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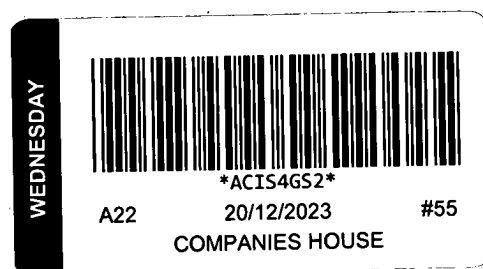
South West Grid for Learning Trust

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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South West Grid for Learning Trust

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1 of the accounts. This report details the activities undertaken by the South West Grid for Learning (the Trust) team over the course of the year in the delivery of the key objectives contained within the business plan.



In 2023, the online safety landscape underwent transformative changes, with SWGfL at the forefront of advocating for a safer online environment in the UK. The year witnessed significant developments influenced by the UK Online Safety Bill. The Bill's draft, which was refined over the year, emphasized the UK Government's unwavering commitment to making the country the safest online space globally.

SWGfL has played a pivotal role in this evolution by actively submitting evidence at every stage of the Bill's development. Our contributions, based on years of experience, underscored the need for safeguarding user rights, especially in the realm of reporting online harmful content.

The demand for our online safety services has been overwhelming and heartening. Notably, our helplines saw a remarkable uptick in caseloads. The Revenge Porn Helpline alone witnessed a staggering rise with over 11,000 interactions, showcasing the trust individuals place in our services. Furthermore, our website's visitor count grew by 9.4%, signaling the community's reliance on our resources.

One of our standout initiatives this year was the Minerva Project. Aimed at utilizing AI and machine learning, this project sought to revolutionize support for victims in self-reporting and issue management. Funded by the DCMS, the project marked its conclusion in March, setting new benchmarks in online safety.

In conclusion, 2023 was a year of significant successes, challenges, and relentless commitment to online safety by SWGfL.

Online Safety Services

The online safety landscape continues to be redrawn, influenced largely by the UK Online Safety Bill. For many years the UK Government has had a commitment to 'make the UK the safest place to go online'. The Online Safety Bill draft was published and refined over the year outlining the proposed regulations and obligations that also received scrutiny via consultation and DCMS select committee. SWGfL has been active in continuing to submit evidence at every stage, contributing its experience and information, particularly related to the removal of users rights to access appeal mechanisms for reporting harmful online content.

SWGfL continued to face sustained demand across all its online safety services, information and support. To articulate this demand

- Helpline Caseload significantly rose
 - Revenge Porn Helpline cases continued to increase, rising to over 11,000 interactions compared to 4,398 cases during the previous 12 months
 - Professionals Online Safety Helpline experienced a 276% increase in cases, rising to 4,179 cases over the 12 months.
 - ReportHarmfulContent also managed more cases, with 1,842 reports received compared to 1,084 during the previous 12 months
- Website visitors rose by 9.4% from 189,522 compared to 173,132 in the previous 12 months

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During this period, the Trust developed specific services and campaigns including

The Minerva Project with the ambition to improve support for victims in self reporting and managing issues by deploying AI and machine learning. Funded by DCMS as part of the Tampon Tax, the major project concluded in March with the release of minervahelp.com

The establishment of [Stop Non-Consensual Intimate Image Abuse - StopNCII.org](https://stopncii.org) that allows any adult who is a victim of non consensual intimate image abuse, anywhere in the world to create 'hashes' of their intimate images that will prevent these from being uploaded to Facebook and Instagram (initially). This development removes the threat to share that many victims suffer from, restoring control in their hands. Over the year, Facebook and Instagram were joined by TikTok, Bumble, Reddit and OnlyFans as participating platforms.

Online Safety Tools and services

SWGfL continued to develop its award winning tools, services and resources over the year. In partnership with Schillings it published [A guide to the Online Safety Bill | SWGfL](#). September saw the publication of a [New Yubo Social Media Checklist | SWGfL](#) to compliment the portfolio of platform based checklists.

Over the year, SWGfL delivered a total of 166 training sessions (124 in the previous year) to a total of 6,286 children, 4,037 staff and 996 parents.

360 degree safe

The Trust's flagship school improvement tool has seen significant upgrades in content and infrastructure this year and continues to set standards in school online safety strategy across all four nations.

Numbers of schools registered with any of the 360safe platforms continued to grow and totalled 16,910, representing 58% of all UK Schools.

The usual annual assessment report highlighting school online safety policy and practice that draws on the 13,221 schools (England) using the system has again been prepared and authored by Prof Andy Phippen and can be accessed [here](#). The report continues to highlight data accessible nowhere else and available to inform national safeguarding strategy at a governmental level.

Online Safety Mark Awards have also progressed bringing the current total to over 450 schools accredited which can be seen at <https://360safe.org.uk/accreditation/accredited-schools/>.

ProjectEVOLVE

ProjectEVOLVE continues to revolutionise online safety related education in the classroom. Since introducing the registration mechanism in November 2020, the service currently has 12,291 schools registered with over 53,000 active users. Since September 2021, there have been over 1.2 million Knowledge Map assessments building a unique national dataset of children's digital competency. This was evaluated in our [first national report](#) authored and published by Professor Andy Phippen.

ProjectEVOLVE won at the [UK IT Industry Awards 2022](#) for the Best Charity (Third Sector) IT Project of the Year.

