stevenson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of:
Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditor
22 – 30 Broadway Avenue
Ballymena
BT43 7AA

12th June 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2024
Incoming resources	Note	£	£	£	£
Donation income		119,713	475,102	594,815	478,409
Income from fundraising events		-	14,325	14,325	14,526
Investment income		-	-	-	80
Total income	4	<u>119,713</u>	<u>489,427</u>	<u>609,140</u>	<u>493,015</u>
Resources expended:					
Charitable activities		-	528,330	528,330	386,153
Support costs		87,049	-	87,049	77,831
Fundraising expenses		2,458	-	2,458	2,143
Total expenditure	5	<u>89,507</u>	<u>528,330</u>	<u>617,837</u>	<u>466,127</u>
Net expenditure before transfers		30,206	(38,903)	(8,697)	26,888
Transfers between funds	7	(30,206)	30,206	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>-</u>	<u>(8,697)</u>	<u>(8,697)</u>	<u>26,888</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		-	38,768	38,768	11,880
Total funds carried forward		<u>-</u>	<u>30,071</u>	<u>30,071</u>	<u>38,768</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements

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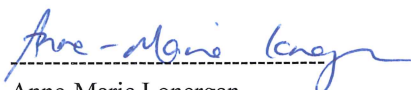
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION / BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	9	2,535	3,396
Intangible fixed assets	10	-	1,750
Total fixed assets		<u>2,535</u>	<u>5,146</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	131,698	147,665
Cash at bank – donations account		130,025	87,873
Cash at bank – overheads account		2,818	14,870
Total current assets		<u>264,541</u>	<u>250,408</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	12	237,005	216,786
Total creditors		<u>237,005</u>	<u>216,786</u>
Net current assets		<u>27,536</u>	<u>33,622</u>
Total net assets	13	<u>30,071</u>	<u>38,768</u>
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	14	-	-
Total unrestricted funds		-	-
Restricted funds	14	30,071	38,768
Total charity funds		<u>30,071</u>	<u>38,768</u>

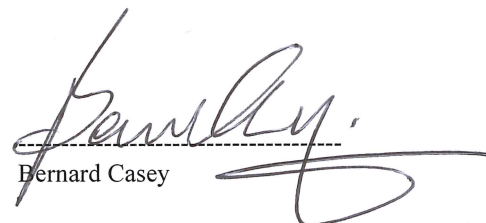
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under The Companies Act 2006 and with Charities SORP-FRS102.

The notes on pages 12 to 19 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 19 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 12th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


Anne-Marie Lonergan

Trustee


Bernard Casey

Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash flow from operating activities		
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(8,697)	26,888
Depreciation and amortisation	2,611	2,425
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	15,967	(137,343)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	20,219	(72,801)
Acquisition of fixed assets	-	(4,582)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash for the year	30,100	(185,413)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	102,743	288,156
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	132,843	102,743

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements

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

1. Company information

The Company is limited by guarantee and is incorporated in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 4 Annadale Avenue, Belfast. The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 12th June 2025.

2. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The reporting and functional currency is sterling.

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

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The Foundation generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the Foundation has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. These financial statements therefore have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Foundation is entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Incoming resources comprise of all cash receivable for the accounting period, including any related tax recoverable under Gift Aid.

Revenue government grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which the related expenditure is incurred.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to 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.

The operating costs of the Foundation continue to be met by LFT Charitable Trust and Alterity Investments Limited so that 100% of any money donated to the Foundation goes directly to our partners and the projects on the ground.

Pensions

The Foundation operates a defined contribution scheme for all staff. Employer contributions are charged through the income and expenditure when incurred.

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

2. Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible assets

The tangible assets of the Foundation comprise of computer equipment and fixtures and fittings.

The tangible assets are depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce them to residual value at the end of their expected normal life on a straight-line basis at a rate of 20% per annum.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

Tangible assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the new disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the statement of financial activities and included in "other operating gains/(losses)".

Intangible assets

Expenditure on the company's website is capitalised and amortised over the period expected to benefit. An amortisation rate of 50% on a straight-line basis has been used for this purpose.

Short-term debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Financial assets, including debtors, are reviewed at the reporting date to determine if there is any evidence of potential impairment. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the income statement in operating expenses.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

Financial instruments

The Foundation only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Funds

Funds are classified as either unrestricted funds or restricted funds, defined as follows.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the Foundation.

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

3. Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments made in the process of preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees do not consider that there are any critical judgments made in applying the Company's accounting policies or that there are any critical accounting estimates or assumptions which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

4. Donation income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Donation income				
Donations from LFT Charitable Trust	119,713	245,297	365,010	311,688
Donations from general public	-	226,055	226,055	163,565
Tax recovered on donations	-	3,750	3,750	3,156
	<u>119,713</u>	<u>475,102</u>	<u>594,815</u>	<u>478,409</u>
Income from fundraising events				
Income from fundraising events	<u>-</u>	<u>14,325</u>	<u>14,325</u>	<u>14,526</u>
Investment income				
Interest received	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80</u>
Total income	<u><u>119,713</u></u>	<u><u>489,427</u></u>	<u><u>609,140</u></u>	<u><u>493,015</u></u>

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5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities				
Charitable donations	-	528,330	528,330	386,153
Support costs				
Wages and salaries	35,384	-	35,384	25,888
Property costs	32,273	-	32,273	31,980
Foundation running costs	8,332	-	8,332	5,748
Administration costs	6,830	-	6,830	10,271
Depreciation/amortisation	2,611	-	2,611	2,425
Other expenses	1,619	-	1,619	1,519
	<u>87,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,049</u>	<u>77,831</u>
Fundraising expenses				
Fundraising expenses	2,458	-	2,458	2,143
Total expenditure	<u>89,507</u>	<u>528,330</u>	<u>617,837</u>	<u>466,127</u>

