
THE VITILIGO SOCIETY
(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXAMINER AT

31ST MARCH 2010

Company Registration Number 3542195
Charity Registration Number 1069607

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Legal and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number 1069607

Company Registration Number 3542195

Status A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital, and a registered charity

Registered Office and main address: 125 Kennington Road
London
SE11 6SF

Trustees and Directors

Directors	
Anthony Bewley	
Norma Bird	Appointed 20/10/2010
Daniel Britten	Resigned 19/08/2009
Jeff Corne	
Hilary Fassnidge	Appointed 15/04/2009
Gurdeep Romany	Appointed 15/04/2009
Paul Johnson	Appointed 20/10/2010
Elana Kelly	
Bernard Lamb	
Debra Leeves	Appointed 15/04/2009
Jeffrey Lock	Appointed 16/06/2010
Mike Moore	
Emma Rush	Appointed 16/06/2010
Robert Symonds	Resigned 24/03/2010
Christopher Williams	
Dennis Wilson-Cole	Resigned 13/12/2009

Company Secretary John Cameron Clark

Bankers	Lloyds TSB Bank Plc	Unity Trust Bank Plc	CafBank Ltd
	25 Gresham Street	Nine Brindley Place	Kings Hill
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	EC2V 7HN	B1 2HB	Kent
			ME19 4JQ

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Scandinavian House
2-6 Cannon Street
London
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Chartered Accountants
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Structure governance and management

The Vitiligo Society was established in 1985 as the London Vitiligo Group and on 13 January 1986 was officially registered as a charity. The charity later changed its name to the Vitiligo Group before becoming The Vitiligo Society in 1990. The Vitiligo Society was incorporated on 7 April 1998 as a company limited by guarantee.

The Governing document of the Society is the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The trustees of the charity, for the purpose of charity law, are also the directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act.

The Society is governed by a council of management that at all times must comprise a majority of members who have Vitiligo or have partners, children or siblings with the condition. One third of the members of the council retire each year and retiring members are eligible for re-election. Decisions on behalf of the Charity are made by the directors, (known by the charity as Trustees) who meet approximately once every six weeks. Trustees are appointed on recommendation by the Board of Trustees or by election at the Annual General Meeting. All new trustees are required to produce references as to character, and to demonstrate knowledge of their responsibilities or undergo training in the necessary areas.

The Society's charitable objects are

- To relieve the distress and suffering of persons who have the skin condition known as Vitiligo
- To promote research into the cause of Vitiligo and the most effective means of treating this condition
- To disseminate the results of such research for the benefit of the public
- To advance public education about Vitiligo

The Society's mission

To beat Vitiligo by eradicating the psychological, social and physical effects on people's lives and by finding effective treatments and a cure.

Trustees

Trustees serving throughout the year and newly appointed Trustees are listed on page 3 of this report.

The Society's achievements and activities, from 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010

Vitiligo and Me symposium

By far the most important activity this year was the society's involvement with the Royal Society of Medicine in the symposium 'Vitiligo and Me', being part of the Royal Society of Medicine's 'Medicine and me' series.

The symposium brought together members of the medical profession involved in the treatment of vitiligo and sufferers with presentations by both groups. This was a tremendous opportunity for sufferers to put issues of concern, and to question the medical profession.

The videos of all presentations can be viewed on the Vitiligo Society website.

Website

We have also continued to develop the new Website for the society. It can be viewed at www.vitigosociety.co.uk. We continue to have a high number of unique visits.

Facebook

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Our Facebook Group continues to expand and we now have almost 1,500 members

The Helpline

The Society operates a free information helpline and continues to receive a high number of callers

Research

Research Initiative UKDCTN The Society is involved with and supports the UKDCTN programme of work looking at "Setting Priorities and Reducing Uncertainties for People with Skin Disease", funded by the National Institute for Health Research (www.nihr.ac.uk) It is represented on the working party for this research project

The Society continues to support the Genome Worldwide research initiative via Prof Dorothy Bennett in the UK

The Society has funded a research trial into excimer laser treatment by Prof David Gawkrödger part funded by the British Skin Foundation

The Vitiligo Society is conducting a research survey of all dermatology departments to establish what treatments are provided for people with Vitiligo This research has been funded by the British Association of Dermatology

Publications

The Society produced a leaflet "Living with Vitiligo" which was dispatched to all Dermatology Department

