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Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2022

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# **Company information**

#### Directors

T L Amy (Appointed 1 November 2022)

B T Brand

R V Bray Chair

ASM Gear

C Mills (Resigned 26 April 2022)

K R Ottley (Appointed 1 November 2022)

K J Russell (Resigned 31 January 2023) Vice-Chair

J P C Spedding M Varriale

Y Yasin (Appointed 1 November 2022)

#### Company Secretary

S A Nunn (died 26 November 2022)
J Blackman (Appointed 19 January 2023)

# Registered number

8028281

# **Registered Office and Operating address**

Church House Great Smith Street London SW1P 3AZ United Kingdom

# Bankers

Metrobank PLC 120 Cheapside London, EC2V 7JB

Barclays Bank plc 1, Churchill Place, London E14 5HP

The Charity Bank Ltd Fosse House 182, High Street, Tonbridge TN9 1BE

# Independent Examiner

Anthony Alford Chartered Accountant Shepherd's Crook Netherbury Bridport Dorset DT6 5LY

#### Solicitors

Wrigleys Solicitors LLP 19 Cookridge Street Leeds LS2 3AG

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# Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Our Aims and Objectives**

#### **Purposes. Aims and Principles**

The objectives of the Charity Tax Group (CTG) are:

- promoting the improvement in the fiscal treatment of organisations established for charitable purposes
  including, in particular (but not exclusively) by acting as a representive of the charity sector in relation to
  government policies and legislation; and
- promoting and developing an enhanced knowledge, understanding and awareness of tax and associated financial issues as they relate to organisations established for charitable purposes.

Currently, CTG is not a charity. It is however seeking charitable status having submitted an application to The Charity Commission to become a charity in August 2023. In the meantime, the Directors, having regard to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011, consider that the company operates for public benefit.

CTG has adopted guiding principles. These are:

- Striving for technical excellence in all aspects of tax that impacts on charities.
- Providing practical support to charities through provision of informed and relevant guidance, helping them to mitigate their tax burden.
- · Working with others to maximise our impact.
- Developing a sustainable funding structure that matches our ambition.
- To be brave and innovative.

#### The focus of our work

CTG has Charity and Observer members. Charity members are registered charities or other organisations that exist for the public benefit. Observer members are professional firms with charity clients. The main focus areas for CTG are ensuring:

- that our services are useful and relevant to Charity and Observer members of all sizes and complexity;
- that our activities serve the goal of representing the charity sector to ensure that any proposed tax-related changes that may have an impact on it are proportionate in terms of both fiscal and administrative impact;
- that the fiscal burden on charities is minimised to ensure that more of its resources can be allocated to providing public benefit.

#### How our activities deliver public benefit

The information services provided through CTG's website are available for all to use, as are its regular meetings and online training sessions. The main groups using these services are charities themselves, and professional firms providing tax services to the Charity Sector. The involvement of professional firms ensures that the impact of CTG in the Charity Sector is felt far beyond our immediate membership.

Furthermore, CTG's activities to engage with HMRC and other relevant stakeholders, to ensure that proposed taxrelated changes have a proportional impact in terms of fiscal and administrative impact, are beneficial to all charities operating for the public benefit. The work of CTG helps to ensure the fiscal burden on all charities is minimised and so increases resources being spent for the public benefit across the whole Charity Sector.

# Primary activities in 2022

It was another busy and impactful year for CTG. We continued to provide free at point of delivery training and information alongside continuing to work with HMRC and other key stakeholders. All done to ensure the fiscal and administrative impact of taxation and changes to taxation are minimised across the Charity Sector.

We have continued to engage regularly with our Charity and Observer members.

# Highlights of 2022 include:

- CTG has co-ordinated and hosted regular Expert Insight webinars to which all charities on our mailing lists have been invited. Attendance at the sessions continues to be high. Sessions in 2022 included expert talks from high profile speakers on issues including:
  - A general overview on the core charity tax issues, including Gift Aid, VAT and business rates, identifying opportunities to access tax reliefs and ensure that the charities are compliant with their responsibilities.
  - When it can be helpful for charities to take tax advice this included feedback from a charity, tax advisor and somebody who had performed both roles.
  - o Specific tax considerations for smaller charities.
  - Employment tax considerations relating to holiday pay, hybrid working and opportunities to leverage salary sacrifice rules to access electric vehicles.
  - Business rates and the key things that charities need to know about them.
  - The value of promoting payroll giving within an organisation and the fundraising opportunities that come with it.

