

Charity Registration No. 1161310

Company Registration No. 09031167 (England and Wales)

THE CONVEYANCING FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

THE CONVEYANCING FOUNDATION

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Company number	09031167
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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 2015)."

Objectives and activities

The Conveyancing Foundation is a not for profit organisation and has been established to help conveyancers and others in the property industry raise funds for their chosen charities. They will select in line with their objective of focusing on the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage. The Conveyancing Foundation Legal Fee Competition enables us to raise significant and consistent donations to support our chosen charities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

During the year we have received £56,532 (2019 - £65,852) from the free legal fee competition which has been distributed to their chosen charities.

Throughout the course of the past twelve months The Conveyancing Foundation has continued to grow and raise significant funds for various charities through its Free Legal Fee Charity Competition.

The cost of entering the competition is £1, with a £9 charity donation which, on attracting 25% Gift Aid, means that every competition entry raises £11.25 for the Foundations chosen charities.

Northern Ireland-based law firm Wilson Nesbitt continues to support the Conveyancing Foundation through the Free Legal Fee Competition raising in excess of £21,000 for their chosen Charities.

Between June and December 2019, The Conveyancing Foundation raised in excess of £4,500 for Magic Moments, over £1,000 was raised in aid of MS Society and £1,000 was donated to BBC Children in Need and Prostate Cymru.

The Conveyancing Foundation also continue their fundraising initiatives in support of the Mindstep Foundation and Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.

In addition to The Free Legal Fee Competition the Foundation has taken part in various fundraising initiatives over the period and helped numerous Charities such as MacMillan Cancer Research, Velindre Cancer Care, Gemma's Pink Army, MIND and Missing Persons.

There is no doubt that COVID-19 impacted upon fundraising throughout the first half of 2020 and we experienced a decrease in donations via the Free Legal Fee Competition throughout the period March to June 2020.

The Conveyancing Foundation pledged to take part in the Cambodia Challenge Trek in aid of Ty Hafan Children's Hospice in March 2020 however all plans were cancelled due to travel restrictions as a result of the pandemic.

Despite the circumstances, we have experienced an increase in Free Legal Fee Charity donations throughout the second half of 2020. Over the coming twelve months and into 2021 we remain confident that The Conveyancing Foundation will overcome the current challenges and achieve our target of raising in excess of £750,000 for Charity.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

Financial review

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to three months expenditure. Based on the last two years this would mean the charity maintains funds of approximately £13,441. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. As at 31 May 2020, unrestricted funds were £62,702, restricted funds were £6,406, leaving total reserves of £69,108. This shows that the level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

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.

The trustees have delegated the day-to-day management of The Conveyancing Foundation to Lloyd Davies, Trustee.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J L Davies

Mrs T K Davies

Mr G D Evans

Mr R J Hosier

(Resigned 8 November 2019)

Mr G Richards

(Resigned 8 November 2019)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director by ordinary resolution or by decision of the directors. No person who is not a member shall in any circumstance be eligible to hold office as a director. In order to become a member of the company that person has to apply for membership in a form approved by the directors. Upon appointment, new trustees are given information and instruction on the responsibilities of a trustee.

Public Benefit

The Charity has complied with their duty under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr G D Evans

Dated: 26 February 2021

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONVEYANCING FOUNDATION**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Conveyancing Foundation (the Charity) for the year ended 31 May 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity 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 the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

UHY Hacker Young

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United Kingdom

Dated: 26 February 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	51,571	4,961	56,532	61,688	4,164	65,852
Other trading activities	4	25,368	-	25,368	24,407	-	24,407
Total income		<u>76,939</u>	<u>4,961</u>	<u>81,900</u>	<u>86,095</u>	<u>4,164</u>	<u>90,259</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities - Prevention and relief to those in need	5	54,885	6,500	61,385	68,185	500	68,685
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		22,054	(1,539)	20,515	17,910	3,664	21,574
Fund balances at 1 June 2019		<u>40,648</u>	<u>7,945</u>	<u>48,593</u>	<u>22,738</u>	<u>4,281</u>	<u>27,019</u>
Fund balances at 31 May 2020		<u><u>62,702</u></u>	<u><u>6,406</u></u>	<u><u>69,108</u></u>	<u><u>40,648</u></u>	<u><u>7,945</u></u>	<u><u>48,593</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MAY 2020**