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Assisted Monitoring Service

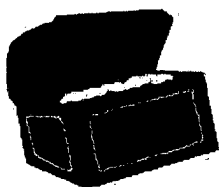
The Assisted Monitoring Service (AMS), designed to assist schools with the monitoring of user activity within their setting and detect and advise on any serious issues, has established itself as an integral part of the Trust's work during the last 12 months, with a number of new schools being onboarded, as well as other individual sites

This work is going very well with some excellent feedback received.



Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service

In response to the launch of 'Everyone's Invited' and subsequent Ofsted review of sexual abuse in school and colleges, funded by the Home Office, SWGfL operated the pilot Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service, supporting over 700 professionals to tackle the issue of harmful sexual behaviour in children and young people. Following the conclusion of the pilot in October 2022, a portfolio of Harmful Sexual Behaviour Resources and Training were created.



Online Resources

The Trust also continues to directly support a small range of online learning resources, including Swiggle, a search engine aimed at Key Stage 2 learners (aged 7-11). Swiggle provides a safer searching platform for young users, and incorporates a range of innovative features. It is free to use, and free of advertising.

Strategic Work

SWGfL has continued to support Government departments including Department for Education; Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport; Home Office; as well as the Scottish and Welsh Governments. This support spanned both policy and awareness activities. SWGfL continues to organise and support the safeguarding teams across the four national governments, enabling sharing and collaboration of strategy and policy. An emphasis of the policy work related to filtering and monitoring in schools and supporting the development of Filtering and monitoring standards for schools and colleges - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) published by DfE in March 2023.

SWGfL continued its support of the United Nations International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in their Child Online Protection Initiative. This involved acting on behalf of the ITU, to support the Government of North Macedonia in reviewing child online protection across the country and drafting a report that includes proposed recommendations for their Government to consider and adopt. This report was presented at an event in Skopje in July 2022 alongside two Government Ministers. SWGfL continued to contribute as a member of the World Economic Forum, Global Coalition on Digital Safety.

The relationship with Ofsted continues to be important and continued to provide online safety specialist training to Ofsted and completed a series of training webinars.

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UK Safer Internet Centre



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SWGfL has been a proud partner in the UK Safer Internet Centre, alongside IWF and Childnet, since 2011. The UK Safer Internet Centre activities have spanned six phases and been co-funded by the EU between 2011 and 2022. Since early 2022, Nominet agreed to continue co funding for UK Safer Internet Centre activities through to 2025.

For SWGfL, this involves operating the Professionals Online Safety Helpline, Revenge Porn Helpline and ReportHarmfulContent platform as well as delivering resources, content and training. Its Online Safety Live programme saw 49 briefing sessions, welcoming 2,900 delegates with 98% 'feeling

better equipped to protect children users and their organisation'. This brings the total of briefing events to 582 since 2013 and the delegates totalling 30,717; the largest online safety professional development programme in the UK.

The important definitions of 'appropriate filtering' and appropriate monitoring', first published in 2016, saw the initiation of a significant review in 2023, largely catalysed by recent incidents and the clear need for improved standards. In addition to the definitions of appropriate filtering and monitoring, UK Safer Internet Centre partner) is exploring accrediting filtering (and monitoring providers) in collaboration with Bristol University.

Revenge Porn Helpline

The development of StopNCII.org and the extensive training provided to professionals have been vital in supporting victims of intimate image abuse. The helpline has become a globally recognized leader in this field, further reinforced by our contribution to the "Report Remove" initiative

The number of cases handled reduced during 2022 to 3274, largely due to the development and deployment of a new chatbot (Reiya), of which there were 8393 sessions. This was the result of a project funded by Comic Relief's Tech4Good fund with Report Harmful Content to build a chatbot that would sit across both services to provide information and signposting out of hours and for those groups to whom we are unable to offer direct support, eg non UK, under 18s etc

Professionals Online Safety Helpline



**Professionals
Online Safety
Helpline**

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline saw a further increase of 276% in cases compared to the previous financial year, managing 4179 cases. This sustained increase continued to be largely due to a trend of accounts being created on TikTok, which affects the online reputation of schools and colleges and presented additional issues such as cyber-bullying and harassment.

Report Harmful Content



**REPORT
HARMFUL
CONTENT**

Launched in December 2019, Report Harmful Content (RHC) supports people experiencing legal but harmful online content, providing guidance about how to report content and impartial dispute resolution where correct reports have been made to 26 different industry platforms. The numbers of reports received have continued to see year on year increase, up a further 70% from 1084 in 21/22 to 1842 in the 22/23 Financial Year.

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Partnership and Engagement

Strong growth continued with SWGfL Partnerships and Engagement. While 2020-21 was a record-breaking year, SWGfL has seen growth year on year and continued to do so in 2022-23. In the past 12 months SWGfL increased the volume of content it published; people it reached, as well as the number of partnerships. The number of people visiting the SWGfL website is still on the rise compared to previous years. In this year we have added another member of the communications team specially dedicated to raising the profile of social media and content for the Helplines of SWGfL. SWGfL invested effort in its strong partnerships with the world's biggest tech companies, government departments such as organizing in partnership with Tiktok an event Understanding Digital Wellbeing, welcoming the Home secretary in our offices in Exeter or launching a new Yubo checklist to our resource bank, or our regular Online Safety Day with Meta and various other activities throughout the year.

