

# **Gamblers Anonymous Scotland Annual General Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Rutherglen**

## **Minutes**

### **Voting Members(31)**

Ardrossan Monday, Blackburn Monday, Dunfermline Monday, Edinburgh Monday, Greenock Monday, Broughty Ferry Tuesday, Dennistoun Tuesday, Edinburgh Tuesday, Hamilton Tuesday, Motherwell Tuesday, Paisley Tuesday, Perth Tuesday, Rutherglen Tuesday, Blackhill Wednesday, Kilmarnock Wednesday, Kirkcaldy Wednesday, Partick Wednesday, Toryglen Wednesday, Whitburn Wednesday, Ayr Thursday, East Kilbride Thursday, Falkirk Thursday, Hamilton Thursday, Livingston Thursday, Parkhead Thursday, Rutherglen Thursday, Shawlands Thursday, Irvine Friday, Perth Friday, Hamilton Saturday, Rutherglen Saturday.

### **Non-Voting Members(8)**

Blackburn Monday, Broughty Ferry Tuesday (2) Kirkcaldy Wednesday, Ayr Thursday, Hamilton Thursday, Rutherglen Thursday(2),

### **Apologies(28)**

Airdrie Monday, Cumbernauld Monday, Dundee Monday, Garthamlock Monday, Parkhead Monday, Troon Monday, Wee Monday, Coatbridge Tuesday, Garthamlock Tuesday, Aberdeen Wednesday, Craigend Wednesday, Daisy Street Wednesday, Maryhill Wednesday, Paisley Wednesday, Parkhead Wednesday, Cumbernauld Thursday, Erskine Thursday, Greenock Thursday, Maryhill Thursday, Anderson Friday, Coatbridge Friday, Dumfries Friday, Dundee Friday, Parkhead Friday, Aberdeen Saturday, Dennistoun Saturday, Kirkcaldy Saturday, Viewpark Saturday.

### **National Committee Apologies**

Mark M Web Team/Kirkcaldy Saturday

**George W was held up, Karen opened the meeting with introductions around the room. There were no motions or resolutions, the meeting started with the National Treasurers Report, George W read his report after all other reports were read out.**

## **National Secretary Annual Report**

At our AGM in October last year, we had just spent a few months getting back to live meetings and a sense of normality from when restrictions started kicking into place from March 2020.

All the good work and progress we had made up until then began to stall and visits to outside agencies were cancelled.

While the merits of Zoom or otherwise are discussed, it was still a means of maintaining The Fellowship during this period. It has also been beneficial as we move forward with outside agencies as they find it a more efficient way to communicate with their staff and gives us access to a wider audience.

The use of WhatsApp became more popular during this period with the number of groups set up from Secretaries, SNC Committee, PLO, PRO, Meet & Greet, Live Chat & Groups. This is great for communication and making sure the newcomer gets the quickest and best help. It is also good to see the pages being used for messaging with any discussions down to a PM.

Over the last year we have managed to get ourselves back on track and build on the progress we have been making which you will see from the following committee members reports.

Earlier in the year we were asked to look into a survey to see where The Fellowship was in relation to pre pandemic.

This had never been successful in the past for a number of reasons and agreed it had no merit.

What we have managed to do through the secretary's page back in March was get up to date information on all group base members. This has been updated in October for the AGM and will be reviewed annually prior to the AGM moving forward.

This information has been put on a spreadsheet which Karen will mention and we will discuss after the reports under AOB.

I took on the vacant position for a second time in March on the understanding I would support the new committee through to the AGM in October and wish the new National Secretary and the Team all the best. I'm glad to see us moving forward again, because like our personal recovery. If you are standing still, you are going nowhere.

George W National Secretary/Rutherglen Thursday

## **National Treasurer Annual Report**

I'm pleased to present the accounts to August 2022. (Included with the reports). More so as this is the first set of accounts from the new accountants, we engaged. On a personal level I am more than happy with their professionalism and getting the accounts ready in my agreed time in readiness for the AGM.

Hopefully with Covid behind us, our expenditure is getting back to levels we are used to seeing. However, I have highlighted a few helpful comments.

Group Donations have sharply increased, as more groups returned to live based meetings.

Advertising relates to the purchases of Banners.

Computer running costs include Internet Creations, costs relating to work on the current website, also Software packages for the office

Telephone includes Live Chat annual costs. (communications)

Purchase of assets re the Printer.