These sessions have been recorded and are available on CTG's website.

- Charities have received monthly high level "what you need to know about charity tax" newsletters which are
  designed to be shared with Senior Management and Trustees, to raise awareness of key developments. They
  have also received a more detailed weekly newsletter providing information on updates from HMRC on
  changes to guidance and practical advice about tax issues.
- In support of the whole Charity Sector CTG has:
  - o Organised and chaired practical issues VAT and Gift Aid working groups at which charities share best practice resulting in Charities saving time and money.
  - Developed a strong technical case for a special charity rate of VAT on purchases, with the aim to improve charity VAT recovery and support organisations that are buying things to support beneficiaries at the front-line.
  - Co-ordinated the "Future of Gift Aid project" to help future-proof vitally important Gift Aid relief which is worth over £1bn a year to the sector. CTG has worked with charities, advisers, HMRC and intermediaries including JustGiving and Streeva.
  - o Secured important changes to HMRC Gift Aid guidance in terms of recognition of donors.
  - Provided technical support to a charity preparing to take a tribunal case against HMRC, which, if successful, will save the charity sector millions of pounds each year.
  - o Worked with HMRC on a project to simplify the Gift Aid claiming process.
  - Responded to consultations on a proposed online sales tax and hybrid working arrangements to make sure the voice of charities is heard.
  - Submitted Budget representations and attended HMRC forums and working groups to ensure the interests of Charities are represented.

#### Financial result for the period

CTG had a surplus on unrestricted funds of £57k for the year to 31 December 2022 (2021 - £73k) and a surplus of £7k on restricted funds (2021 - £13k). This surplus reflected, in part, the continued support of Charity and Observer members of CTG through donations and fees paid. Further grant income has been obtained from the City Bridge Trust and is reflected as restricted income in the SOFA. Notwithstanding the grant income, for routine CTG activity there was a surplus of £5/k, partly resulting from reduced costs during the continuing pandemic situation and ongoing support from members.

Total reserves increased to £280k from £215k. These reserves serve as (a) a buffer to allow for the increased costs that are anticipated in future years as a result of the challenging financial climate and (b) funds to support future projects such as the necessary investment in CTG's website

#### **Principal funding sources**

CTG receives voluntary contributions from Charity members, usually on an annual basis, and receives annual fees from Observer members wishing to use our services. These funds support CTG's general activities. Additional donations and grants are sometimes received to support specific projects and these funds are restricted for use on those specific projects.

# **Investment policy**

Whilst CTG's Articles of Association provide the Board with the powers to invest CTG funds, funds are currently held in cash balances only to ensure funds available to meet its cashflow obligations.

#### Reserves policy

CTG aims to maintain reserves to fund CTG newsletters, events, website maintenance, regular professional fees, and meeting costs for the next financial year. This level of reserves also helps ensure that CTG can fund project work when this is necessary. The directors consider that the level of funds held at 31 December 2022 are sufficient and proportionate to meet this policy.

### Plans for future periods

In February 2023 it was announced that CTG was to be the recipient of 'backbone funding' from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation of £200,000 over five years. This funding provides core funding to key infrastructure organisations to enable them to plan strategically for the long term. The Directors would like to thank the Foundation for this funding and the recognition that it gives of the importance of CTG to the charity sector.

This funding will help CTG navigate the difficult financial climate that it faces and to continue with its intention of being a forward-looking and innovative organisation.

CTG will continue to provide its members with support on a wide range of fiscal issues in the uncertain world created by the current cost of living crisis. In particular we will continue to progress the Future of Gift Aid project and seek funding for further work to establish the socio-economic benefits of charity tax reliefs. CTG will also make it a priority to respond on behalf of the charity sector to proposed legislative changes as they arise.

CTG will also review its systems of governance with the aim of ensuring that they meet best practice for an organisation if its size. CTG aspires to meet the requirements of the Charity Governance Code for smaller charities. We believe that we owe it to the charity sector to demonstrate exemplary leadership and governance.

The Directors appreciate that making the right resources available to its members on tax issues is a vital part of its work. As a result, it is vital that its website remains fit for purpose. Key to this is investment in the website. The Directors will explore how this can best be done making use of the reserves that have been built up in recent years together making use of the opportunities afforded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation grant funding.