Partnership work around StopNCII.org is still evolving and new partners are joining the platform helping us prevent and protect users across the globe. StopNCII had also a successful first-year celebration media activity reaching over 4 billion people, which was managed by the SWGfL Communications and Marketing team in collaboration with world-leading platforms.

Further partnerships have been developed with non commercial charity partnerships, for example with special educational needs providers as well as children's homes all to develop new and better policy, standards and practice around child online protection.

International partnerships were extended through the work of UN, ITU, Insafe, Inhope, Weprotect, EU commission and ENISA and are continuing and evolving adding new potential international partners in NCMEC and other organisations.

Our regular yearly reports have been published from Project Evolve to Cyber security and regular Helplines reports.

All our outreach activities such as our Youtube profile, Podcast or Newsletter engagement are seeing a rise in numbers and subscribers.

SWGfL together with UK Safer Internet Centre has started a public advocacy campaign for changes in law of the Online safety bill, while positive movements have been made we still need to see the effect of it.

All SWGfL social media profiles are seeing continued rise and recognition in the social media space. Google ads and our Google grant is still seeing full utilisation and traffic through our Google ads still represents a significant portion of our direct visits to our website. SWGfL Marketing has been steadily creating better campaigns with higher budget utilisation, resulting in increased reach and number of subscriptions to our services, websites, tools, services and events.

SWGfL increased its capacity to engage with traditional media and resulted in a significant rise in published articles. A notable success has been the awareness and engagement of users with Project EVOLVE with registrations and utilisation far exceeding expectations.

We saw the successful completion of HSB service pilot with successful communication around it and we have started work on one of our most exciting new project Minerva.

We have won 6 awards for the wider work of the SWGfL culminating with the Charity of the year award.

Again a successful and busy year summed up by our CEO David Wright:

"It's been a busy year for SWGfL. Ensuring that everyone can benefit from technology free from harm is a collective, global effort and one which we are honoured to be a part of. We'd like to thank everyone who is continuing to prioritise online safety, whether it be through attending a training

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session, reviewing an online safety policy, calling one of our helplines or downloading a piece of guidance. We are all working towards a safer internet and your support is as valuable as ever."

Education Services

Following the introduction of the Computing curriculum in England in 2014, teachers continue to struggle with confidence in this subject area, particularly with coding and programming. There continues to be a huge appetite for support in these areas.

Barefoot Computing

Sponsored by the British Computer Society (BCS), this initiative has seen significant progress in the past year, with new resources and workshops created, as well as translations of all resources into Irish Gaelic. The project is funded through to 31st August 2023.



Schools Internet Service

We successfully migrated all customers to RM, on 31st March 2023.

Information Security and Data Protection Services

Department for Education CyberSecure tool

Following a period of stand-still, the Department for Education, at the beginning of 2023 were in a position to re-open the CyberSecure project. This project will now be released in late 2023 for use by schools in England. Based upon previous self-review work and SWGfL tools, CyberSecure will provide schools with an opportunity to review themselves against a set of carefully considered and worded standards. This will enable schools to understand what the opportunities and risks are in their setting in terms of cyber and information security. Longer-term, the DfE has indicated a commitment to iterating the tool in response to feedback and changing expectations for schools with the cyber and information security posture.

Security product range

Working with our partner, Phoenix, SWGfL continues to offer a suite of security products to schools and SMEs across the UK. Pricing for all our products is competitive as a result of the work SWGfL and Phoenix undertake in to obtain the best pricing possible for the education sector. Restricted to the South-West region, sales of Sophos products remain strong. Sales of Bitdefender products, available across the UK, have continued to strengthen. Following marketing activity, sales in Bitdefender have grown noticeably in the last 12 months. We've continued to see very weak interest in Mimecast and Data Protection Officer services. In light of this marketing activity for Mimecast is planned, this product offers schools a humorous way to provide cyber security awareness training, online, for all staff.

Alongside a full suite of security products, the established a relationship with CySecAware, continues to strengthen. These specialist cyber security consultants have been invaluable in developing Cyber Secure content and help provide school-specific cyber security face-to-face training and auditing alongside general cyber-specific consultancy and support.

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Further Cyber security work

SWGfL continues to strengthen its own cyber resilience posture. Work is already taking place to assess and improve the protective measures in place to prevent cyber attacks from negatively impacting our systems. SWGfL was CyberEssentials Plus certified in 2022 and is on track for re-certification in 2023. Further work continues on strengthening and hardening systems against attack, making use of external support, advice and testing as necessary.

Customer Experience and Engagement

Customer service and Communications and Marketing team continue to work in close cooperation to increase the level of user satisfaction resulting in positive numbers in new user subscriptions for SWGfL tools and services. Work has continued to connect all our data sources to a central CRM system (SalesForce), enabling integration of data at an organisational level.

The continued use and success of the Reiya chatbot, across both the Revenge Porn Helpline and Report Harmful Content Helpline, is seen in the over 8000 sessions in the year. The tool continues to enable identification of trends thus enabling the service to respond and react to current needs.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Legal Status

The South West Grid for Learning Trust was incorporated on 11 October 2005 as a company limited by guarantee and is governed through the Memorandum & Articles of Association. The Trust commenced its activities on 1 December 2006 after the completion of a successful transfer from the previous consortium and was successfully registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in 2006. On the 19th October 2021, SWGfL became a registered charity in Scotland. The Trustees consider it appropriate to prepare accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP 2005, the Companies Act 2006 and Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Organisation Structure

The Trustee Board is in place to govern and steer the work of the Trust. Representation on the Board has been considered throughout the year alongside the Trust's constitution. The Finance and Audit Sub-Committee continues to effectively support the full Trustee Board in reviewing and scrutinising financial performance and operations.