Bottom line is we ran a deficit over, £8,000.00, bearing in mind the one-off purchases we had through the year.

I believe we remain in a strong financial position, with the support of our membership going forward.

Charles added on the evening, there is an additional £300 showing on the annual accounts, this was paid in error by a group and has since been returned to them. A payment made in Dundee recently with no group reference is still outstanding and has not been allocated to any group, please advise Karen or myself which Dundee group this belongs to.

Charles advised members of a refund that Karen had worked with BT on, this was for £1000, we were being charged for equipment which was returned to BT three years ago, the refund is a credit on our account which is taken monthly from our current billing.

Charles National Treasurer/Edinburgh Tuesday

## **Live Chat Coordinator Annual Report**

John, myself and the moderators would firstly like to give a huge thanks to the 45 live chat agents who give their time along with the 145 meet and greet volunteers and the 66 agents on the Gam Anon support group.

Without everyone's support, time and input the live chat would not be the success that it is today.

I have been a live chat agent now for a number of years and have seen the chat grow from a small number of agents to the success story that it is today.

It's fantastic to see so many meetings represented on the Meet and Greet page with only a small percentage of the meetings now not on the group, we will continue to encourage those groups to have an agent present, so their group is represented.

The Gam Anon group continues to support friends and family of the gambler and a huge thanks goes out to all the Gam Anon members offering their time.

Agent numbers on the live chat have been around the 45 mark over the past 12 months with agents leaving due to various reasons and we are always looking to recruit new agents.

There are over 1000 members in GA Scotland and although not all will meet the criteria to become an agent the agent numbers still remain a very small percentage of members we have in the fellowship.

We will continue to recruit new agents through various channels, and anyone interested can contact myself, John, or any of the other moderators.

**\*Last Year's Statistics\***

Total Chats 1288

Total Hours Covered 7682

Daily coverage was 21 hours and 27 mins

81.13% of the chats were in relation to the gambler themselves

18.87% of the chats were in relation to friends or family

Over the past year only 1 chatter had to queue

Chat satisfaction was 92%

It is difficult to quantify how many of the 1288 chats received made it along to meetings, we do know through the positive feedback on the meet and greet that new members are getting along and there have been many success stories.

Lastly, I would like to say a massive thanks to John and the moderator team who without them and their support the live chat would not operate as smoothly as it does with very little issue.

Well done and many thanks to all involved on the live chat, meet, and greet and Gam Anon group.

Tam Live Chat Coordinator/Blackburn Monday

## **Scottish Life Editor Annual Report**

First of all, I would like to take the opportunity to Thank everyone for the help and support given to myself in this role over recent months. Previously I had signalled my intention to stand down as the Scottish Life Editor however after serious consideration I have decided to continue with this role, and I am happy that I have been able to do so.

During the last year we have had 6 editions of the magazine out and within this we have received 74 articles from 30 different groups. This is an increase from last year when we had 65 articles from 28 groups so thank you everyone concerned. I have included a table below of the groups who have contributed throughout the last year.

It is great to see an increase in the number of articles and also the number of groups contributing to the magazine however the fact remains that more than half of the meetings have not contributed to the Scottish Life in the past year. So, if I could ask everyone to please take this back to your groups and encourage your members to send in an article.

There has been a slight change in terms of the magazine and the next edition will be December and I am looking at issuing 4 magazines throughout the year. So far for December I have had 6 articles sent to myself. This is a good start however would be good to make Decembers one a busy one. I have already received a couple of articles about the recent convention so if anyone who was there would like to share their experience of the convention then please feel free to send it to me. I have set the deadline for submissions as the 30<sup>th</sup> of November and will look at having it sent out around the first week in December.

Thank you everyone for your contributions throughout the year, without members sending in stories then we don't have a magazine, it's as simple as that. Although there now only be 4 magazines a year, please send in articles at any time throughout the year and you can send these to [scottishlife@gascotland.org](mailto:scottishlife@gascotland.org)

Stephen Scottish Life Editor/Motherwell Tuesday



## **Prison Liaison Officer Annual Report**

As you are aware Simon recently stepped down from his role as PLO, and I have been supporting the team for the last few months.

Headway has been made throughout the past year with the Scottish Prison Service, all Scottish prisons are aware of the support available for prisoners. Some prisons have engaged others haven't and this is something the new PLO can look to take forward.

There are 13 SPS prisons in Scotland we have contact with 6 and are currently visiting prisoners in two areas, HMP Edinburgh and HMP Barlinnie.

