Company Registration No. 09031167 (England and Wales)

THE CONVEYANCING FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018



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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2018.

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 £65,809 (2017 - £55,922) 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 £12,000 for their chosen Charities.

The Conveyancing Foundation members raised a fantastic £25,000 for Ty Hafan Children's Hospice through the Snow Dogs Tails in Wales initiative. Schools and educational groups decorated 100 fibreglass sculptures standing 1.5m tall, kindly donated to create an incredible art showcase. For ten weeks between 16 September and 26 November 2017, the pack of Snowdogs were unleashed in to the city's streets, iconic buildings and open spaces as part of an extraordinary public art trail.

In October 2017, three members of the Foundation completed an exhausting 7-day trip to walk a section of the Great Wall of China in aid of Ty Hafan enduring an incredibly difficult challenge walking in temperatures in excess of 30 degrees throughout the adventure.

The Foundation also hit a major milestone in November 2017 having raised over £500,000 since its launch.

In March 2018 the Foundation were highly honoured to be invited to meet His Royal Highness Prince Charles at Ty Hafan Chidren's Hospice to talk about the wonderful fundraising efforts achieved as a result of the innovative Free Legal Fee Competition.

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 Prostate Cancer UK, Magic Moments, We Love Manchester, St David's Hospice, BBC Red Nose Day, Children In Need, Save the Children, Sports Relief and The Wallich.

Over the coming twelve months The Foundation hopes to encourage further individual Legal firms to introduce the competition into their practice and help hit our target of raising in excess of £600,000 for charity.

TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

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 £16,107. 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 2018, unrestricted funds were £22,738, restricted funds were £4,281, leaving total reserves of £27,019. 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

Mr G Richards

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.

No preference dividends were paid. The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr G D Evans

Dated: 20/02/2019

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 2018.

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:

- 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

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- 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

Lanyon House Mission Court Newport South Wales NP20 2DW

United Kingdom

Dated: 20 02/2019

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
		2018	2018	2018	2017
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	57,749	8,060	65,809	55,922
Other trading activities	4	5,598	-	5,598	11,279
Total income		63,347	8,060	71,407	67,201
Expenditure on: Charitable activities - Prevention and relief to those in need	5	57,559	4,258	61,817	76,690
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		5,788	3,802	9,590	(9,489)
Fund balances at 1 June 2017		16,950	479	17,429	26,918
Fund balances at 31 May 2018		22,738	4,281	27,019	17,429
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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.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 2018

		2018	3	2017	•
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	8,353		8,29 1	
Cash at bank and in hand		21,009		14,449	
		29,362		22,740	
Creditors: amounts falling due within					
one year	12	(2,343)		(5,311)	
Net current assets			27,019		17,429
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Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		4,281		479
Unrestricted funds			22,738		16,950
					
			27,019		17,429

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 2018. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements.

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.

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 20/02/2019

Mr G D Evans

Trustee

Company Registration No. 09031167

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

		2018		2017	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	17		6,560		(9,162)
Net cash used in investing activities			-		-
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equiv	valents		6,560		(9,162)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			14,449		23,611
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			21,009		14,449
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

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 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

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 unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

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.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

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	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	57,749	8,060	65,809	55,922
For the year ended 31 May 2017	50,053	5,869		55,922
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4 Other trading activities

Unrestricted	Total
funds	
2018	2017
£	£
5,598	11,279

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

5	Charitable activities - Prevention and relief to those in need		
		2018	2017
		£	£
	Bank charges	185	145
	Donations	51,779	59,718
	Free legal fee winners	8,700	7,000
		60,664	66,863
	Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	-	8,824
	Share of governance costs (see note 7)	1,153	1,003
		61,817	76,690
	Analysis by fund		
	Unrestricted funds	57,559	
	Restricted funds	4,258	
		61,817	
	For the year ended 31 May 2017		
	Unrestricted funds		71,300
	Restricted funds		5,390
			76,690
6	Grants payable		
		2018	2017
		£	£
	Grants to institutions:		
	Ty Hafan	-	8,824

The funds for Ty Hafan were to sponsor 4 individuals to complete the Great Wall of China Trek and to sponsor Rainbow Run Barry.

All grants payable were awarded as unrestricted with no conditions attached.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

7	Support costs	Support costs	Governance costs	2018	2017
		£	£	£	£
	Accountancy	-	1,153	1,153	1,003
			1,153	1,153	1,003
	Analysed between Charitable activities		1,153	1,153	1,003
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8 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.

9 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

10	Financial instruments	2018 £	2017 £
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	8,353	8,291
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	Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
	Measured at amortised cost	2,343	5,311
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11	Debtors		
		2018	2017
	Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
	Other debtors	8,353	8,291
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12	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2018	2017
		£	£
	Accruals and deferred income	2,343	5,311
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

13 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 2017 £	Incoming resources		Balance at 31 May 2018 £
479	8,060	(4,258)	4,281
	1 June 2017 £	1 June 2017 resources £	1 June 2017 resources expended £ £ £

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

14 Unrestricted funds

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the Charity's activities made up as follows:

			Movement	in funds	
		Balance at 1 June 2017	Incoming resources	Resources B expended	alance at 31 May 2018
		£	£	£	£
	General	16,950	63,347	(57,559)	22,738
15	Analysis of net assets between funds				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		2018	2018	2018	2017
		£	£	£	£
	Fund balances at 31 May 2018 are represented by:				
	Current assets/(liabilities)	22,738	4,281	27,019	17,429
		22,738	4,281	27,019	17,429

16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2017 - none).

There was no remuneration paid to key management personnel during the year (2017 - none).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

17	Cash generated from operations	. 2018	2017	
		£	£	
	Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,590	(9,489)	
	Movements in working capital:			
	(Increase) in debtors	(62)	(3,269)	
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(2,968)	3,596	
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	Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	6,560	(9,162)	