The Chief Executive Officer continues to provide overall leadership and direction for the charity, alongside the Senior Management Team through the creation and embedding of a clear long term strategy.

The Trust holds an annual general meeting in addition to other board meetings. Not more than 15 months elapses between the date of one annual general meeting of The Trust and that of the next.

Objectives

The strategic plan clearly sets out the key objectives and actions identified to be undertaken by the team over the coming years. Building on the current successes is a central feature of the plan, along with the aim to continue to advance education, safety and security through the services offered to schools and the wider learning community.

The Trust is a charity dedicated to empowering the safe and secure use of technology through innovative services, tools, content and policy, nationally and globally. The Trust's vision is for everyone to be able to benefit from technology, free from harm.

The key objectives for the year ahead are:

1. To continue to provide education and training, alongside raising public awareness of such services available;
2. Build on the innovative services, tools and products portfolio provided;
3. Conduct and publish leading edge research into online threats and harms;
4. Work in partnership and collaborate with stakeholders nationally and internationally; and

The delivery of services that are beneficial to a wide range of users, organisations, groups, individuals and stakeholders, in order to generate revenue and meet charitable objectives, will continue to drive and shape these objectives for the future.

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Risk Management

The Trust has implemented and continues to review the risk management processes in place. In the context of the changing landscape and market, the Trust has identified that medium to long term risks require greater analysis and mitigation and consequently a suitable methodology has been put in place.

National and International Representation

The Trust also continues to be both represented and influential at national level, working with various Government Departments as well as attending the National Education Network (NEN) Managers group, and chairing the NEN Safeguarding group.

SWGfL continues its work with the United Nations International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in their Child Online Protection Initiative as well as a member of the ENISA Awareness Advisory Board and the World Economic Forum, Global Coalition on Digital Safety.

How Activities Deliver Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

The overriding vision and purpose of the Trust is 'the advancement of education and/or the advancement of health and the saving of lives, in each case for solely charitable purposes by any means through or otherwise relating to the effective and/or safe use of information and communication technologies, including but not limited to, the provision of broadband connectivity; e-Learning facilities; education materials; information and knowhow on the effective use of information and communication technologies by educational establishments; information and knowhow relating to online safety issues and relating to information and communication technologies)."

In delivering that vision, the Trust has continued throughout the 2022/23 financial year to:

- Deliver on its Operational Services & Contractual Obligations
- Deliver on its SWGfL / Edtesa Product & Service Portfolio
- Improve the reputation and visibility of SWGfL site & Edtesa

Financial Review

Financial Results

The results for the year and the Trust financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements which show that as at 31 March 2023 the Trust had net assets of £ 2,371,379. An appropriate expenditure and procurement policy is in place to ensure future expenditure continues to represent value, and this policy will be reviewed and updated as required.

Reserves Policy

The Trust seeks to maintain a level of reserves which is consistent with its responsibilities and liabilities as an employer and to provide a resource to manage future risk in regard to changes in the operating environment.

The Trustees assess the appropriateness of this reserves policy on a regular basis to ensure that changes to the operating environment and their impact are incorporated into the reserves so that the Trust can continue to provide its charitable objectives for the future. The attached financial statements show an unrestricted reserve of £ 2,371,379 which is reasonable and consistent with the Trust's objectives and reserves policy.

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Investment Policy

Funds held by the Trust are held with banks in short term deposits which offer reasonable rates of interest and which comply with the credit rating policy adopted by the Trustees.

Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The charity's principal financial instruments comprise the bank balance, trade creditors, deferred income and trade debtors. The main purpose of these instruments is to raise funds for the charity's charitable objectives.

Price Risk, Credit Risk, Liquidity Risk and Cash Flow Risk

Funding received in foreign currencies is subject to a price risk management policy using FOREX mechanisms.

Trade debtors are managed in respect of credit and cash flow by policies concerning the credit offered to customers and the regular monitoring of amounts outstanding for both time and credit limits. Trade creditor liquidity risk is managed by ensuring that sufficient funds are available to meet amounts due.

The Trust exited the Bath and Avon pension scheme during the year, crystallising its liability and removing the exposure to fluctuations in valuation seen in previous years.

Conclusions

Over the last twelve months the Trust has continued to deliver its charitable objectives in an environment of continued pressure on local authorities, schools and the wider public sector.

Ongoing successes with projects regionally, nationally and internationally demonstrate the skill and expertise of the team.

The Trust has continued to drive improvements within each of the business units, culminating in good customer service as well as the introduction of new products and services and in contractual service delivery.

The Trust has delivered good financial performance for the year, capitalising on new opportunities as well as existing charity activity to maintain positive levels of income whilst controlling expenditure and improving the processes for managing the key financial aspects of the operation of the Trust, resulting in a healthy balance sheet.


The control over the running costs reflects an ongoing need to ensure all services delivered by the Trust are highly cost effective, but has also increased pressures and demands on the team.