We hope to have referrals from Low Moss, Glenochil and Perth at some point soon, and are awaiting replies from Cornton Vale and Shotts to arrange initial meetings.

GA Scotland leaflets are available for prisons and have been devised with prisoners in mind.

The PLO work is communicated via the WhatsApp group we have a few members supporting and would be really grateful to anyone who has the time to commit to supporting the team and the prison visits.

Karen added that she would like to thank the PLO team for their hard work and dedication, the team is small but those onboard are very willing to support.

Karen Office Coordinator/Rutherglen Thursday

## Helpline Coordinator Annual Report

876 calls received  
757 answered first time  
86%

Massive thank you to the volunteers for giving up their time to help those contacting the fellowship.

The help line has had no major issues over the last year. We have continued to provide support to those in need 24 hours a day 365 days a year which is all down to members being willing to give their time back to the fellowship.

I have held the position on the national committee for 4 years now and it is time to hand over that role to another volunteer. The role itself isn't the most demanding on the national committee but it's an excellent opportunity for a GA member willing to give back to the fellowship.

I am more than happy to assist and support the new helpline coordinator learn the systems and hand over all the relevant information needed to carry on what has been built up over a number of years.

I would like to thank all the committee members past and present who have supported me over the last 4 years. It's been fantastic for my recovery holding a position on the committee and a lot has happened over the last few years, but we have overcome challenges faced and have a fellowship operating as close to normal as it was pre lockdown.

I would again appeal to the members of the fellowship to volunteer to support the helpline. A couple of members have stepped back, and I have had only 1 new volunteer over the last year. This is an excellent chance to give back. Anyone who is a year off a bet can be added to the helpline.

The hours are as follows:

Monday 4pm to Tuesday 10am. Tuesday 4pm to Wednesday 10am  
Wednesday 4pm to Thursday 10am. Thursday 4pm to Friday 10am  
Friday 4pm to Saturday 10am. Saturday 10am to Saturday 4pm  
Saturday 4pm to Sunday 10am. Sunday 10am to Sunday 4pm  
Sunday 4pm to Monday 10am.

Bryan Helpline Coordinator/ East Kilbride Thursday

## **Public Relations Officer Annual Report**

This year has seen a progressive increase in activity in carrying the message of compulsive gambling and the GA recovery program and how the fellowship has helped thousands lead happy productive lives one day at a time. The easing of Covid 19 restrictions, people returning to places of work saw an increase of calls looking for information and shares from our members to give a raw insight into this insidious illness but more importantly that help is out there. We have been in schools, banks, army barracks as well as teams shares with community support groups and much more. We have introduced a GA PRO volunteer team, encouraging members to put themselves forward to be available for any future projects, we have over 20 willing volunteers giving up their time to carry the message from all over the fellowship in Scotland and the PRO team are grateful to each and every one of you for your support.

The hard work never stops and below is our current active projects:

### **Bertha Park High and ST Luke School talks**

Bertha High School have confirmed that 2 school talks will take place on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, with Kirsty from Broughty Ferry Tuesday speaking to the students and another member TBC will be going along with Kirsty to contribute to the Q & A session. ST Luke's have confirmed school talks week commencing October 31<sup>st</sup> with David from Toryglen Wednesday providing his services.

### **DWP teams share**

Callum from Blackburn took part in a share/ Q&A with DWP staff and various other departments on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Callum shared his story to raise awareness of compulsive gambling and the support GA gives him to obtain a happy productive life gamble free. Many thanks to Callum for your service, the DWP took so much from the share.

### **Glasgow City Council Neighbourhoods**

This week Kevin our Glasgow Area PRO coordinated a GA Scotland stall from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of October. The stall gave the community an opportunity to speak to members about all things GA and supply information. The PRO team would like to give special thanks to Thistle Scott (Irvine Friday) Claire (Blackhill) and Harry (Rutherglen Tuesday) for their services.

## **Glasgow University mental health awareness**

Our assistant PRO is in talks with Arran a 4<sup>th</sup> year student doing a piece on the effect compulsive gambling has on men and how it affects their mental health, Arran s doing a piece for his university module and would like a better understanding of the mindset of a compulsive gambler and what support is out there and how the GA recovery program helps. Bruce will update on the progress of this project at next national.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the National committee for their continued support, the GA PRO team for the dedication and hard work and all our volunteers that have gave their valuable time to support the projects. We are always looking for more people to get involved so if you are interested, please get in touch. As we say if any of these projects big or small result in just one suffering compulsive gambler get the right support and a life gamble free it is 100% worth it.