Conferences attended

The Society attended the BAD Strategic Working Party meeting representing the Vitiligo Society and patients' support groups which has led directly to the formation of the Dermatology Council for England The Society attended the Annual Meeting of the British Association of Dermatologists that was held in Liverpool The Society also attended the Annual Psychodermatology meeting

Publicity

The publicity this year included major national news publicity featuring Darcel de Vlught It has also been involvement in radio programmes

Support Groups

The Society's support group initiative, in addition to its regular Parent Support Groups, were held in London

Finances

The results for the year to 31 March 2010 were in line with the expectations of the Trustees taking into consideration the economic climate prevailing The Society's work is entirely reliant on subscriptions from its members, donations from its members, other donors, charitable trusts and corporations

Total income for the year was £97,051 of which £24,097 was restricted to Research, Support, Publicity, Website, IT systems and Information The Society has an active fund raising policy to generate funds to ensure the Society's financial security and for the pursuance of the Society's objects

The reserves of the Society as at 31 March 2010 were £88,782 unrestricted and £14,888 restricted

Grants policy

The Society awards grants to people from a variety of disciplines such as dermatology, psychology and biochemistry

Reserves policy

The trustees believe it would be prudent to build the charity's reserves to a sum equivalent to six months' operating costs currently projected to be £50,000 in order to ensure the charity has sufficient funds in reserve to meet its statutory and contractual obligations

Risk Review

The Trustees carry out an annual review of the major risks to which the Society is exposed and ensure that the systems and procedures established to manage the risks remain robust and fit for purpose

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of the Vitiligo Society for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which 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.

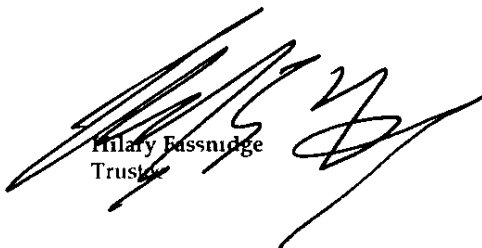
Statement of Public Benefit

The Vitiligo Society has complied with its duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising its powers or duties.

Small company provisions

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board on 20th October 2010
and signed on its behalf by



Hilary Bassnidge
Trustee



Elana Kelly
Trustee

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements the Vitiligo Society

I report on the accounts of the Vitiligo Society for the year ended 31 March 2010 set out on pages 3 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by section 28 of the Charities Act 2006 and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 43(3)(a) of the Act, as amended, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met, or
- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



David Weeden FCA
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26th October 2010

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	General Funds		Total	Total
		Unrestricted	Restricted	2010	2009
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Subscriptions	1c	29,224		29,224	28,998
Members' Donations & Gift Aid	1d	25,861	-	25,861	32,710
Other Donations	1d	5,247	-	5,247	25,887
Donations from Companies and Trusts	1d	10,870	24,097	34,967	47,500
Fundraising		1,613		1,613	716
Sundry Income		-		0	15
Bank Interest Received		139		139	4,401
Total Incoming Resources		72,954	24,097	97,051	140,227
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating Funds, Fundraising and Publicity		14,540	7,738	22,278	27,874
Newsletter		6,752	4,998	11,750	11,416
Information Literature		10,227	3,468	13,695	12,941
Other Information Services		22,788	8,551	31,339	25,360
Research Grants / Patents		3,867	1,107	4,974	2,321
Management and Administration		20,107	5,309	25,416	28,942
Total Resources Expended	2	78,281	31,171	109,452	108,854
Resources before transfers		(5,327)	(7,074)	(12,401)	31,373
Net (outgoing) Incoming Resources		(5,327)	(7,074)	(12,401)	31,373
Fund Balances brought forward at 1 April 2009		94,109	21,962	116,071	84,698
Fund Balances carried forward at 31 March 2010		88,782	14,888	103,670	116,071

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other gains or losses other than those stated above.