All charitable expenditure and support costs are incurred in connection with the grant-making activities of the Charity. The grants paid during the year are classified as follows:

	Grants paid to institutions	Grants paid to individuals	Total Year ended 31/03/25	Total 6 months ended 31/03/24
	£	£	£	£
Education	266,648	-	266,648	229,639
Social welfare	261,682	-	261,682	156,514
	<u>528,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>528,330</u>	<u>386,153</u>

Grants made to institutions are considered material in the context of the Charity where they exceed 5% of the total charitable expenditure. Material grants made to institutions during the year were:

Feedback Madagascar	251,937
Madagascar Development Fund	182,830
Satrahaha	52,818
Other grants paid to institutions	40,745
	<u>528,330</u>

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6. Taxation

The Foundation is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

7. Transfers between funds

Unrestricted funds are spent or applied at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes. Unrestricted funds can be used to supplement expenditure made from restricted funds.

8. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

	2025	2024
	£	£
Employees		
Salaries and wages	35,384	25,791
Pension contributions	-	97
Total	<u>35,384</u>	<u>25,888</u>

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

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Directors	4	3
Administration	3	1
Total	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>

There are no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000. Key management are deemed to comprise the Directors. No salary was paid to the directors (2024: none). No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year. None of the trustees received any remuneration nor any reimbursement of expenses during the period (2024: Nil).

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9. Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 st April 2024	10,678	420	11,098
Additions	-	-	-
As at 31st March 2025	<u>10,678</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>11,098</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 st April 2024	7,492	210	7,702
Depreciation charge	777	84	861
As at 31st March 2025	<u>8,269</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>8,563</u>
Net book value at 31st March 2025	<u>2,409</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>2,535</u>
Net book value at 31 st March 2024	<u>3,186</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>3,396</u>

10. Intangible fixed assets

	Website	Total
	£	£
Cost		
As at 1 st April 2024	3,500	3,500
As at 31st March 2025	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Amortisation		
As at 1 st April 2024	1,750	1,750
Amortisation	1,750	1,750
As at 31st March 2025	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Net book value at 31st March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book value at 31 st March 2024	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,750</u>

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11. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations receivable	127,444	147,131
Gift aid recoverable	3,750	-
Other debtors and prepayments	504	534
	<u>131,698</u>	<u>147,665</u>

12. Creditors: amounts due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations payable	231,148	177,098
Deferred income	-	19,138
Other creditors and accruals	5,857	20,550
	<u>237,005</u>	<u>216,786</u>

13. Analysis of net assets

	Unrestricted General	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2,535	-	2,535
Current assets	3,322	261,219	264,541
Current liabilities	(5,857)	(231,148)	(237,005)
Net assets at 31st March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>30,071</u>	<u>30,071</u>

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14. Funds of the company

	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Donations fund	<u>38,768</u>	<u>489,427</u>	<u>(528,330)</u>	<u>30,206</u>	<u>30,071</u>
	<u>38,768</u>	<u>489,427</u>	<u>(528,330)</u>	<u>30,206</u>	<u>30,071</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	<u>-</u>	<u>119,713</u>	<u>(89,507)</u>	<u>(30,206)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>119,713</u>	<u>(89,507)</u>	<u>(30,206)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>38,768</u>	<u>609,140</u>	<u>(617,837)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,071</u>

Purpose of restricted funds

These funds are to be used towards the support of the charitable work of the charity.

15. Related party transactions

Included in income is a donation of £119,713 received from LFT Charitable Trust (2024: £79,894) to meet the company's overhead costs and a donation of £245,297 received from LFT Charitable Trust (2024: £231,794) for the company to use for its charitable activities. At the year-end there were donations receivable from LFT Charitable Trust of £104,870 (2024: £147,131). Both charities have a common trustee Mr. Gavin Lonergan.

None of the directors/trustees received remuneration as detailed at note 8.

16. Funding commitments

The Company had no unconditional charitable funding commitments at the balance sheet date, beyond those which have been recognised in these accounts (2024: nil).

17. Controlling party

During the year The Adsum Foundation was under the control of the Trustees (who are also the directors).

The Adsum Foundation

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

The Directors (who are also the trustees) are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st March 2024, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP – FRS102), in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Achievements and performance

Once again, the focus of our work over the past 12 months has been vital projects in Madagascar and we continue to support rural communities creating access to essential services such as water, education, sanitation, and healthcare.

Through the installation of 28 borehole wells, almost 8,400 people now have access to safe and sustainable sources of water. Prior to this, communities often relied upon open, unprotected water sources, significant distances from their homes. The provision of reliable, clean water closer to their homes and places of study/work truly is life changing. Water technicians and local management committees were trained at each site to ensure care, maintenance and sustainability of every borehole drilled.

Our school building programme saw new 5 schools in remote locations bringing bright classrooms and safe education to pupils for many years to come. Around 850 pupils will access education in their newly built primary schools at the start of the new academic year. Every school is furnished, includes a new block of latrines, and teacher and pupils are provided with resources packs. We also enhanced the school library collections at each of our existing schools, allocating 65 story book packs.

Our adult literacy project in the Androy region of Southern Madagascar ensured that over 7,000 people commenced the first stage of the programme across 300 locations during the financial year.

As they have done every year over the past decade, Adsum Bike Aid volunteers have been collecting and reconditioning hundreds of bikes, with the plan to ship, and distribute around 800 bikes during 2024. The bikes are commonly shared with family members and neighbours, growing the impact and prospects of the beneficiaries in remote villages, and during the financial year another 350 bikes made their way into their hands.