David National PRO/Broughty Ferry Tuesday.

## **Social Media Coordinator Annual Report**

This is the first full year (National 2021 - National 2022) that the GA Scotland social media pages have been running, and in their short life span, they have already carried the message to suffering compulsive gamblers, and for some people, have played a crucial role in getting them to their first meeting. The initial aim for the pages was to carry the GA message to other compulsive gamblers in need of support, and so, so far, that has been achieved. Overall, the social media pages have reached over 10,000 people which is a fantastic milestone.

The social media pages share a combination of GA literature and contributions from members of the fellowship. Thank you to each and every member who has contributed to the pages. Your Step 12 work is so incredibly valuable. There will also be more opportunities to become involved and so please encourage anyone at your meeting to get in touch.

Looking forward, we aim to continue sharing the GA message and will look for other opportunities to grow and improve.

Lastly, a special thanks to the members involved in running the social media pages.

Hamish Social Media Coordinator/Perth Friday

## **Web Team Annual Report**

Mark M was unable to attend Karen read the report in his absence.

### **THE PAST 12 MONTHS**

This has been a year of many changes to our website.

In 2020, the pandemic forced us into a position of having to cater for multiple types of meetings ranging from in-person 'live' meetings to teleconferences and zoom video conferences.

By the time of the 2021 AGM, many elements had been "bolted on" to get us through that period, and regular intervention from the web-team was required to keep up with frequent amendments.

It was clear that changes were needed. We needed to provide a more consistent and coherent offering to our users; one that was easier to navigate, provided greater functionality, and could be fully maintained by the Office Co-Ordinator.

The revised GA Scotland website was launched in May 2022, and since then additional features and improvements have been added each month. We now have a platform in place that addresses the needs stated above, and one that provides a firm foundation for future enhancements.

### **THE NEXT 12 MONTHS**

Recently we have been focussing on the content and operation of the website, and we will continue to do so in the year to come with a range of proposed functional and content enhancements already in development. However, it is now time to address another issue.

In 2015, we contracted with Internet Creation Ltd. to provide our web-hosting services. At that time, they were more than willing to take on our business, and there was talk of the many things they would be able to do for us including hosting, pro-active support, and website re-design. We signed up with them on what seemed like a reasonable tariff for all the things they were going to deliver, and since then we have been paying £1500+ each year for their services.

Unfortunately, their service has not lived up to expectation. Their early attempt at website re-design fell far short of expectation and their customer support has

been in terminal decline over the years with the last support ticket we raised taking over 23 days to be addressed.

Within the next three months we will be transferring our hosting to Inventive Hosting, a company whose services we have used before during development work on the revised site, and who have proved themselves to deliver well above expectations. Year on year, we will be benefiting from a vastly improved service and also saving ourselves £1000+ p.a.

### OUR AIM

Our aim is to continually move forward in a progressive way, confident that our digital offerings will become tightly integrated, and that web site, social media and communication channels will not only continue to serve our existing members, but also reach an ever growing and diverse community of new problem gamblers in an increasingly digital world.

Mark M Web Team/Kirkcaldy Saturday

## **Office Coordinator Annual Report**

It has been a busy year for all of us, beginning to get back to some normality and attending live meetings to then end up back in lockdown over the Christmas period, thankfully now we are all back to live meetings, no more zoom with the exception of four meetings using hybrid.

The new website is now fully up and running it is much easier to use and is visually much better, I have access to add and change meeting and pin information, Mark M has done an excellent job on the website, and it really fits the needs of the fellowship.

Communication from groups to the office has been excellent and new secretaries are added to the WhatsApp group as soon as I am advised of the change, I also now send out a secretary role profile I hope this helps.

I have created an additional leaflet for Agencies/Support Services, this provides information on who GA Scotland are and what we do to enable them to advise anyone they support how to get in contact with us.

We have new Unity & Recovery Banners and also a Protocol Banner which replaces the table cards which were previously in use, almost half of the fellowship have collected and are using/displaying the new Protocol Banner.

A Safeguarding Policy has been implemented within GA Scotland to ensure that everyone within the fellowship is safe, respected and valued it is important that everyone reads and understands this and their duty of care to others.