It is pleasing to note that, despite these pressures, the team have remained focussed, committed and motivated to ensure the continued success of the Trust. They are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Auditors

A resolution proposing that Thompson Jenner LLP be reappointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

The annual report was approved by the Board on 25th September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


Robert Bond
Company Secretary

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of South West Grid for Learning Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 its 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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 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 business.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 26/09/23 and signed on its behalf by:



R Bond

Company secretary and trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of South West Grid for Learning Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of South West Grid for Learning Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 12], the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

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- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience;
we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental, fire safety, Licensing Act 2003 and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management, reviewing licenses, certificates and relevant correspondence including the inspection of legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

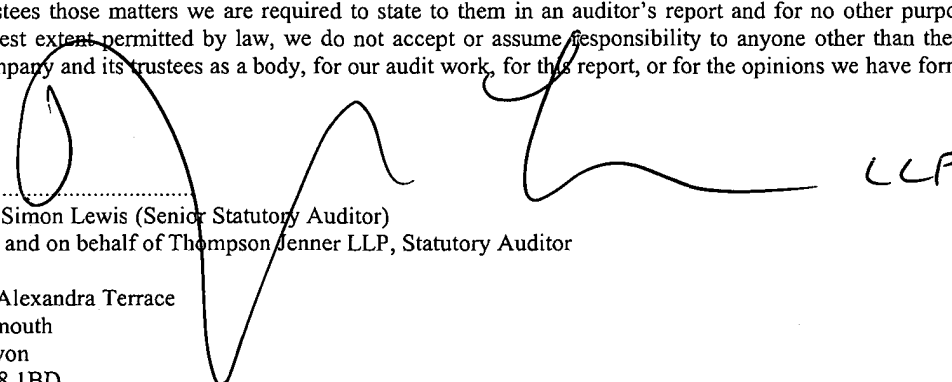
A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Mr Simon Lewis (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Thompson Jenner LLP, Statutory Auditor

28 Alexandra Terrace
Exmouth
Devon
EX8 1BD

Date: 18/12/23

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Charitable activities	3	1,075,383	2,289,450	3,364,833
Investment income	4	10,220	-	10,220
Other income		14,585	-	14,585
Total income		<u>1,100,188</u>	<u>2,289,450</u>	<u>3,389,638</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(882,933)</u>	<u>(2,289,450)</u>	<u>(3,172,383)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(882,933)</u>	<u>(2,289,450)</u>	<u>(3,172,383)</u>
Net income		217,255	-	217,255
Other recognised gains and losses				
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes		<u>513,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>513,800</u>
Net movement in funds		731,055	-	731,055
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,640,324</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,640,324</u>
Total funds carried forward	20	<u>2,371,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,371,379</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Charitable activities	3	2,534,704	1,047,037	3,581,741
Investment income	4	127	-	127
Total income		<u>2,534,831</u>	<u>1,047,037</u>	<u>3,581,868</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(2,021,109)</u>	<u>(1,195,937)</u>	<u>(3,217,046)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(2,021,109)</u>	<u>(1,195,937)</u>	<u>(3,217,046)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		513,722	(148,900)	364,822
Transfers between funds		(148,900)	148,900	-
Other recognised gains and losses				
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes		<u>315,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>315,000</u>
Net movement in funds		679,822	-	679,822
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>960,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>960,502</u>
Total funds carried forward	20	<u><u>1,640,324</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,640,324</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

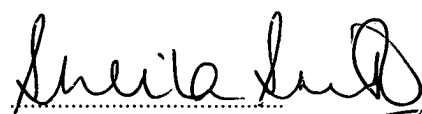
The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 20.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	12	2,601	5,775
Tangible assets	13	19,633	20,646
Investments	14	1	1
		<u>22,235</u>	<u>26,422</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	15	-	16,354
Debtors	16	460,032	773,116
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>3,163,797</u>	<u>3,211,438</u>
		3,623,829	4,000,908
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(1,274,685)</u>	<u>(1,313,006)</u>
Net current assets		<u>2,349,144</u>	<u>2,687,902</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability		2,371,379	2,714,324
Pension scheme liability	19	-	(1,074,000)
Net assets including pension liability		<u>2,371,379</u>	<u>1,640,324</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted		<u>2,371,379</u>	<u>1,640,324</u>
Total funds	20	<u>2,371,379</u>	<u>1,640,324</u>

The financial statements on pages 17 to 39 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 26/4/23 and signed on their behalf by:


S. Smith
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income		731,055	679,822
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation		11,162	9,240
Amortisation		3,174	3,174
Investment income	4	<u>(10,220)</u>	<u>(127)</u>
		735,171	692,109
Working capital adjustments			
Decrease in stocks	15	16,354	90,236
Decrease in debtors	16	313,084	273,129
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	17	(81,426)	469,884
Increase/(decrease) in retirement benefit obligation net of actuarial changes	19	(1,074,000)	(297,000)
Increase in deferred income		<u>43,105</u>	<u>220,739</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>(47,712)</u>	<u>1,449,097</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	4	10,220	127
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	13	<u>(10,149)</u>	<u>(21,678)</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>71</u>	<u>(21,551)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(47,641)	1,427,546
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>3,211,438</u>	<u>1,783,892</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>3,163,797</u></u>	<u><u>3,211,438</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Belvedere House
Woodwater Park
Pynes Hill
Exeter
EX2 5WS

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis of preparation

South West Grid for Learning Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing group accounts

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements, on the grounds that the inclusion of the subsidiary undertaking is not material for the purposes of giving a true and fair view.