# Structure, Governance and Management

### **Governing document**

CTG is governed by the Company's Articles of Association. These have been amended in 2023 as part of the process of the Company seeking charitable status.

#### Recruitment and appointment of the Board

The Directors of the Company are also the members of the Company for Company law purposes and are elected by the Contributing Charity members in accordance with the Articles of Association. No person other than a Director can be admitted as a member of the Company. The Directors can be recruited from the employee and trustee base of the Contributing Charity members.

Professional firms with charity clients and which have an interest in tax issues are eligible to join as Observer members, but are not Company law members of the company.

#### **Board induction and training**

CTG has in place terms of reference for new Directors, and is putting in place an induction pack for new Directors on the required governance for the Company.

#### Risk management

CTG has developed a risk register to formally manage the risks identified by the Directors.

#### Organisational structure

The Board comprises a Chair, Vice Chair (currently vacant) and other serving Directors with a range of tax and other financial and non-financial experience. As well as the Directors, the Board also comprises a Treasurer and other advisory members.

The Board has decided to largely separate the management of CTG from its day-to-day technical work. This allows the Board to focus on strategy and management.

CTG also maintained its Gift Aid and VAT Practical Issues Working Groups during 2022, which focus on the day-to-day issues facing those working on Gift Aid and VAT issues in a charity.

CTG appoints a Technical Advisor who advises the Board on all matters relating to charity taxation especially with regard to VAT. This role was filled until 31 January 2023 by Graham Elliott who traded as City & Cambridge Consultancy. The Board would like to express its thanks to Graham for his work for CTG over a number of years. During 2023 Kerry Sykes, who trades as Big for Tax Limited, was appointed as Graham's successor. Kerry brings a wealth of experience to this role.

Observer member meetings are held three times a year and this gives the opportunity to provide a technical briefing to professional firms with an interest in charity tax issues.

CTG has no employees and in 2022 contracted the running of CTG on a day-to-day basis to Central Lobby Consultants.

#### Volunteers

CTG is volunteer-led organisation. The Board is very grateful for the hours of commitment from our members in enabling CTG to be the effective organisation that it is.

# Going concern position

As more fully explained in note 2 to the financial statements the Directors have reviewed the current position of CTG and are of the opinion that there are sufficient resources available to enable CTG to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and, as such, CTG continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

# Members of the Board

The Directors who served during the year were:

Trudi Amy (Appointed 1 November 2022)

**Barnaby Brand** 

Richard Bray

Alexandra Gear

Carlene Mills (Resigned 26 April 2022)

Kirsten Ottley (Appointed 1 November 2022)

Kevin Russell (Resigned 31 January 2023)

**Philip Spedding** 

Monica Varriale

Yasir Yasin (Appointed 1 November 2022)

No Director received emoluments in the year (2021: nil).

In addition to the Directors the following served as advisory members to the Board during the year:

David Warrellow and Lisa Burke (Treasurer).

# **Independent Examiner**

The accounts of CTG are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Companies Act. However, the Directors consider that due to CTG being a public benefit entity its accounts should be subject to independent examination. It has reappointed Anthony Alford to undertake the independent examination of its statutory accounts for 2022.

In preparing this report, the Directors have taken advantage of the small companies' exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on 27 September 2023 and signed on its behalf.

Richard Bray

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Chair

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Independent Examiner's report to the Board of Directors on the unaudited statutory financial statements of Charity Tax Group for the year ended 31 December 2022.

I report on the financial statements of Charity Tax Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Charity Tax Group is a public benefit interest entity that is not a registered charity. In planning and reporting on the work carried out, the recommendations applicable to charities have been recognised and that terminology has been adopted in this report.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors as a body and my work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Board of Directors those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume reponsibility to anyone other than Charity Tax Group and its Board of Directors as a body for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the directors of the Company you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I am qualified to undertake an independent examination of a charity whose gross income exceeds £250,000 by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3, the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102))

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Afford Chartered Accountant

Shepherd's Crook Netherbury Bridport Dorset, DT6 5LY Date: 28th September 2023

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# Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31 December 2022 (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