Our pilot project of well building in the Androy region was up and running with delivery of the well drilling equipment and training taking place during the past year, and the teams on the ground have battled through the local challenges and continue to look for solutions to the problem of the search for clean and safe water. Closer to home, we have once again been able to host our 'Battle of Brains' Table Quiz fundraiser, which has once again become a staple fundraising and networking event in our calendar.

The gratitude from and impact of our work on Malagasy communities motivates us as we plan our future work to change more lives. We are grateful to our supporters for their continued commitment to help the lives of people in need across Madagascar.

Our Grants and Partnerships Manager has been a great addition to the Adsum team, helping Adsum Foundation continue our work in Madagascar and exploring new opportunities.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Financial review and funds policy

During the year, the Foundation's incoming resources for distribution totalled £413,041, with its resources expended on charitable activities totalling £386,153. The resources expended were principally in support of development needs in Madagascar. The operating costs of the Foundation were met entirely by LFT Charitable Trust so that 100% of any money donated to or through the Foundation goes directly to our partners and the projects on the ground.

At the year end the Foundation had £87,873 of cash funds available for distribution and the Directors have already committed £51,600 of this to their partners in Madagascar who are involved in many programmes across the charity spectrum, including projects with themes such as education, health, water and sustainable livelihood projects. The net incoming resources for the year amounting to £26,888 as shown in the statement of financial activities on page 9 have been transferred from the company's funds.

The company plans to continue its activities in the forthcoming years.

The Adsum Foundation does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

The Trustees do not consider a Reserve Policy is necessary given the current financial arrangement in place with LFT Charitable Trust which meets 100% of the Foundation's operating costs.

Objectives and Activities (and how they deliver public benefit)

The Company is a non-profit making entity which funds education, health, sustainable livelihoods and water and sanitation projects in the developing world, with a focus on Madagascar.

The Company's activities benefit the public by:

1. providing relief for persons, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress as a result of local, national or international disaster or by reason of their social and economic circumstances. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include improved health outcomes, improved education and life and job opportunities.
2. providing relief of patients suffering from disease or sickness, or who are convalescent, disabled, handicapped or infirm. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include improved health outcomes, the provision in the interests of social welfare of recreational facilities for such patients and the relief in cases of financial distress of the dependents of such patients or of deceased patients. It would also include research into the causes and treatments of disease on terms that the results of such research are published.
3. furthering the education (including social and physical training) of children and young persons. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include improved education, job prospects, life skills and as a result living conditions for them and their families.

These can all be demonstrated through local and government statistics and feedback from beneficiaries and their families. These purposes would not lead to harm. The charity's beneficiaries could be anyone locally, nationally or internationally. There is no private benefit.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to its beneficiaries.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit requirement.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name:	The Adsum Foundation
Directors and Trustees who held office during the year, and in the period since 31 March 2024 to the date these accounts were approved, were as follows:	Mr. Gavin Lonergan Mrs. Anne-Marie Lonergan Mr. Bernard Casey Ms. Annalisa McManus (appointed 10/05/24)
Charity Commission registration number:	NIC102284
Company Registration Number:	NI071403
Registered office / Principal Office:	4 Annadale Avenue Belfast BT7 3JH

Structure, governance and management

The Company is a charity limited by guarantee without share capital which avails of the "Limited" exemption.

The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23 December 2008. In the event of the Company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10. The Board is responsible for the overall governance of the Company and is actively involved in the day-to-day management of the organisation.

Directors are appointed in line with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company.

The Board of Directors are also known as Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission.

The Trustees are responsible for the overall governance of the charity.

Risk management

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Financial risk is reviewed on a monthly basis having due regard to ongoing income and expenses.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors (who are the trustees of The Adsum Foundation) are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP-FRS102;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

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

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

Auditors

A resolution to appoint auditors will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 15th August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mr Gavin Lonergan

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADSUM FOUNDATION

(Company registration number NI 071403)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Adsum Foundation 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 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The directors 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADSUM FOUNDATION (continued)

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 directors' report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report have 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 directors' report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement (set out on pages 2 to 5), the directors (who are also the trustees of the charitable company) 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 directors 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 directors are 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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), 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 Group's internal control.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADSUM FOUNDATION (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

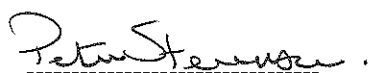
Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting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

- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and key personnel, and from our own knowledge and experience of the charitable sector. We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006 and taxation legislation, while also giving consideration to data protection regulations, employment law and health and safety legislation.
- The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the team remained alert to the possibility of fraud and non-compliance throughout the audit.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur. We did so through discussions with management as to their assessment of areas where fraud or non-compliance might occur, as well as considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance.
- In order to ascertain the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations, we made enquiries of management as to whether there was any actual or potential litigation, we reviewed legal correspondence, we inspected tax correspondence and we performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected activity.

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 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 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Peter Stevenson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of:
Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditor
22 – 30 Broadway Avenue
Ballymena
BT43 7AA

15th August 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources	Note				
Donations income	3	79,894	413,041	492,935	358,940
Investment income		80	-	80	-
Total income		<u>79,974</u>	<u>413,041</u>	<u>493,015</u>	<u>358,940</u>
Resources expended:					
Charitable activities	4	79,974	386,153	466,127	467,334
Total expenditure		<u>79,974</u>	<u>386,153</u>	<u>466,127</u>	<u>467,334</u>
Net movement in funds		-	26,888	26,888	(108,394)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		-	11,880	11,880	120,274
Total funds carried forward		<u>-</u>	<u>38,768</u>	<u>38,768</u>	<u>11,880</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION / BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	8	3,396	2,989
Intangible fixed assets	9	1,750	-
Total fixed assets		5,146	2,989
Current assets			
Debtors	10	147,665	10,322
Cash at bank – donations account		87,873	281,015
Cash at bank – overheads account		14,870	7,141
Total current assets		250,408	298,478
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	11	216,786	289,587
Total creditors		216,786	289,587
Net current assets		33,622	8,891
Total net assets	12	38,768	11,880
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	13	-	-
Total unrestricted funds		-	-
Restricted funds	13	38,768	11,880
Total charity funds		38,768	11,880

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under The Companies Act 2006 and with Charities SORP-FRS102.