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Income and endowments

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition is met.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the Charity has unconditional entitlement.
- The income received from charitable activities relates to a future period

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

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.

South West Grid for Learning consider the previously reported charitable activities of UKSIC (UK Safer Internet Centre) and E-Safety Centres to be more accurately presented as a single activity being Online Safety. During the year of 31 March 2023, all prior-year comparatives have been adjusted to reflect this combination, and notes have been included where appropriate to detail the breakdown of the previously reported balances between the activities of UKSIC and E-Safety.

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Support costs

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However, the cost of overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising the salary and overhead costs of the central function, is apportioned on the following basis which are an estimate, based on staff time, of the amount attributable to each activity.

	2023	2022
Online Safety	80%	51%
Barefoot	5%	21%
Licencing	5%	5%
Schools Internet Service	10%	23%

The prior year's Online Safety support cost allocation of 51% was presented as E-Safety 42% and UKSIC 9%. The comparatives have been combined in the current year to more accurately reflect the activities of the charity.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets are stated in the Balance Sheet at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment. They are amortised on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Amortisation

Amortisation is provided on intangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Amortisation method and rate
Computer software	20% Straight line basis

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures and fittings	33% Straight line basis

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Business combinations

Business combinations are accounted for under the purchase method. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring the accounting policies used into line with those used by the charity. All intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated on consolidation. In accordance with Section 35 of FRS 102, Section 19 of FRS 102 has not been applied in these financial statements in respect of business combinations effected prior to the date of transition.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

Other exchange differences are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period in which they arise except for:

- 1) exchange differences on transactions entered into to hedge certain foreign currency risks (see above);
- 2) exchange differences arising on gains or losses on non-monetary items which are recognised in other comprehensive income.

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Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined benefit pension scheme. This scheme is now closed to new members as a defined benefit contribution scheme has been implemented for new members. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

Current service costs, past service costs and gains and losses on settlements and curtailments are charged to appropriate resources expended categories in the statement of financial activities. Past service costs are recognised over the vesting period or immediately if the benefits have vested. When a settlement (eliminating all obligations for benefits already accrued) or a curtailment (reducing future obligations as a result of a material reduction in the scheme membership or a reduction in future entitlement) occurs, the obligation and related plan assets are remeasured using current actuarial assumptions and the resultant gain or loss is recognised in the statement of financial activities during the period in which the settlement or curtailment occurs.

The interest cost and the expected return on assets are shown as a net amount as other finance costs or income. Net pension finance costs are allocated to appropriate resources expended categories in the statement of financial activities. Net pension finance income is recognised as an incoming resource in the statement of financial activities. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately as other recognised gains and losses in the statement of financial activities.

Pension scheme assets are valued at fair value at the balance sheet date. Fair value is based on market price information and in the case of quoted securities is the published bid price. Pension scheme liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method and are discounted to their present value using a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent currency and term to the scheme liabilities. The pension scheme deficit is recognised in full on the balance sheet.

The charity operates a defined contribution pension plan. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the company has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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Financial instruments

Classification

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Online Safety	402,436	2,289,450	2,691,886	1,819,144
Barefoot	48,069	-	48,069	193,992
Licencing	174,124	-	174,124	122,300
Schools Internet Service	449,209	-	449,209	1,446,305
Operational	1,545	-	1,545	-
	<u>1,075,383</u>	<u>2,289,450</u>	<u>3,364,833</u>	<u>3,581,741</u>

The prior year's total income from charitable activities of £3,581,741 included unrestricted funds of £2,534,704 and restricted funds of £1,047,037.

The prior year's Online Safety income from charitable activities of £1,819,144 was presented as E-Safety £1,329,433 and UK Safer Internet Centre £489,711. The comparatives have been combined in the current year to more accurately reflect the activities of the charity.

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>10,220</u>	<u>10,220</u>	<u>127</u>

The prior year's total investment income of £127 was unrestricted.

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activity undertaken directly £	Activity support costs £	2023 £	2022 £
Online Safety	2,229,883	277,279	2,507,162	1,479,014
Barefoot	45,368	17,330	62,698	232,042
Licencing	123,336	17,330	140,666	116,660
Schools Internet Service	427,197	34,660	461,857	1,389,330
	<u>2,825,784</u>	<u>346,599</u>	<u>3,172,383</u>	<u>3,217,046</u>

The prior years total expenditure of £3,217,046 included expenditure attributable directly to activities undertaken of £2,845,311 and support costs of £371,735.

Included in the expenditure analysed above are governance costs of £13,496 (2022 - £15,080) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 6 for further details.

The prior year's Online Safety expenditure on charitable activities of £1,479,014 was presented as E-Safety £840,403 and UK Safer Internet Centre £638,611. The comparatives have been combined in the current year to more accurately reflect the activities of the charity.

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Online Safety	217,712	2,289,450	2,507,162	1,479,014
Barefoot	62,698	-	62,698	232,042
Licencing	140,666	-	140,666	116,660
Schools Internet Service	461,857	-	461,857	1,389,330
	<u>882,933</u>	<u>2,289,450</u>	<u>3,172,383</u>	<u>3,217,046</u>

The prior years total expenditure of £3,217,046 included expenditure attributable to unrestricted funds of £2,021,109 and £1,195,937 to restricted funds.