		2020		2019	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	9	15,618		8,978	
Cash at bank and in hand		55,665		59,303	
		<u>71,283</u>		<u>68,281</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(2,175)</u>		<u>(19,688)</u>	
Net current assets			69,108		48,593
			<u><u>69,108</u></u>		<u><u>48,593</u></u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	11		6,406		7,945
Unrestricted funds			62,702		40,648
			<u>69,108</u>		<u>48,593</u>
			<u><u>69,108</u></u>		<u><u>48,593</u></u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 May 2020.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the 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 company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26 February 2021

Mr G D Evans
Trustee

Company Registration No. 09031167

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Conveyancing Foundation is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Maxwell Chambers, 34-38 Stow Hill, Newport, South Wales, NP20 1JE, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

There is no doubt that COVID-19 impacted upon fundraising throughout the first half of 2020 and we experienced a decrease in donations via the Free Legal Fee Competition throughout the period March to June 2020.

Despite the circumstances, we have experienced an increase in Free Legal Fee Charity donations throughout the second half of 2020. Over the coming twelve months and into 2021 we remain confident that The Conveyancing Foundation will overcome the current challenges and achieve our target of raising in excess of £750,000 for Charity.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

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.

1.6 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the profit and loss account in other administrative expenses.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Donations and gifts	51,571	4,961	56,532	61,688	4,164	65,852

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £
Fundraising events	25,368	24,407

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

5 Charitable activities - Prevention and relief to those in need

	2020	2019
	£	£
Bank charges	235	115
Donations	55,117	62,012
Free legal fee winners	5,013	5,538
	<u>60,365</u>	<u>67,665</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	1,020	1,020
	<u>61,385</u>	<u>68,685</u>
	<u><u>61,385</u></u>	<u><u>68,685</u></u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	54,885	68,185
Restricted funds	6,500	500
	<u>61,385</u>	<u>68,685</u>
	<u><u>61,385</u></u>	<u><u>68,685</u></u>

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2020	Support costs	Governance costs	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Accountancy	-	1,020	1,020	-	1,020	1,020
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,020</u>
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,020</u></u>	<u><u>1,020</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,020</u></u>	<u><u>1,020</u></u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	-	1,020	1,020	-	1,020	1,020
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,020</u>
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,020</u></u>	<u><u>1,020</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,020</u></u>	<u><u>1,020</u></u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

None of the trustees made any donations to the charity during the year.

8 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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9 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	15,618	8,978
	<u>15,618</u>	<u>8,978</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,175	19,688
	<u>2,175</u>	<u>19,688</u>

11 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 June 2018	Movement in funds Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 June 2019	Movement in funds Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 May 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wilson Nesbit	4,281	4,164	(500)	7,945	4,961	(6,500)	6,406
	<u>4,281</u>	<u>4,164</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>7,945</u>	<u>4,961</u>	<u>(6,500)</u>	<u>6,406</u>

Restricted funds relate to the free legal competition activity through Wilson Nesbit.

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted 2020	Restricted 2020	Total 2020	Unrestricted 2019	Restricted 2019	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances are represented by:						
Current assets/(liabilities)	62,702	6,406	69,108	40,648	7,945	48,593
	<u>62,702</u>	<u>6,406</u>	<u>69,108</u>	<u>40,648</u>	<u>7,945</u>	<u>48,593</u>

13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).

There was no remuneration paid to key management personnel during the year (2019 - none).

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