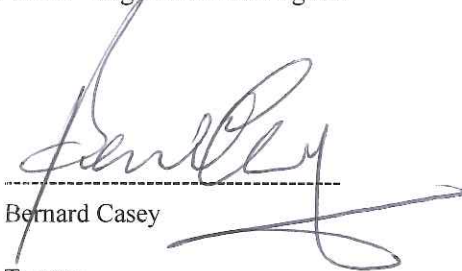
The notes on pages 12 to 18 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 18 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 15th August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



 Anne-Marie Lonergan

Trustee



 Bernard Casey
 Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash flow from operating activities		
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	26,888	(108,394)
Depreciation and amortisation	2,425	848
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(137,343)	365,688
Decrease in creditors	(72,801)	(223,206)
Acquisition of fixed assets	(4,582)	(2,190)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash for the year	<u>(185,413)</u>	<u>32,746</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	288,156	255,410
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>102,743</u></u>	<u><u>288,156</u></u>

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. Company information

The Company is limited by guarantee and is incorporated in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 4 Annadale Avenue, Belfast. The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 15th August 2024.

2. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The Foundation generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the Foundation has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. These financial statements therefore have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Foundation is entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Incoming resources comprise of all cash receivable for the accounting period, including any related tax recoverable under Gift Aid.

Revenue government grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which the related expenditure is incurred.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to 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.

The operating costs of the Foundation continue to be met by LFT Charitable Trust and Alterity Investments Limited so that 100% of any money donated to the Foundation goes directly to our partners and the projects on the ground.

Pensions

The Foundation operates a defined contribution scheme for all staff. Employer contributions are charged through the income and expenditure when incurred.

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1. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

The tangible assets of the Foundation comprise of computer equipment and fixtures and fittings.

The tangible assets are depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce them to residual value at the end of their expected normal life on a straight-line basis at a rate of 20% per annum.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

Tangible assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the new disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the statement of financial activities and included in "other operating gains/(losses)".

Intangible assets

Expenditure on the company's website is capitalised and amortised over the period expected to benefit. An amortisation rate of 50% on a straight-line basis has been used for this purpose.

Short-term debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Financial assets, including debtors, are reviewed at the reporting date to determine if there is any evidence of potential impairment. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the income statement in operating expenses.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

Financial instruments

The Foundation only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Funds

Funds are classified as either unrestricted funds or restricted funds, defined as follows.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the Foundation.

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2. Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments made in the process of preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees do not consider that there are any critical judgments made in applying the Company's accounting policies or that there are any critical accounting estimates or assumptions which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

3. Donations income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations from LFT Charitable Trust	79,894	231,794	311,688	125,501
Donations from general public	-	178,091	178,091	229,689
Tax recovered on donations	-	3,156	3,156	3,750
	<u>79,894</u>	<u>413,041</u>	<u>492,935</u>	<u>358,940</u>

4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	-	386,153	386,153	374,067
Wages and salaries	25,888	-	25,888	35,499
Property costs	31,980	-	31,980	30,624
Foundation running costs	5,748	-	5,748	4,182
Administration costs	10,271	-	10,271	19,845
Other expenses	6,087	-	6,087	3,117
	<u>79,974</u>	<u>386,153</u>	<u>466,127</u>	<u>467,334</u>

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5. Taxation

The Foundation is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

6. Transfers between funds

Unrestricted funds are spent or applied at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes. Unrestricted funds can be used to supplement expenditure made from restricted funds.

7. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

	2024	2023
	£	£
Employees		
Salaries and wages	25,791	34,800
Pension contributions	97	699
Total	<u>25,888</u>	<u>35,499</u>

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

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Directors	3	3
Administration	1	1
Total	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

There are no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000. Key management are deemed to comprise the Directors. No salary was paid to the directors (2023: none). No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

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8. Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 st April 2023	9,596	420	10,016
Additions	1,082	-	1,082
As at 31st March 2024	<u>10,678</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>11,098</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 st April 2023	6,901	126	7,027
Depreciation charge	591	84	675
As at 31st March 2024	<u>7,492</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>7,702</u>
Net book value at 31st March 2024	<u>3,186</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>3,396</u>
Net book value at 31 st March 2023	<u>2,695</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>2,989</u>

9. Intangible fixed assets

	Website	Total
	£	£
Cost		
As at 1 st April 2023	4,259	4,259
Additions	3,500	3,500
Disposal	(4,259)	(4,259)
As at 31st March 2024	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Amortisation		
As at 1 st April 2023	4,259	4,259
Eliminated on disposal	(4,259)	(4,259)
Amortisation	1,750	1,750
As at 31st March 2024	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,750</u>
Net book value at 31st March 2024	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,750</u>
Net book value at 31 st March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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10. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations receivable	147,131	-
Gift aid recoverable	-	4,344
Other debtors and prepayments	534	5,978
	<u>147,665</u>	<u>10,322</u>

11. Creditors: amounts due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations payable	177,098	273,478
Deferred income	36,729	7,642
Other creditors and accruals	2,959	8,467
	<u>216,786</u>	<u>289,587</u>

12. Analysis of net assets

	Unrestricted General	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	5,146	-	5,146
Current assets	34,542	215,866	250,408
Current liabilities	(39,688)	(177,098)	(216,786)
Net assets at 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>38,768</u>	<u>38,768</u>

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13. Funds of the company

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
Donations fund	11,880	413,041	(386,153)	38,768
	<u>11,880</u>	<u>413,041</u>	<u>(386,153)</u>	<u>38,768</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	-	79,974	(79,974)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>79,974</u>	<u>(79,974)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u><u>11,880</u></u>	<u><u>493,015</u></u>	<u><u>(466,127)</u></u>	<u><u>38,768</u></u>

Purpose of restricted funds

These funds are to be used towards the support of the charitable work of the charity.