Image: Control of funds funds         Unitarity of funds funds         Incitation funds	(incorporating an income and expenditure account)							
Notes   2022   2022   2022   2023   2021			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Fe   Fe   Fe   Fe   Fe   Fe   Fe   Fe			funds	funds	funds	funds	funds	funds
Notempt prons:		Notes	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
Solitor   Soli			£	£	£	£	£	£
Recovery of input VAT in respect of prior year   114	Income from:							
Contail Income   1, 37,500   37,500   20,000	Voluntary donations from member charities	3	163,346	-	163,346	167,925	-	167,925
Total income	Contributions from observer members		82,923	-	82,923	82,130	-	82,130
Total Income   247,003   37,500   284,503   270,374   12,500   282,874   2	Grant income		-	37,500	37,500	20,000	12,500	32,500
Expenditure on furthering the objectives of CTGS:  Professional fees Professional fees Professional fees Professional fees Professional fees Professional fees Publications reference materials) Publications reference materials	Interest receivable		734	-	734	319	-	319
Processional fees   143,600   23,264   166,864   156,597   156,597   156,597   168,827   168,8	Total income		247,003	37,500	284,503	270,374	12,500	282,874
Comparison   Com	Expenditure on furthering the objectives of CTG:							
Publications (reference materials)	Professional fees		143,600	23,264	166,864	156,597	-	156,597
Method & communications         445         72         517         916         918           Website expenses         256         41         297         287         287           256         144,415         23,395         167,810         150,041         150,041           - administration costs         5         41,058         6,650         47,708         44,545         44,545           Postage         7         1         8         9         9         9           fostage         7         1         8         9         9         9           fostage         44,545         1,167         1,167         3,77         3,77         1,167         3,77<	Recovery of input VAT in respect of prior year		-	-	-	(7,882)	-	(7,882)
Website expenses         256         41         297         287         287           - odministration costs         144,415         23,995         167,810         150,041         - 150,041           Secretariat service         41,058         6,650         47,708         44,545         - 44,545           Postage         7         1         8         9         9         9           Other expenditure         44,84         73         521         377         377           Other expenditure         42,627         6,905         49,532         46,098         - 46,098           - governance and support costs         1,862         - 1,186         895         - 895           Independent Examination and filing fees         1,623         - 1,623         499         - 139           Independent Examination and filing fees         1,89,851         30,300         220,151         197,533         - 197,533           Independent Examination and filing fees         189,851         30,300         220,151         197,533         - 197,533           Interval Expenditure on furthering the objectives of CTG)         57,152         7,200         64,352         72,841         12,500         85,341           Original Expenditure on furthering the obj	Publications (reference materials)		114	18	132	123	-	123
144.415   23,395   167,810   150,041   -	Media & communications		445	72	517	916	-	916
Secretariat service	Website expenses		256	41	297	287	-	287
Secretariat service			144,415	23,395	167,810	150,041	_	150,041
Postage	- administration costs							
1.114   181   1.295   1.167   1.167   1.167   1.167   1.167   1.487   1.487   1.295	Secretariat service		41,058	6,650	47,708	44,545	_	44,545
Other expenditure         448         73         521         377         377           - governance and support costs         42,627         6,905         49,532         46,098         46,098           AGM, management and other meeting costs         1,186         -         1,186         895         -         895           Independent Examination and filing fees         1,623         -         1,623         499         -         499           7 Otal expenditure         189,851         30,300         220,151         197,533         -         197,533           (total expenditure on furthering the objectives of CTG)         57,152         7,200         64,352         72,841         12,500         85,341           (net income/(deficit) for the year before taxation)         57,013         7,200         64,232         72,841         12,500         85,216           Net movement in funds (Net income/(deficit) for the year after taxation)         57,013         7,200         64,213         72,716         12,500         85,216           Reconciliation of funds         7,200         64,213         72,716         12,500         85,216           Total funds brought forward         9         202,795         12,500         215,295         130,079         - <t< td=""><td>Postage</td><td></td><td>7</td><td>1</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>-</td><td>9</td></t<>	Postage		7	1	8	9	-	9
	Insurance		1,114	181	1,295	1,167	-	1,167
AGM, management and other meeting costs Independent Examination and filing fees Independent Examination and Independent Indepe	Other expenditure		448	73	521	377	-	377
AGM, management and other meeting costs Independent Examination and filing fees Independent Examination Independent Independent Examination Independent Indepe			42,627	6,905	49,532	46,098	-	46,098
1,623   1,623   499   499   499   1,394   1,	- governance and support costs							
2,809   2,809   1,394   - 1,394	AGM, management and other meeting costs		1,186	-	1,186	895	-	895
Total expenditure	Independent Examination and filing fees		1,623	-	1,623	499		499
Net income/(deficit)			2,809		2,809	1,394		1,394
Net income/(deficit) (net income/(deficit) for the year before taxation)         57,152         7,200         64,352         72,841         12,500         85,341           Corporation tax         4         139         -         139         125         -         125           Net movement in funds (Net income/(deficit) for the year after taxation)         57,013         7,200         64,213         -         72,716         12,500         85,216           Reconciliation of funds Total funds brought forward         9         202,795         12,500         215,295         130,079         -         130,079	Total expenditure		189,851	30,300	220,151	197,533	-	197,533
Corporation tax	(total expenditure on furthering the objectives of CTG)							
Corporation tax         4         139         -         139         125         -         125           Net movement in funds (Net income/(deficit) for the year after taxation)         57,013         7,200         64,213         -         72,716         12,500         85,216           Reconciliation of funds Total funds brought forward         9         202,795         12,500         215,295         130,079         -         130,079	Net income/(deficit)		57,152	7,200	64,352	72,841	12,500	85,341
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(Net income/(deficit) for the year after taxation)         Reconciliation of funds         Total funds brought forward       9       202,795       12,500       215,295       130,079       -       130,079	Corporation tax	4	139	-	139	125	-	125
(Net income/(deficit) for the year after taxation)         Reconciliation of funds         Total funds brought forward       9       202,795       12,500       215,295       130,079       -       130,079	Net		F7.012	7.200	C 4 343	72.746	42 500	05.745
Total funds brought forward 9 202,795 12,500 215,295 130,079 - 130,079			37,013	7,200	04,233	- /2,/16	12,500	85,216
	Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds carried forward 259,808 19,700 279,508 202,795 12,500 215,295	Total funds brought forward	9	202,795	12,500	215,295	130,079	-	130,079
	lotal tunds carried forward		259,808	19,700	279,508	202,795	12,500	215,295