As always if anyone has any ideas on how to improve the meetings to office working relationship don't hesitate to contact me, I am here to make things as easy as possible for you all.

Karen Office Coordinator/Rutherglen Thursday

## A.O.C.B

### Tam Blackburn Monday

Tam from Blackburn Monday thanked George for his service and stepping in at a time where the fellowship was without a National Secretary. Tam also advised members present that admin can now delete messages on the WhatsApp pages and don't need to reply on the person who typed the message to remove it.

### George W Safeguarding Policy

George W raised the safeguarding policy, a few issues had arisen lately where the safeguarding policy procedures should have been used, if any group has problems with a member who then moves on to another group, please ensure that the group secretary makes the new group aware of this.

### Karen Finances/Base Numbers

Karen handed out the sheets with donations, national attendance and base numbers for the past year and explained them, a quarter of groups did not donate in the past year or attend any national meetings, some groups do have very low numbers and are unable to donate others it seems choose not to, Karen will speak to the committee for some advice as those who chose not to donate as they may need to be charged for literature, pins etc. Karen also added that she has been advised some groups don't read out their collections or finances on a weekly basis, it is important that if you are attending a group and donating that you know where your collection is going.

George W discussed base numbers there has been a drop of around 40 since March 22, in the past year there have been 62 1<sup>st</sup> year and 45 2<sup>nd</sup> year pins, and although numbers have dropped slightly there are new members coming in and staying.

Discussion took place on some groups who haven't donated or donated very little. The information is included with the AGM minutes as an attachment.

### Liz Hamilton Thursday- Wednesday Outlying Zoom Coordinator

George introduced Liz from Hamilton Thursday, Liz has taken on the running of the Wednesday outlying Zoom Meeting, Liz was very happy to take on the role, currently there are only 3 regular members attending the meeting, it has been running for 4 weeks now, Liz reminded members that if they are ill, looking after someone who is ill or on holiday, they can attend the meeting by contacting Karen in the office or Liz, also Liz will check with group secretary's that the person looking to attend does fit the criteria set for Wednesday and Sunday outlying meetings.

### John Parkhead Thursday

John thanked the committee for all of their hard work and brought an issue from his group to discuss; this related to the opening of new groups in the Glasgow area, a few groups have opened within the past year and 2 have closed, John would like the opening of new groups looked at more closely before agreeing to

let them open, as smaller groups rely on visitors each week the more groups opening locally the less visitors small and other groups will have.

### Barry Greenock Monday

George brought Barry from Greenock Monday in at this point as Barry had a similar point, this was a personal observations and not brought on behalf of his group. He felt that new meetings need to be opened for the right reasons and shouldn't affect other local groups, he has felt in the past that that he hasn't agreed with some of the new group proposals but couldn't voice his opinion as new meetings are always agreed and passed at nationals.

This was taken onboard via a proposal from Blair at Rutherglen Thursday, any new group looking to open should return their new group application to the office at least 2 weeks prior to the National Meeting, this will enable Karen to send the information on the proposal out to all secretary's to discuss with their groups and any feedback from groups can be raised at the National Meeting.

### John Parkhead Thursday

John was approached recently by two members who were refused access to Bath Street Friday a few weeks ago, the reason given was that they were having a two-hour business meeting during the times the meeting should have been on, John asked if they were still a member of GA Scotland as they don't donate or attend any meetings. One of the members refused has a walking stick and had to walk to Anderson to attend a meeting.

George W added that the office wasn't informed of the closure.

A couple of members present have attended the meeting and raised the collection as they have made donations to the group when attending and the group have paid nothing into the national, they would like to know where the collections are going,

The decision was that a conversation will take place with the secretary of Bath Street and the discussion will be fed back at the November National Meeting.

### Brian Mac Rutherglen Saturday

Brian made a request for GA Scotland to make a donation to a member of Rutherglen Saturday, the member has a family member who has a condition, and they are raising funds for treatment. George W advised that this wasn't something the fellowship could do and there had been similar requests in the past, if the member is visiting other groups, they could ask groups individually if they wished to donate but we are unable to do this through the fellowship.