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6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Charitable activities expenditure

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Employment costs	126,210	183,215
Establishment costs	120,935	114,110
Legal and Professional	53,324	42,357
Travel and subsistence	836	370
Computer expenses	43,848	31,451
Advertising and promotion	70	225
Bad debt provision	1,376	7
	<u>346,599</u>	<u>371,735</u>

Governance costs

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Audit fees		
Audit of the financial statements	12,000	11,100
Other fees paid to auditors	1,496	3,980
	<u>13,496</u>	<u>15,080</u>

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Operating leases - other assets	66,230	64,386
Audit fees	12,000	11,100
Other non-audit services	7,970	13,911
Depreciation of fixed assets	14,335	11,664
Amortisation of software	<u>3,174</u>	<u>3,174</u>

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8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	1,023,320	854,936
Social security costs	104,919	82,061
Pension costs	163,048	77,290
	<u>1,291,287</u>	<u>1,014,287</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Administration	<u>33</u>	<u>32</u>

32 (2022 - 31) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

1 (2022 - 1) of the above employees participated in the Defined Benefit Pension Schemes.

During the year, the charity made redundancy and/or termination payments which totalled £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

	2023 No	2022 No
£60,001 - £70,000	-	2
£80,001 - £90,000	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £337,571 (2022 - £216,263).

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10 Auditors' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>12,000</u>	<u>11,100</u>
Other fees to auditors		
All other non-audit services	<u>7,970</u>	<u>10,411</u>

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Intangible fixed assets

	Software £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	<u>15,868</u>	<u>15,868</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>15,868</u>	<u>15,868</u>
Amortisation		
At 1 April 2022	10,093	10,093
Charge for the year	<u>3,174</u>	<u>3,174</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>13,267</u>	<u>13,267</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,601</u>	<u>2,601</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>5,775</u>	<u>5,775</u>

Amortisation of intangible fixed assets is included within expenditure on charitable activities.

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	136,763	136,763
Additions	10,149	10,149
At 31 March 2023	<u>146,912</u>	<u>146,912</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	116,117	116,117
Charge for the year	11,162	11,162
At 31 March 2023	<u>127,279</u>	<u>127,279</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	<u>19,633</u>	<u>19,633</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>20,646</u>	<u>20,646</u>

14 Fixed asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Shares in group undertakings and participating interests	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Shares in group undertakings and participating interests

	Subsidiary undertakings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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Details of undertakings

Details of the investments in which the charity holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

Undertaking	Holding	Proportion of voting rights and shares held	Principal activity
Subsidiary undertakings			
Edtesa Limited	Ordinary	100%	ICT and software

Subsidiaries

The loss for the financial period of Edtesa Limited was £23,235 (2022 - £Nil) and the aggregate amount of capital and reserves at the end of the period was £(23,234) (2022 - £1).

15 Stock

	2023 £	2022 £
Stocks	-	16,354

16 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	129,344	146,287
Prepayments	47,648	115,438
Accrued income	44,705	439,843
VAT recoverable	35,413	44,473
Other debtors	202,922	27,075
	<u>460,032</u>	<u>773,116</u>

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17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	371,050	475,014
Other creditors	203,575	165,178
Accruals	22,257	38,116
Deferred income	677,803	634,698
	<u>1,274,685</u>	<u>1,313,006</u>
	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income at 1 April 2022	634,698	413,959
Resources deferred in the period	431,820	388,715
Amounts released from previous periods	<u>(388,715)</u>	<u>(167,976)</u>
Deferred income at year end	<u>677,803</u>	<u>634,698</u>

18 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Land and buildings		
Within one year	9,817	58,900
Between one and five years	-	9,817
	<u>9,817</u>	<u>68,717</u>
Other		
Within one year	7,330	7,330
Between one and five years	4,886	12,216
	<u>12,216</u>	<u>19,546</u>

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19 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the Charity to the scheme and amounted to £66,000 (2022 - £50,000).

Contributions totalling £14,000 (2022 - £9,000) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

The defined contribution pension scheme liability and expense was allocated between charitable activities and restricted and unrestricted funds based on the activities performed by each individual member of staff.

Defined benefit pension schemes

Avon Pension Fund

The LGPS was a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The defined benefit pension scheme terminated on 31 December 2022.

South West Grid for Learning exited the scheme with effect from 31 December 2022 after the last active member became deferred. The employer was in the higher risk strategy for the quarter to 30 June 2022, it then became a lower risk notional employer with effect from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022.

At the termination date the fair value of scheme assets were £2,925,100 and the present value of scheme liabilities were £2,751,200. The termination surplus was £173,900. Actuarial fees were applied totalling £4,500 at the termination date resulting in a balance due to South West Grid for Learning of £169,400. This outstanding balance is reflected within Other Debtors at the year end.

The balance due of £169,400 to South West Grid for Learning has been received as at 14 June 2023.

The total cost relating to defined benefit schemes for the year recognised in profit or loss as an expense was £97,000 (2022 - £55,000).

The total cost relating to defined benefit schemes for the year included in the cost of an asset was £- (2022 - £-).