14. Financial instruments

At the balance sheet date the Foundation held the following financial instruments:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>147,131</u>	<u>4,844</u>
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>213,827</u>	<u>288,320</u>

15. Related party transactions

Included in income is a donation of £79,894 received from LFT Charitable Trust (2023: £93,267) to meet the company's overhead costs and a donation of £231,794 received from LFT Charitable Trust (2023: £32,234) for the company to use for its charitable activities. At the year-end there were donations receivable from LFT Charitable Trust of £147,131 (2023: NIL). Both charities have a common trustee Mr. Gavin Lonergan.

None of the directors/trustees received remuneration as detailed at note 7.

16. Funding commitments

The Company had no unconditional charitable funding commitments at the balance sheet date, beyond those which have been recognised in these accounts (2023: nil).

17. Controlling party

During the year The Adsum Foundation was under the control of the Trustees (who are also the directors).

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 102284

Annual report

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

The Directors (who are also the trustees) are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st March 2024, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP – FRS102), in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Achievements and performance

Once again, the focus of our work over the past 12 months has been vital projects in Madagascar and we continue to support rural communities creating access to essential services such as water, education, sanitation, and healthcare.

Through the installation of 28 borehole wells, almost 8,400 people now have access to safe and sustainable sources of water. Prior to this, communities often relied upon open, unprotected water sources, significant distances from their homes. The provision of reliable, clean water closer to their homes and places of study/work truly is life changing. Water technicians and local management committees were trained at each site to ensure care, maintenance and sustainability of every borehole drilled.

Our school building programme saw new 5 schools in remote locations bringing bright classrooms and safe education to pupils for many years to come. Around 850 pupils will access education in their newly built primary schools at the start of the new academic year. Every school is furnished, includes a new block of latrines, and teacher and pupils are provided with resources packs. We also enhanced the school library collections at each of our existing schools, allocating 65 story book packs.

Our adult literacy project in the Androy region of Southern Madagascar ensured that over 7,000 people commenced the first stage of the programme across 300 locations during the financial year.

As they have done every year over the past decade, Adsum Bike Aid volunteers have been collecting and reconditioning hundreds of bikes, with the plan to ship, and distribute around 800 bikes during 2024. The bikes are commonly shared with family members and neighbours, growing the impact and prospects of the beneficiaries in remote villages, and during the financial year another 350 bikes made their way into their hands.

Our pilot project of well building in the Androy region was up and running with delivery of the well drilling equipment and training taking place during the past year, and the teams on the ground have battled through the local challenges and continue to look for solutions to the problem of the search for clean and safe water. Closer to home, we have once again been able to host our 'Battle of Brains' Table Quiz fundraiser, which has once again become a staple fundraising and networking event in our calendar.

The gratitude from and impact of our work on Malagasy communities motivates us as we plan our future work to change more lives. We are grateful to our supporters for their continued commitment to help the lives of people in need across Madagascar.

Our Grants and Partnerships Manager has been a great addition to the Adsum team, helping Adsum Foundation continue our work in Madagascar and exploring new opportunities.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Financial review and funds policy

During the year, the Foundation's incoming resources for distribution totalled £413,041, with its resources expended on charitable activities totalling £386,153. The resources expended were principally in support of development needs in Madagascar. The operating costs of the Foundation were met entirely by LFT Charitable Trust so that 100% of any money donated to or through the Foundation goes directly to our partners and the projects on the ground.

At the year end the Foundation had £87,873 of cash funds available for distribution and the Directors have already committed £51,600 of this to their partners in Madagascar who are involved in many programmes across the charity spectrum, including projects with themes such as education, health, water and sustainable livelihood projects. The net incoming resources for the year amounting to £26,888 as shown in the statement of financial activities on page 9 have been transferred from the company's funds.

The company plans to continue its activities in the forthcoming years.

The Adsum Foundation does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

The Trustees do not consider a Reserve Policy is necessary given the current financial arrangement in place with LFT Charitable Trust which meets 100% of the Foundation's operating costs.

Objectives and Activities (and how they deliver public benefit)

The Company is a non-profit making entity which funds education, health, sustainable livelihoods and water and sanitation projects in the developing world, with a focus on Madagascar.

The Company's activities benefit the public by:

1. providing relief for persons, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress as a result of local, national or international disaster or by reason of their social and economic circumstances. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include improved health outcomes, improved education and life and job opportunities.
2. providing relief of patients suffering from disease or sickness, or who are convalescent, disabled, handicapped or infirm. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include improved health outcomes, the provision in the interests of social welfare of recreational facilities for such patients and the relief in cases of financial distress of the dependents of such patients or of deceased patients. It would also include research into the causes and treatments of disease on terms that the results of such research are published.
3. furthering the education (including social and physical training) of children and young persons. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include improved education, job prospects, life skills and as a result living conditions for them and their families.