All the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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#### Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

Dalance Sheet at 31 December 24		Note	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Fixed Assets:		14016	r	-
Intangible assets		6	-	-
Current Assets:				
Cash at bank			308,816	246,817
Debtors		7	18,868	12,690
Total current assets			327,684	259,507
Current Liabilities:				
Creditors: amounts falling due within	one year	8	(48,176)	(44,212)
Net current assets			279,508	215,295
Total assets less current liabilities		_	279,508	215,295
Funds (Capital and Reserves)				
	Restricted funds	9	19,700	12,500
	Income and Expenditure account & Unrestricted funds	9	259,808	202,795
Total funds		_	279,508	215,295

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their reponsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 December 2022 and of its surplus for the year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 of the Act and which comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies within Part 15 of the Act and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 27 September 2023.

Richard Bray

Chair

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# Statement of Cash Flows for the year to 31 December 2022

	2022 Total £	2021 I otal £
Cash flows from operating activities - Net cash provided by operating activities	61,999	65,948
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	246,817	180,869
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	308,816	246,817
Reconciliation of net movement of funds to net cash flows from operating activities  Net income after taxation	64,213	85,216
(Increase) in debtors	(6,178)	(10,290)
Decrease/(increase) in creditors	3,964	(8,978)
Net cash provided by operating activities	61,999	65,948
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank	308,816	246,817
Total cash and cash equivalents	308,816	246,817

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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#### 1 Statutory Information

Charity Tax Group (CTG) is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales (registered number 08028281) and thus does not have share capital. The registered office is Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.

#### 2 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical convention in accordance with:

- the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (including FRS 102),
- the Companies Act 2006: and
- with reference to Charities SORP (FRS 102) as is permitted by paragraphs 7 and 8 of FRS 100.

The company is a public benefit entity that while not a charity effectively operates for and within the charity sector. For that reason these financial statements and notes use terminology that is recognised in the charity sector.

The directors have considered the ability of the company to continue as a going concern in the light of the cost of living crisis and its impact on the charity sector. The financial climate remains challenging as costs are increasing with the high level of inflation not being matched by increasing contributions from charity members.

After the year end support was secured from The Paul Hamlyn Foundation's backbone fund which will provide the Charity Tax Group with infrastructure funding of £200,000 over the next five years. When combined with the level of reserves that have been built up in the past the company is well placed to face these financial challenges. As a result, the going concern basis is considered to be appropriate in the context of the company's ability to meet its obligations as they fall due, in the period of twelve months following the date of approval of these financial statements. In this consideration, the company's asset position, the level and profile of its liabilities and the company's ability to determine the level of activities have been taken into account.