Reconciliation of scheme assets and liabilities to assets and liabilities recognised

The amounts recognised in the statement of financial position are as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Fair value of scheme assets	-	2,941,000
Present value of defined benefit obligation	-	(4,015,000)
Defined benefit pension scheme deficit	-	(1,074,000)

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20 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
<i>General</i>						
Unrestricted income fund	2,714,324	1,100,188	(832,533)	(610,600)	-	2,371,379
<i>Designated</i>						
Defined benefit pension scheme	(1,074,000)	-	(50,400)	610,600	513,800	-
Total unrestricted funds	<u>1,640,324</u>	<u>1,100,188</u>	<u>(882,933)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>513,800</u>	<u>2,371,379</u>
Restricted funds						
UKSIC	-	7,662	(7,662)	-	-	-
Nominet Grant	-	640,740	(640,740)	-	-	-
TikTok Grant	-	55,822	(55,822)	-	-	-
Tides Foundation Grant	-	5,168	(5,168)	-	-	-
Inspire Scotland Grant	-	55,646	(55,646)	-	-	-
Pershing Grant	-	63,479	(63,479)	-	-	-
META/Facebook	-	163,470	(163,470)	-	-	-
Home Office Grant - RP	-	150,000	(150,000)	-	-	-
Home Office Grant- HSBSS	-	295,827	(295,827)	-	-	-
DCMS - Minerva Project	-	851,636	(851,636)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>2,289,450</u>	<u>(2,289,450)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>1,640,324</u>	<u>3,389,638</u>	<u>(3,172,383)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>513,800</u>	<u>2,371,379</u>

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	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds						
<i>General</i>						
Unrestricted income fund	2,331,502	2,534,831	(2,003,109)	(148,900)	-	2,714,324
<i>Designated</i>						
Defined benefit pension scheme	(1,371,000)	-	(18,000)	-	315,000	(1,074,000)
Total unrestricted funds	960,502	2,534,831	(2,021,109)	(148,900)	315,000	1,640,324
Restricted						
UKSIC	-	489,711	(638,611)	148,900	-	-
Support, Hear, Hope - Comic Relief Grant	-	69,975	(69,975)	-	-	-
TikTok Grant	-	33,155	(33,155)	-	-	-
Tides Foundation Grant	-	15,503	(15,503)	-	-	-
Inspire Scotland Grant	-	24,656	(24,656)	-	-	-
Home Office Grant- HSBSS	-	258,353	(258,353)	-	-	-
DCMS - Minerva Project	-	155,684	(155,684)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	-	1,047,037	(1,195,937)	148,900	-	-
Total funds	960,502	3,581,868	(3,217,046)	-	315,000	1,640,324

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The UKSIC fund relates to funding from the European Commission along with external sponsors for the operation of the UK Safer Internet Centre in association with the consortium members.

The Nominet funds relates to funding from Nominet for the operation of the UK Safer Internet Centre in association with the consortium members.

TikTok funds relates to funding the support of SWGfL's role as a part of the UK Safer Internet Centre, dedicated to keeping the internet safe for users of all ages.

Tides Foundation funds relates to the funding to support SWGfL's helpline projects.

Inspire Scotland funds relates to the funding to support SWGfL in the Delivering Equally Safe Scotland Project.

Pershing funds were provided to support SWGfL in combating STOPNCII (Stop Non-Consensual Intimate Image Abuse).

Meta/Facebook funds were provided to support SWGfL in combatting non-consensual sharing of intimate image abuse and supporting victims.

Home Office (RP) funding relates to funding to the support work in combatting violence against women and girls.

Home Office (HSBSS) funding relates to funding to support SWGfL aid safeguarding professionals on tackling harmful sexual behaviour.

DCMS Minerva project funding relates to funding to support SWGfL in improving the lives of disadvantaged women and girls.

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21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2023
	General	Designated	funds	
	£	£	£	£
Intangible fixed assets	2,601	-	-	2,601
Tangible fixed assets	19,633	-	-	19,633
Fixed asset investments	1	-	-	1
Current assets	3,393,936	-	229,893	3,623,829
Current liabilities	(1,044,792)	-	(229,893)	(1,274,685)
Total net assets	<u>2,371,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,371,379</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2022
	General	Designated	funds	
	£	£	£	£
Intangible fixed assets	5,775	-	-	5,775
Tangible fixed assets	20,646	-	-	20,646
Fixed asset investments	1	-	-	1
Current assets	3,720,633	-	280,274	4,000,907
Current liabilities	(1,032,733)	-	(280,274)	(1,313,007)
Pension scheme liability	-	(1,074,000)	-	(1,074,000)
Total net assets	<u>2,714,322</u>	<u>(1,074,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,640,322</u>

22 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2022	Financing cash flows	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>3,211,438</u>	<u>(47,641)</u>	<u>3,163,797</u>
Net debt	<u>3,211,438</u>	<u>(47,641)</u>	<u>3,163,797</u>

	At 1 April 2021	Financing cash flows	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>1,783,892</u>	<u>1,427,546</u>	<u>3,211,438</u>
Net debt	<u>1,783,892</u>	<u>1,427,546</u>	<u>3,211,438</u>

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23 Related party transactions

Other related party transactions

Due to the nature of the Trust's operations procuring services on behalf of the Local Authorities and the board of trustees including representatives from the Local Authorities, transactions inevitably take place between the trust and organisations in which the trustees have an interest.

All transactions are conducted at arms length and no specific transactions have occurred in which a trustee has an individual interest.

The total restricted funds received for each Local Authority relating to broadband growth and maintenance which is unspent at the year end and included within deferred income is as follows;

	2023	2022
	£	£
Devon	112,193	112,193
Gloucester	110,363	110,363
Plymouth	3,403	3,403
Swindon	12,447	12,447
Torbay	1	1
Wiltshire	7,578	7,578