These can all be demonstrated through local and government statistics and feedback from beneficiaries and their families. These purposes would not lead to harm. The charity's beneficiaries could be anyone locally, nationally or internationally. There is no private benefit.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to its beneficiaries.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit requirement.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name:	The Adsum Foundation
Directors and Trustees who held office during the year, and in the period since 31 March 2024 to the date these accounts were approved, were as follows:	Mr. Gavin Lonergan Mrs. Anne-Marie Lonergan Mr. Bernard Casey Ms. Annalisa McManus (appointed 10/05/24)
Charity Commission registration number:	NIC102284
Company Registration Number:	NI071403
Registered office / Principal Office:	4 Annadale Avenue Belfast BT7 3JH

Structure, governance and management

The Company is a charity limited by guarantee without share capital which avails of the "Limited" exemption.

The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23 December 2008. In the event of the Company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10. The Board is responsible for the overall governance of the Company and is actively involved in the day-to-day management of the organisation.

Directors are appointed in line with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company.

The Board of Directors are also known as Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission.

The Trustees are responsible for the overall governance of the charity.

Risk management

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Financial risk is reviewed on a monthly basis having due regard to ongoing income and expenses.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors (who are the trustees of The Adsum Foundation) are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP-FRS102;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

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

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

Auditors

A resolution to appoint auditors will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 15th August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mr Gavin Lonergan

The Adsum Foundation

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102284

Annual return

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADSUM FOUNDATION

(Company registration number NI 071403)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Adsum Foundation 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 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The directors 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADSUM FOUNDATION (continued)

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 directors' report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report have 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 directors' report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement (set out on pages 2 to 5), the directors (who are also the trustees of the charitable company) 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 directors 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 directors are 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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), 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 Group's internal control.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADSUM FOUNDATION (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

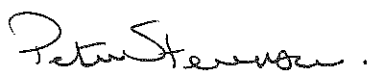
Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting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

- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and key personnel, and from our own knowledge and experience of the charitable sector. We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006 and taxation legislation, while also giving consideration to data protection regulations, employment law and health and safety legislation.
- The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the team remained alert to the possibility of fraud and non-compliance throughout the audit.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur. We did so through discussions with management as to their assessment of areas where fraud or non-compliance might occur, as well as considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance.
- In order to ascertain the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations, we made enquiries of management as to whether there was any actual or potential litigation, we reviewed legal correspondence, we inspected tax correspondence and we performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected activity.

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 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 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Peter Stevenson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of:
Stevenson and Wilson Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditor
22 – 30 Broadway Avenue
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15th August 2024

The Adsum Foundation

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102284

Accounts

THE ADSUM FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		2023	2023	2023	2022
Incoming resources	Note	£	£	£	£
Donations income	3	93,267	265,673	358,940	673,176
Total income		<u>93,267</u>	<u>265,673</u>	<u>358,940</u>	<u>673,176</u>
Resources expended:					
Charitable activities	4	93,267	374,067	467,334	578,193
Total expenditure		<u>93,267</u>	<u>374,067</u>	<u>467,334</u>	<u>578,193</u>
Net movement in funds		-	(108,394)	(108,394)	94,983
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		-	120,274	120,274	25,291
Total funds carried forward		<u>-</u>	<u>11,880</u>	<u>11,880</u>	<u>120,274</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements

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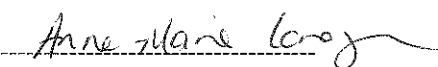
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION / BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	8	2,989	1,647
Intangible fixed assets	9	-	-
Total fixed assets		<u>2,989</u>	<u>1,647</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	10,322	376,010
Cash at bank – donations account		281,015	231,758
Cash at bank – overheads account		7,141	23,652
Total current assets		<u>298,478</u>	<u>631,420</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	11	289,587	512,793
Total creditors		<u>289,587</u>	<u>512,793</u>
Net current assets		<u>8,891</u>	<u>118,627</u>
Total net assets	12	<u>11,880</u>	<u>120,274</u>
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	13	-	-
Total unrestricted funds		-	-
Restricted funds	13	11,880	120,274
Total charity funds		<u>11,880</u>	<u>120,274</u>

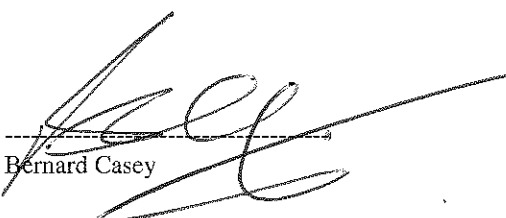
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under The Companies Act 2006 and with Charities SORP-FRS102.

The notes on pages 12 to 18 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 18 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 29th June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


Anne-Marie Lonergan

Trustee


Bernard Casey
Trustee

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash flow from operating activities		
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(108,394)	94,983
Depreciation	848	416
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	365,688	(171,208)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(223,206)	148,231
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	(2,190)	(1,174)
Net increase in cash for the year	32,746	71,248
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	255,410	184,162
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	288,156	255,410

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. Company information

The Company is limited by guarantee and is incorporated in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 4 Annadale Avenue, Belfast. The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 29th June 2023.

2. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The Foundation generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the Foundation has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. These financial statements therefore have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Foundation is entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Incoming resources comprise of all cash receivable for the accounting period, including any related tax recoverable under Gift Aid.

Revenue government grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which the related expenditure is incurred.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to 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.

The operating costs of the Foundation continue to be met by LFT Charitable Trust and Alterity Investments Limited so that 100% of any money donated to the Foundation goes directly to our partners and the projects on the ground.

Pensions

The Foundation operates a defined contribution scheme for all staff. Employer contributions are charged through the income and expenditure when incurred.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible assets

The tangible assets of the Foundation comprise of computer equipment and fixtures and fittings.

