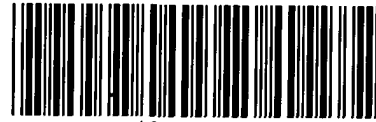


REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: SC403138 (Scotland)

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021.  
for  
Merry-Go-Round Glasgow

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The purpose of the charity as set out in its governing document shall be to advance education for the public benefit and in particular: The prevention or relief of poverty, the advancement of citizenship or community development, the advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes is the provision of low cost goods to the community, accepting donations of unwanted children's goods, providing volunteering and employment opportunities, and bringing the community together through social and supportive activities.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

This financial year has been another exceptional one for Merry-go-round, albeit for quite different reasons from the previous year. Like most businesses, Merry-go-round was hit hard by the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and remained closed for a substantial part of the year (in total 8 months across the year). In addition, flooding from an adjoining premises caused substantial damage to our retail premises, resulting in further disruption. Despite all of this, we were able to retain all staff through utilisation of the furlough scheme, to deliver both online and instore trading income of over £45,000 and ended the year with a net income of £44,019.

### **Overall performance**

When Covid-19 hit, the trustees were extremely concerned about our ability to secure the employment of all colleagues and to ensure that Merry-go-round continued to trade as a viable business. Thanks to the support of numerous external funding opportunities we were able to secure the employment of our team, and were the welcome recipients of £195k of external funding. Covid support was the biggest source of grant funding this year, which included business support grants and third sector support grants such as the Third Sector Resilience Fund and the Wellbeing Fund. Income from sales at year end is down by 75% (£35,300 versus £144k in 2019-20), customer numbers are down from 9500 to 2700, the number of items sold has decreased from 36k to 15k and the total weight diverted from landfill has gone down from 14 tonnes to just under 5 tonnes.

This year's focus has continued to be aligned to our core aims of:

Making available low cost, high quality, second-hand baby goods

Supporting local families through a wide range of groups and activities

Aiming to create happier families by improving the wellbeing of children / parents in the early years through our partnership work, volunteering opportunities and events.

Our mission agreed with our expanded team at the end of FY21 is:

To be the first choice for parents in Glasgow. Our boutique shop offers high quality, affordable, pre-loved, essential items as well as being a community hub for families to meet, learn, exchange ideas, relax and be supported. We're changing the perception of second-hand goods, saving families money, improving mental health and wellbeing, and reducing the quantity of new goods purchased."

Our team have reconfirmed our ambition to be entirely self-funded albeit the timescale for this is unconfirmed as at the time of writing this report volatility in the external environment means it is impossible to set a timeframe.

The charity has focused on supporting staff wellbeing and providing support to our loyal customer base via our online events. We also invested in expanding our online sales offering and offered virtual shopping to customers for the first time.

### **This year's focus**

## Merry-Go-Round Glasgow

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The extraordinary events of this year have meant Merry-go-round has faced a new set of challenges. Instead of continuing to capitalise on our newly refurbished space, we instead found ourselves in the challenging position of furloughing the vast majority of staff. As a result of taking on some new joiners, we were not able to offer this to all colleagues and therefore used the capacity we had remaining to explore expansions to online events and online sales, as well as planning for our retail reopening, including the offering of virtual shopping.

Staff wellbeing remained of paramount importance and we continued to support all staff, furloughed or otherwise, throughout this period. Unfortunately in January 21 the retail store was very badly water damaged by a leak from an adjoining building. This resulted in the store being closed once again for a substantial refit. Fortuitously this coincided with the post-Xmas lockdown however it was yet another distraction for both shop and board teams to deal with.

To deal with these exceptional events we:

Furloughed almost all staff from March 31st 2020.

Closed our shop and operations from April 1st to 27th July, then again from November 20th to December 11th and then finally from 22nd December until the end of the 20-21 financial year.

#### **Events**

Over the course of this year, Merry-go-round hosted 355 events for 2300 people. This 60% increase in event numbers reflects our increased focus on providing a broader and more frequent range of events for the community throughout our closure periods. The number of people attending events decreased by 15%.