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2010

	Note	2010 £	2009 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	3	97	1,201
Current Assets			
Debtors	4	1,217	4,828
Cash at Bank and in hand	5	108,679	117,279
		<u>109,896</u>	<u>122,107</u>
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>6,323</u>	<u>7,237</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>103,573</u>	<u>114,870</u>
Total assets less Liabilities		<u>103,670</u>	<u>116,071</u>
Income Funds			
General Fund - Unrestricted		88,782	94,109
Funds - Restricted	7	<u>14,888</u>	<u>21,962</u>
Total Funds - surplus		<u>103,670</u>	<u>116,071</u>

Trustee's statements required by the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2010

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm

- (a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006,
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 31 March 2009
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for
 - (1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
 - (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

The financial statements were approved by the board on 26th October 2010 and signed on its behalf by


 Hilary Fassnidge

Registered number 3542195

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these financial statements

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Balance sheet (continued)

Notes to the Financial Statements at 31 March 2010

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Subscriptions are credited to income for the year to which they relate. Life subscriptions are credited to income in full in the year of receipt.

Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

1.4 Tax repayments under Gift Aid

Tax repayments under Gift Aid are brought into the accounts on an accruals basis; the credit is included under the original heading of the net income.

1.5 Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows: -

Office Equipment - 20% per annum

1.6 Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

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2 Analysis of Total Resources Expended

	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Depreciation	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost of Generating Funds				
Fundraising and Publicity	11,131	10,922	225	22,278
Charitable Expenditure				
Newsletter	4,561	7,097	92	11,750
Information Literature	7,333	6,214	148	13,695
Other Information Services	17,628	13,354	357	31,339
Research	1,505	3,439	30	4,974
Management and Administration	12,378	12,786	252	25,416
	<u>43,405</u>	<u>41,890</u>	<u>879</u>	<u>86,174</u>
Total Expenditure - 2010	54,536	53,812	1104	109,452

Cost of Generating Funds	7,562	19,955	357	27,874
Charitable Expenditure	45,744	33,295	1,941	80,980
Total Expenditure - 2009	53,306	53,250	2,298	108,854

	2010	2009
Staff costs	£	£
Salaries	50,384	37,319
Social Security Costs	4,153	2,684
Staff Training	-	1,876
	<u>54,537</u>	<u>41,879</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 The average number of employees throughout both years was two part-time

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2. Analysis of Total Resources Expended (cont)

Other costs	2010	2009
	£	£
Newsletter - Printing & Postage	4,062	4,168
Recruitment	1,357	-
Literature	215	1,388
Fundraising & Publicity	3,348	14,724
Travel & Cost of Meetings	409	1,569
Printing, Postage & Stationery	2,916	2,885
Telephone	1,722	2,177
Office Expenses	19,917	18,302
Insurance	1,527	1,460
Sundry Expenses	2,286	3,568
Research	2,500	550
Computer Support Charges	10,280	1,373
Audit of Accounts	1,510	400
Professional Fees	1,763	686
	53,812	53,250

3. Tangible Fixed Assets

Office Equipment	Cost	Depn	NBV
	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2009	11,492	10,291	1,201
Depreciation for the year		1,104	1,104
As at 31st March 2010	11,492	11,395	97

4 Debtors

	2010	2009
	£	£
Prepayments	-	3,350
Tax Repayment Claim	1,217	1,478
	1,217	4,828

5 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2010	2009
	£	£
Deposit Account	51,298	51,173
Current Account	57,343	65,996
Cash Balances	38	110
	108,679	117,279

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6 Creditors Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	2010	2009
	£	£
Subscriptions and Donations received in advance	4,416	5,281
HM Revenue and Customs	1,339	1,242
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Costs	568	714
	<u>6,323</u>	<u>7,237</u>

7 Analysis of Restricted Funds

Purpose	Balance 1 April 2009 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Balance 31 March 2010 £
Research	4,014	8,171	(9,852)	2,333
Support	5,000		(4,000)	1,000
Website	2,000		(2,000)	0
IT System	9,948		(9,948)	0
Information	1,000	15,926	(5,371)	11,555
	<u>21,962</u>	<u>24,097</u>	<u>(31,171)</u>	<u>14,888</u>

8 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 March 2010 as represented by			
Tangible Assets	97		97
Current Assets	95,008	14,888	109,896
Current liabilities	(6,323)		(6,323)
	<u>88,782</u>	<u>14,888</u>	<u>103,670</u>

9 Financial Commitments

As at 31 March 2010, the society had a commitment under the lease of its premises at 125 Kennington Road, London SE11 6SF with an annual rent of £18,500 for 4 years. The lease was agreed with no annual increases and break clauses have been negotiated for the 1st, 2nd and 4th year of the lease.

10 Capital

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital.

In the event of a winding up, each full member has undertaken to contribute to payment of the liabilities such sum as may be required not exceeding £1 per member.