**Amendment to above requested 1/11/2022, The above funding request by Brian Mac was not made on behalf of Rutherglen Saturday, it was made personally by Brian for a fellow member at another group.**

### Tam Blackburn Monday

Tam raised an issue the committee were alerted to earlier today, the Edinburgh Tuesday meeting were looking to close the meeting next week and open the following week in the venue the Wednesday group used prior to closing over a year ago, the request was to add the Wednesday meeting back to the website, Karen advised the member who contacted her that this would be a new meeting request as the group had closed over a year ago, the person who called also wasn't the secretary of the Tuesday meeting, Karen has sent out a new meeting form and advised the member that the secretary should bring this proposal to the National meeting in November and that she would require a copy prior to the meeting, it was made clear that secretary's should make contact with the office in relation to any proposals as this is part of their role.

### Election of New Committee

George W confirmed the following:

- Charles will stay on for 1 more year as National Treasurer.
- Tam and John will stay on as joint Live Chat Coordinators.
- Bryan has agreed to stay on as Helpline Coordinator and will look for an assistant to take over the role next year.
- Stephen has agreed to stay on as Magazine Editor for 1 more year, Blair from Rutherglen Thursday will assist Stephen and offered to take on the role at next year's AGM.
- Mark M will continue on in the Web Team role.
- Hamish will stay on as Social Media Coordinator.
- David is stepping down as Public Relations Officer, Bruce from Broughty Ferry Tuesday will take over the role and will work alongside the area PRO's.  
Proposed by David Broughty Ferry Tuesday  
Seconded by George W Rutherglen Thursday
- Claire from Blackhill Wednesday will take on the role of Prison Liaison Officer. George W will support Claire in the role.  
Proposed by Brian Mac Rutherglen Thursday  
Seconded by Barry Greenock Monday
- George W is stepping down as national Secretary as he agreed to take on the role up until the AGM, David from Broughty Ferry Tuesday will take over the role.

Proposed by Mari Blackburn Monday  
Seconded by George W Rutherglen Thursday

George welcomed all of the committee members and thanked them all for their support, closing the meeting in the usual manner.

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS (SCOTLAND)**

**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

# GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS (SCOTLAND)

## CHARITY INFORMATION

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### **Accountants**

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## **ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

### **ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS (SCOTLAND)**

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In accordance with the engagement letter dated 5 November 2021, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Gamblers Anonymous (Scotland) for the year, set out on pages 2 to 4 from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given to us.

As a practicing member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icas.org.uk/accountspreparationguidance>.

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 5 November 2021. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Gamblers Anonymous (Scotland) and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with the guidance of ICAS. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than you, for our work or for this report.

You have approved the accounts for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for them, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us, and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the accounts.

**Thomson Cooper**  
**Accountants**

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28 October 2022

## DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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		2022		2021
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Total Group Donations		42,064		24,146
Direct costs				
Pin/Coin purchases	458		1,609	
Meeting room hire	1,348		-	
Refreshments and meeting expenses	146		-	
	<u>1,952</u>		<u>1,609</u>	
		(1,952)		(1,609)
Gross surplus		40,112		22,537
Administrative expenses				
Wages and salaries (excl. N.I.)	16,380		13,195	
Rent re operating leases	5,200		3,900	
Insurance	1,632		1,818	
Repairs and maintenance	108		617	
Office expenses	198		4	
Stationery	983		132	
Postage	344		232	
Printing costs	-		2,122	
Advertising	11,880		1,169	
Computer running costs	2,356		3,377	
Telephone	3,912		2,031	
Photocopier charges and repairs	1,168		1,043	
Travelling expenses	97		417	
Accountancy	840		774	
Bank charges	35		-	
Purchase of assets	3,795		-	
		<u>(48,928)</u>		<u>(30,831)</u>
Operating deficit		<u>(8,816)</u>		<u>(8,294)</u>

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022**

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	2022		2021	
Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>				
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		<b>94,038</b>		<b>102,788</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
<b>Accruals</b>		<b>840</b>		<b>774</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>93,198</b>		<b>102,014</b>
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
<b>Represented By:</b>				
<b>At 1 September 2021</b>		<b>102,014</b>		<b>110,308</b>
<b>Deficit for the year</b>		<b>(8,816)</b>		<b>(8,294)</b>
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		<b>93,198</b>		<b>102,014</b>
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 5 November 2021, I approve the accounts set out on pages 2 to 4. I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis as set out in note 1 to the accounts, and for providing Thomson Cooper with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Date: 28 October 2022

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022***

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#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the receipts and payments basis.

##### **1.2 Compliance with accounting standards**

The financial information is not intended to achieve full compliance with the provisions of UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

##### **1.3 Income**

Income is represented by donations made to the organisation.