#### **Funding**

Merry-go-Round successfully secured increased funding this year from a number of sources totalling £223,069, with Covid support providing the majority of this income.

This included business support grants and third sector support grants such as the Third Sector Resilience Fund and the Wellbeing Fund.

#### **Staffing**

As with last year, we continued to include our entire staff in key decisions and continued to share with the team a detailed view of our accounts including how we are funded and the specifics of our core costs. Staff feedback continues to be very positive on this and team members are benefiting from having departmental budgets allocated.

We ended the year with 9 paid staff (5.83 FTE), with 5 of these furloughed as of March 21.

#### **Trustees**

There have been no changes to the board of trustees. During the period Louise Allan was a Trustee and employee.

#### **Partnership programme**

Despite the extensive shop closures and our inability to receive and process donations for the majority of the year, we continued to provide support to low-income families via our partner organisations. This year we distributed 403 packs to families in need and increased the number of partner organisations from 130 to 135.

#### **Future Activity**

The focus for 2021-22 is on how we can best continue to serve the community and support our staff whilst managing through the extraordinary circumstances which have been created as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. At the time of submitting this report we have seen a strong bounce back in retail income as a result of the shop reopening, however the new Omicron strain could see additional closures into next year.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The company is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee without share capital. The liability of the members is limited to £1. The company is registered as a Scottish Charity No. SC042448. The charity is governed by its Articles of Association, incorporated on 7th July 2011.

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting on the basis of nominations received from members. Trustees may also be co-opted during the year to fill vacancies. Merry-Go-Round Glasgow has a board of Trustees who meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Board has five members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

### **Trustees**

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Company number**

SC403138 (Scotland)

### **Registered Charity number**

### **Registered office**

57 Newlands Road  
Glasgow  
G43 2JP

### **Principal address**

32-36 Nithsdale Road  
Glasgow  
G41 2AN

### **Trustees**

L Allán  
L Dent  
S Moir  
L Thom  
P Stewart

### **Company Secretary**

Thomas Collins

Merry-Go-Round Glasgow

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

Stephen A Usher  
Chartered Accountant (ICAS)  
Key Professional Partnership Ltd  
Suite 4f, Ingram House  
227 Ingram Street  
Glasgow  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22/12/21 and signed on its behalf by:

samantha moir

samantha moir (Dec 22, 2021 16:16 GMT)

S Moir - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Merry-Go-Round Glasgow

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Merry-Go-Round Glasgow ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) 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 charity's 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 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 the 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 (FRS 102)).

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.

  
Stephen A. Usher  
Chartered Accountant (ICAS)  
Key Professional Partnership Ltd  
Suite 4f, Ingram House  
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Date: 24/2/21



Merry-Go-Round Glasgow

Statement of Financial Activities  
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	275
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities		138,183	84,886	223,069	185,665
Investment income	2	52	-	52	64
<b>Total</b>		<b>138,235</b>	<b>84,886</b>	<b>223,121</b>	<b>186,004</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities		1,504	58	1,562	3,376
Other		92,607	84,933	177,540	197,062
<b>Total</b>		<b>94,111</b>	<b>84,991</b>	<b>179,102</b>	<b>200,438</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>44,124</b>	<b>(105)</b>	<b>44,019</b>	<b>(14,434)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		27,281	211	27,492	41,926
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>71,405</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>71,511</b>	<b>27,492</b>

Merry-Go-Round Glasgow

Balance Sheet

31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	2,453	106	2,559	211
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	5,967	-	5,967	4,120
Cash at bank and in hand		68,462	6,817	75,279	46,002
		<u>74,429</u>	<u>6,817</u>	<u>81,246</u>	<u>50,122</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(5,477)	(6,817)	(12,294)	(22,841)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>68,952</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,952</u>	<u>27,281</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>71,405</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>71,511</u>	<u>27,492</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>71,405</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>71,511</u>	<u>27,492</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	9				
Unrestricted funds				71,405	27,281
Restricted funds				106	211
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>71,511</u>	<u>27,492</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22/12/21 and were signed on its behalf by:

