

# **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Edinburgh M.E. Self-Help Group**

**SCIO No: SC001024**

I report on the financial statements for the period ended 31st March 2022 set out on the preceding pages.

## ***Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner***

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the Accounts as required under Section 44 (1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## ***Basis of Independent Examiner's report***

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

## ***Independent Examiner's statement***

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
  - b. to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 28 December 2022



# Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2022

	2022	2021	Comparison	
<b>INCOME</b>				
Subscriptions	1,650.01	190.00	1,460.01	Members subscriptions
Donations	887.00	125.00	762.00	Members donations
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Grant Award	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Public Meetings	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	
Social Events	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Bank Interest	1.20	3.21	(2.01)	Gold Account interest
Miscellaneous	1.00	0.00	1.00	
	<u>2539.21</u>	<u>368.21</u>	2,171.00	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Newsletter	(257.30)	(485.53)	228.23	print cost
Postage	(416.97)	(344.25)	(72.72)	Stamps and general PO mail
Printing & Stationery	(61.92)	(9.32)	(52.60)	ink cartridges
Library	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Hall Hire	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Meeting Expenses	(172.68)	(158.29)	(14.39)	Zoom fees
Gratuities	(65.99)	(60.00)	(5.99)	3 members leaving gifts
Social	(60.00)	(50.00)	(10.00)	Golden Ticket winners
Subs	(58.00)	(38.00)	(20.00)	Alliance / ME Assoc
Insurance	(630.70)	(290.37)	(340.33)	Keegan/Pennykid
Miscellaneous	(607.37)	(532.20)	(75.17)	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	96.00 Bank charges
	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.18 Paypal fees
	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00 Auditors fee
	<u>(2,330.93)</u>	<u>(1,967.96)</u>	<u>(362.97)</u>	415.19 Website hosting & maintenance
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<u>208.28</u>	<u>(1,599.75)</u>	<u>1,808.03</u>	1 test transaction
				<u>607.37</u>

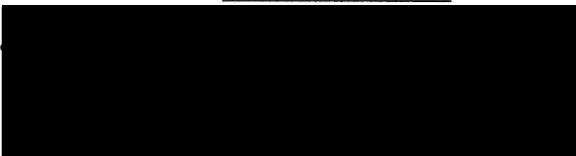
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Edinburgh M.E. Self-Help Group (edmesh)

## Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2022

	2022	2021
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Bank Balances & Cash in Hand:		
Opening Balance	8,396.78	9,996.53
Surplus/(Deficit)	208.28	(1,599.75)
Closing Balance	<u>8,605.06</u>	<u>8,396.78</u>

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# Edmesh's Year Activities – 2021-22

## Membership

**Edmesh** had 143 members as at March 21. You can join or renew your membership by returning the renewal form included in the **edmesh** newsletter or by visiting the **edmesh** website and paying online.

**Edmesh** and its ongoing running costs depend heavily on membership subscriptions. The committee would like to thank those who continue to support **edmesh** by becoming members and those who have kindly sent in donations.

During the year we continued to hold our monthly Café Meetings by Zoom until restrictions eased and we were allowed to start meeting in person and members felt comfortable to do so.

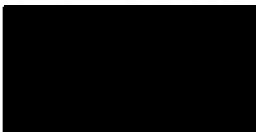
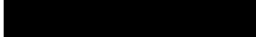
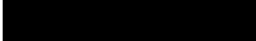
Due to the timing of this and the required planning we have not set up any social meetings during the year. As a result it was agreed by the committee that we would wave the annual subscriptions for the year. Those received by automatic direct payment were advised and asked if they wished the payment returned or applied as a donation. We also resolved the access to the Paypal account and transferred the received funds to the **edmesh** current account.

## **Committee Members.**

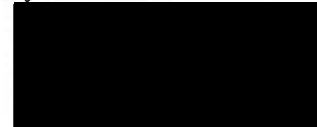
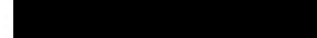
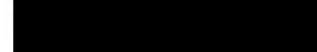
All our committee members are dedicated and knowledgeable in managing **edmesh**, and contribute hugely to sustaining **edmesh**.

On 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 we held our second online AGM. **Edmesh** is fortunate that the following committee members agreed to stand for election once again in various role. This did leave the committee depleted and it was asked for support from members to enable its ongoing work.

### Elected Trustees

-  Secretary
-  Members Secretary
-  Treasurer

### Ordinary members:

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Fiona Innes will continue as Newsletter Editor.

Rebecca Young has joined the team as a non committee member to support Neil with updates to the website.

We have some vacant roles on the committee and we are actively looking to fill these:

- Chairperson
- Open Meeting Secretary
- Social Secretary
- Web Master

# Edmesh's Year Activities – 2021-22

- Minutes Secretary

It was also advised that the current Secretary and Treasurer intended to step down in the next 12 months.

We have advertised extensively throughout the year to recruit new committee members both internally and through various charity volunteering sites but without success.

## Open Meetings

Cancelled in 2021/22

## Newsletter

Edmesh produces four newsletters each year that are now available by e-mail on request. Contributions for the newsletter are always welcome and actively encouraged as we want to share articles and information amongst our membership community.

## Facebook

Edmesh is thankful for the team of volunteers who manage the edmesh Facebook page. We thank Neil Cameron, John Grant, Carolyn McCubbing, Angela McDonald, Sally MacLean and Jacqui du Rocher. Facebook members' numbers have risen to 619 members. Thank you to all Facebook managers for their ongoing support as the Facebook page becomes even busier.

## Social Events

Cancelled in 2021/22

## Reserves

All Funds are unrestricted with reserves of £8,605.06 at the year end.

Approved by [REDACTED] signed on their behalf

[REDACTED]  
Treasurer

Date: 24/12/2022