#### (b) Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the following conditions are met:

The company becomes entitled to the resources.

The receipt is probable; and

The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure both income and expenditure are shown gross.

Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Grants receivable are recognised when due and when any conditions for receipt are met in accordance with the "performance model" described in FRS 102 paragraph 24.5B.

Grants or income received for specific purposes are not general income or unrestricted funds of the company. Instead they are allocated to a restricted fund as appropriate. Any grants or donations not used for their original purpose are returned to the funder or to the donor.

CTG benefits both from the contributions of volunteers, including its Directors and many advisors, and from other goods and services that are provided by supporters free of charge. It is not considered practical to attribute a value to those items in these financial statements.

# (c) Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the company to pay out resources. All resources expended are recognised on an accruals basis. CTG includes the cost of irrecoverable VAT incurred in the relevant expense category.

# (d) Intangible fixed assets and depreciation

Intangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and assessed for any impairment of value.

Depreciation on intangible assets (website and portal) is provided on a straight line basis at 33.33% per annum.

#### (e) Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and may be subsequently measured at their settlement value.

#### (f) Funds (Capital and Reserves)

Restricted Funds are included within Funds (Capital and Reserves).

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Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes specified by the funder/donor or be funds raised for a specific project with the knowledge of the funder/donor.

Amounts donated for a specific purpose are released from the reserve in the year in which the restriction is fulfilled (see (b) above).

# 3 Voluntary donations from member charfties

Voluntary donations from member charities contributing to unrestricted funds were received in the year in the following bands:

Values of individual donations	Number of charities donating within that band	Total donations within that band
>£10,000	3	£63,000
£1,001 to £10,000	14	£42,925
£501 to £1,000	34	£28,000
£251 to £500	51	£22,601
£1 to £250	39	£6,820
	141	£163,346

#### Comparative figures for 2021 are as follows:

Values of individual donations	Number of charities donating within that band	Total donations within that band
>f10,000	3	£62,750
£1,001 to £10,000	13	£35,005
£501 to £1,000	46	£36,885
£251 to £500	59	£25,305
£1 to £250	46	£7,980
	167	£167,925

In addition in the current year grant funding from City Bridge Trust covered the membership donations of 64 London based charities.

#### 4 Taxation

In considering the factors affecting the tax charge for the year, the directors have given consideration to the company's activities and its taxable status and have concluded that a tax liability relating to its interest income arises.

# 5 Staff costs and Directors' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no staff employed in 2022 (2021: nil) and there were no directors' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: nil).

#### 6 Intangible fixed assets Website and portal

	£
Cost:	
At 1 January 2022	£50,268
Additions	-
Disposals	
At 31 December 2022	£50,268
Depreciation:	
At 1 January 2022	£50,268
Charge for year	-
Disposals	_
At 31 December 2022	£50,268
Net book value 31 December 2022	£0
Net book value 31 December 2021	

The company's website and portal became operational from 1 May 2016 and were depreciated from that date.

7	Debtors	2022	2021
	Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
	Contributions from observer members	18,868	12,690
		18,868	12,690

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8	Creditors	2022	2021
	Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
	Accruals	10,552	8,209
	laxation	13,504	13,342
	Deferred income	24,120_	22,661
		48,176	44,212

#### 9 Reserves

(funds reported under FRS 102)

Unrestricted	Restricted	
Funds	Funds	Total
£	£	£
202,795	12,500	215,295
247,003	37,500	284,503
(189,990)	(30,300)	(220,290)
259,808	19,700	279,508
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#### The comparative figures are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Ƴotal £
Balance 31 December 2020	130,079	-	130,079
Income	270,374	12,500	282,874
Expenditure	(197,658)	-	(197,658)
Balance 31 December 2021	202,795	12,500	215,295

#### Unrestricted funds

The balance on unrestricted funds represents the net funds of the company which have not yet been expended and are not restricted or designated.

# Restricted funds

The restricted fund is in respect of funding from the City Bridge Trust to support London-based charities.

# 10 Controlling party

CTG is constituted as a company limited by guarantee. In accordance with its Articles of Association, control of the company is vested in the Directors who represent the Contributing Charity Members.

# 11 VAT

CTG has registered for VAT effective from 1 January 2021. It is 'partially exempt' for VAT purposes and in the year CGT incurred £25,000 of irrecoverable VAT.

#### 12 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year ended 31 December 2022 or prior year.