Samantha Moir  
Samantha Moir (Dec 27, 2021 16:16 GMT)

S Moir - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery - 25% on cost

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

## 2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Deposit account interest	52	64
	<u>52</u>	<u>64</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

**3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>560</u>	<u>305</u>

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	275	-	275
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	106,032	79,633	185,665
Investment income	<u>64</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>106,371</u>	<u>79,633</u>	<u>186,004</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	2,483	893	3,376
Other	<u>118,214</u>	<u>78,848</u>	<u>197,062</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>120,697</u>	<u>79,741</u>	<u>200,438</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>(14,326)</u>	<u>(108)</u>	<u>(14,434)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	41,607	319	41,926
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>27,281</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>27,492</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

## 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2020	3,888
Additions	2,908
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At 31 March 2021	6,796
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 April 2020	3,677
Charge for year	560
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At 31 March 2021	4,237
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2021	2,559
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At 31 March 2020	211
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## 7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Other debtors	34	-
Prepayments and accrued income	5,933	4,120
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	5,967	4,120
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## 8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Social security and other taxes	4,665	553
Accruals	812	780
Deferred Income	6,817	21,508
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	12,294	22,841
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## 9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	27,281	44,124	71,405
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	211	(105)	106
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	27,492	44,019	71,511
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

9. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	138,235	(94,111)	44,124
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	84,886	(84,991)	(105)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>223,121</u>	<u>(179,102)</u>	<u>44,019</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	41,607	(14,326)	27,281
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	319	(108)	211
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>41,926</u>	<u>(14,434)</u>	<u>27,492</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	106,371	(120,697)	(14,326)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	79,633	(79,741)	(108)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>186,004</u>	<u>(200,438)</u>	<u>(14,434)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	41,607	29,798	71,405
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	319	(213)	106
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>41,926</u>	<u>29,585</u>	<u>71,511</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	244,606	(214,808)	29,798
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	164,519	(164,732)	(213)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>409,125</u>	<u>(379,540)</u>	<u>29,585</u>

**10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**11. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

The Company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital, thus no single party controls the company.

Merry-Go-Round Glasgow

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations and legacies - 1	-	275
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	52	64
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Shop income	45,891	101,766
Grants	177,178	79,633
Rental income	-	4,266
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	223,069	185,665
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	223,121	186,004
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Cost of events	78	1,210
Purchases	960	480
Commission paid	500	1,327
Advertising & marketing	24	359
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	1,562	3,376
<b>Other</b>		
Plant and machinery	560	305
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Wages	131,643	127,725
Social security	2,017	4,184
Pensions	2,970	1,331
Rates	778	722
Vehicles - General cost	3,126	4,017
Light, heat and power	4,677	2,255
Travel and subsistence	63	152
Rent	18,000	25,001
Premises cleaning	725	276
Other premises costs	2,982	14,802
Staff entertainment	1,045	339
Equipment expensed	-	1,998
Equipment repairs and maintena	682	3,410
General insurances	1,865	2,077
Postage and couriers	107	1,224
Software, IT support and relat	179	172
Shop and Office	1,872	3,286
Carried forward	172,731	192,971

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Merry-Go-Round Glasgow

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
<b>Management</b>		
Brought forward	172,731	192,971
Stationery and printing	245	1,021
Sundry expenses	24	14
Telephone, fax and broadband	1,538	1,151
Audit/Independent Examination	780	780
Other legal and professional	615	797
Staff recruitment	920	-
	<u>176,853</u>	<u>196,734</u>
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	-	23
Paypal Fees	127	-
	<u>127</u>	<u>23</u>
Total resources expended	<u>179,102</u>	<u>200,438</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u><u>44,019</u></u>	<u><u>(14,434)</u></u>