The tangible assets are depreciated at a rate calculated to reduce them to residual value at the end of their expected normal life on a straight-line basis at a rate of 20% per annum.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

Tangible assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the new disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in the statement of financial activities and included in "other operating gains/(losses)".

Intangible assets

Expenditure on the company's website is capitalised and amortised over the period expected to benefit. An amortisation rate of 50% on a straight-line basis has been used for this purpose.

Short-term debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Financial assets, including debtors, are reviewed at the reporting date to determine if there is any evidence of potential impairment. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the income statement in operating expenses.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

Financial instruments

The Foundation only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Funds

Funds are classified as either unrestricted funds or restricted funds, defined as follows.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the Foundation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 (continued)

2. Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments made in the process of preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Trustees do not consider that there are any critical judgments made in applying the Company's accounting policies or that there are any critical accounting estimates or assumptions which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

3. Donations income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations from LFT Charitable Trust	93,267	32,234	125,501	503,670
Donations from general public	-	229,689	229,689	169,506
Tax recovered on donations	-	3,750	3,750	-
	<u>93,267</u>	<u>265,673</u>	<u>358,940</u>	<u>673,176</u>

4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	-	374,067	374,067	512,986
Wages and salaries	35,499	-	35,499	25,589
Property costs	30,624	-	30,624	26,586
Foundation running costs	4,182	-	4,182	3,732
Administration costs	19,845	-	19,845	7,614
Other expenses	3,117	-	3,117	1,686
	<u>93,267</u>	<u>374,067</u>	<u>467,334</u>	<u>578,193</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 (continued)

5. Taxation

The Foundation is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

6. Transfers between funds

Unrestricted funds are spent or applied at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes. Unrestricted funds can be used to supplement expenditure made from restricted funds.

7. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

	2023	2022
	£	£
Employees		
Salaries and wages	34,800	25,237
Pension contributions	699	352
Total	<u>35,499</u>	<u>25,589</u>

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

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Directors	3	3
Administration	1	1
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

There are no employees in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000. Key management are deemed to comprise the Directors. No salary was paid to the directors (2022: none). No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 (continued)

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 st April 2022	7,406	420	7,826
Additions	2,190	-	2,190
As at 31st March 2023	<u>9,596</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>10,016</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 st April 2022	6,095	84	6,179
Depreciation charge for the year	806	42	848
As at 31st March 2023	<u>6,901</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>7,027</u>
Net book value at 31st March 2023	<u>2,695</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>2,989</u>
Net book value at 31 st March 2022	<u>1,311</u>	<u>336</u>	<u>1,647</u>

9. Intangible fixed assets

	Website	Total
	£	£
Cost		
As at 1 st April 2022	4,259	4,259
Additions	-	-
As at 31st March 2023	<u>4,259</u>	<u>4,259</u>
Amortisation		
As at 1 st April 2022	4,259	4,259
Amortisation	-	-
As at 31st March 2023	<u>4,259</u>	<u>4,259</u>
Net book value at 31st March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book value at 31 st March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 (continued)

10. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations receivable	-	375,000
Gift aid refundable	4,344	594
Other debtors and prepayments	5,978	416
	<u>10,322</u>	<u>376,010</u>

11. Creditors: amounts due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations payable	273,478	377,077
Deferred income	7,642	133,143
Other creditors and accruals	8,467	2,573
	<u>289,587</u>	<u>512,793</u>

12. Analysis of net assets

	Unrestricted General	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2,989	-	2,989
Current assets	13,119	285,359	298,478
Current liabilities	(16,108)	(273,479)	(289,587)
Net assets at 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>11,880</u>	<u>11,880</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 (continued)

13. Funds of the company

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
Donations fund	120,274	265,673	(374,067)	11,880
	<u>120,274</u>	<u>265,673</u>	<u>(374,067)</u>	<u>11,880</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	-	93,267	(93,267)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>93,267</u>	<u>(93,267)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>120,274</u>	<u>358,940</u>	<u>(467,334)</u>	<u>11,880</u>

Purpose of restricted funds

These funds are to be used towards the support of the charitable work of the charity.

14. Financial instruments

At the balance sheet date the Foundation held the following financial instruments:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>4,844</u>	<u>375,594</u>
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>288,320</u>	<u>510,220</u>

15. Related party transactions

Included in income is a donation of £93,267 received from LFT Charitable Trust (2022: £65,207) to meet the company's overhead costs and a donation of £32,234 received from LFT Charitable Trust (2022: £438,463) for the company to use for its charitable activities. At the year-end there were no donations receivable from LFT Charitable Trust (2022: £375,000). Both charities have a common trustee Mr. Gavin Lonergan.

None of the directors/trustees received remuneration as detailed at note 7. Mr Gavin Lonergan was reimbursed £2,033 during the year for charitable activity expenses paid personally.

16. Funding commitments

The Company had no unconditional charitable funding commitments at the balance sheet date, beyond those which have been recognised in these accounts (2022: nil).

17. Controlling party

During the year The Adsum Foundation was under the control of the Trustees (who are also the directors).

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Annual report

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

The Directors (who are also the trustees) are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st March 2023, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP – FRS102), in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Achievements and performance

The focus of our work over the past 12 months has been vital projects in Madagascar. We continue to support rural communities creating access to essential services such as water, education, sanitation, and healthcare.

Through the installation of 26 borehole wells, almost 15,000 people now have access to safe and sustainable sources of water. Prior to this, communities often relied upon open, unprotected water sources, significant distances from their homes. The provision of reliable, clean water closer to their homes and places of study/work truly is life changing. Water technicians and local management committees were trained at each site to ensure care, maintenance and sustainability of every borehole drilled.

Despite the obstacles of the global pandemic, we have once again constructed 7 schools in remote locations bringing bright classrooms and safe education to pupils for many years to come. Around 2,800 pupils will access education in their newly built primary schools at the start of the new academic year. Every school is furnished, complimented with a block of latrines, and provided with teacher and pupil resources packs. We also enhanced the school library collections at each of our existing schools, allocating 59 story book packs. Parents and pupils have been trained in food production and hygiene promotion through the Education for Life programme.

Building upon previous success of the adult literacy project in the Androy region of Southern Madagascar, over 7,000 people commenced the first stage of the programme for the year 2022 across 300 locations.

Markets, workplaces, and health centres are often significant distances from people's homes, circumstances made worse by poor road infrastructure. During the past year, Adsum Bike Aid volunteers have been collecting and reconditioning hundreds of bikes, with the plan to ship, and distribute around 400 bikes during 2023. The bikes are commonly shared with family members and neighbours, growing the impact and prospects of the beneficiaries in remote villages.

Whilst the impact of Covid-19 has been reducing, extreme weather events caused by climate change, and the cost-of-living crisis from global inflation, have created crises for communities in Madagascar, whilst also presenting operational challenges for Adsum programmes. However, we are adapting and being agile to these challenges, for example, we have developed, secured funding for, and commenced a pilot project of well building in the Androy region, forming new partnerships, and gaining new knowledge. Closer to home, we have once again been able to host our 'Battle of Brains' Table Quiz fundraiser, which was once a staple fundraising and networking event in our calendar pre-Covid.

The gratitude from and impact of our work on Malagasy communities motivates us as we plan our future work to change more lives. We are grateful to our supporters for their continued commitment to help the lives of people in need across Madagascar.

We have reviewed our operations, and are currently in the process of a restructuring, including the creation of a Grants and Partnerships Manager post, who we believe will help Adsum Foundation continue our work in Madagascar and beyond.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Financial review and funds policy

During the year, the Foundation's incoming resources for distribution totalled £265,673, with its resources expended on charitable activities totalling £374,067. The resources expended were principally in support of development needs in Madagascar. The level of incoming resources for distribution has dropped significantly compared with the previous year due to a change in the timing of the commitment of donations from the charity's main donor, LFT Charitable Trust. The operating costs of the Foundation were met entirely by LFT Charitable Trust so that 100% of any money donated to or through the Foundation goes directly to our partners and the projects on the ground.

At the year end the Foundation had £281,015 of cash funds available for distribution and the Directors have already committed £273,478 of this to their partners in Madagascar who are involved in many programmes across the charity spectrum, including projects with themes such as education, health, water and sustainable livelihood projects. The net outgoing resources for the year amounting to £108,394 as shown in the statement of financial activities on page 9 have been transferred from the company's funds.

The company plans to continue its activities in the forthcoming years.

Objectives and Activities (and how they deliver public benefit)

The Company is a non-profit making entity which funds education, health, sustainable livelihoods and water and sanitation projects in the developing world, with a focus on Madagascar.

The Company's activities benefit the public by:

1. providing relief for persons, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress as a result of local, national or international disaster or by reason of their social and economic circumstances. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include improved health outcomes, improved education and life and job opportunities.
2. providing relief of patients suffering from disease or sickness, or who are convalescent, disabled, handicapped or infirm. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include improved health outcomes, the provision in the interests of social welfare of recreational facilities for such patients and the relief in cases of financial distress of the dependents of such patients or of deceased patients. It would also include research into the causes and treatments of disease on terms that the results of such research are published.
3. furthering the education (including social and physical training) of children and young persons. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include improved education, job prospects, life skills and as a result living conditions for them and their families.

These can all be demonstrated through local and government statistics and feedback from beneficiaries and their families. These purposes would not lead to harm. The charity's beneficiaries could be anyone locally, nationally or internationally. There is no private benefit.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to its beneficiaries.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Directors and Trustees of the Company

The directors who held office during the year, or who were directors at the date of this report were as follows:

Mr Gavin Lonergan

Mrs Anne-Marie Lonergan

Mr Bernard Casey

Structure, governance and management

The Company is a charity limited by guarantee without share capital which avails of the "Limited" exemption.

The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 23 December 2008. In the event of the Company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10. The Board is responsible for the overall governance of the Company and is actively involved in the day-to-day management of the organisation.

Directors are appointed in line with the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the company.

The Board of Directors are also known as Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission.

Risk management

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Financial risk is reviewed on a monthly basis having due regard to ongoing income and expenses.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors (who are the trustees of The Adsum Foundation) are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP-FRS102;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Statement of directors' responsibilities (continued)

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.


Auditors

A resolution to appoint auditors will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 29th June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Gavin Lonergan

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 102284

Annual return

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADSUM FOUNDATION

(Company registration number NI 071403)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Adsum Foundation for the year ended 31st March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the 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 directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about 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 directors 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADSUM FOUNDATION (continued)

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 directors' report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report have 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 directors' report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement (set out on pages 2 to 5), the directors (who are also the trustees of the charitable company) 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 directors 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 directors are 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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

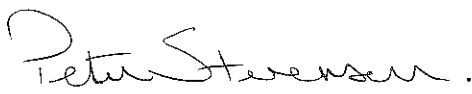
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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

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 identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and key personnel, and from our own knowledge and experience of the charitable sector. We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006 and taxation legislation, while also giving consideration to data protection regulations, employment law and health and safety legislation.
- The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the team remained alert to the possibility of fraud and non-compliance throughout the audit.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur. We did so through discussions with management as to their assessment of areas where fraud or non-compliance might occur, as well as considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance.
- In order to ascertain the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations, we made enquiries of management as to whether there was any actual or potential litigation, we reviewed legal correspondence, we inspected tax correspondence and we performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected activity.

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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