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# The Natural Death Centre

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

# The Natural Death Centre

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## The Natural Death Centre

### Reference and Administrative Details

**Charity Registration Number** 1091396

**Company Registration Number** 04369162

**Registered Office** The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.  
The Natural Death Centre

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Watley Lane  
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SO21 1QX

**Accountants** Field Sullivan Limited  
70 Royal Hill  
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**Bankers** CAF Bank Ltd  
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National Westminster Bank PLC  
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# The Natural Death Centre

## Trustees' Report

### Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees: Susan Morris  
Tracy O'Leary  
Richard Putt

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Natural Death Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 UK Accounting Standards 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and 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.

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### Trustees' Report

The Trustees, who are the directors for Companies Act purposes and trustees for Charities Act purposes, have the pleasure in submitting the trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2021. This is a Director's Report required by s417 of the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### Legal and administrative details

Status: The Nicholas Albery Foundation following an organisational review and by special resolution changed its name 12 March 2007 to be incorporated under the name of The Natural Death Centre (registration no. 4369162). The Foundation was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 7 February 2002 and started to operate on 1 April 2002. It has charitable status under registration no. 1091396.

Principal address:  
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In The Hill House  
Watley Lane  
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Winchester. SO21 1QX

The Natural Death Centre's professional advisers are as follows:

Reporting Accountants:  
Field Sullivan Accountants  
70 Royal Hill  
London  
SE10 8RF

Bankers:  
Cafcash Ltd  
PO Box 289  
West Malling  
Kent ME19 4TA

Bankers:  
NatWest Bank Plc  
Maida Vale  
298 Elgin Avenue  
London W9 1WT

Bankers:  
NatWest Bank Plc  
Dean Street  
PO Box 2162  
London W1A 1SX

Charity objectives: The promotion, for the benefit of the public, of studies in political, economic, social and environmental science and other educational subjects and the promotion, for the benefit of the public, of education and dissemination of knowledge in such sciences and subjects with particular reference to:

- work, education and culture
- ecology and the environment

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- the use of low-technology skills and crafts
- arts, literacy and arts education
- horticulture and silviculture
- the problems of minority groups

Background: This is the eighteenth annual report of the company. The company was formed to continue the work of Nicholas Albery (formerly the Nicholas Albery Foundation and prior to that the Fourth World Educational and Research Association Trust) - charity no. 283040.

On the 12th March 2007, the name of the company changed from The Nicholas Albery Foundation; no change in ownership of assets occurred as the enactment was purely a company name change to The Natural Death Centre.

#### Directors and their interests

The directors who served at any time during the year are Susan Morris, Tracy O'Leary and Richard Putt. No director has any beneficial interest in the charitable company.

#### Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and activities and in the planning of future activities. It is the judgment of the Trustees that activities in pursuit of the above objectives fully meet the public benefit test, which they have kept in mind in planning programmes for the charity. In delivering services and in the appointment of staff, volunteers and trustees the charity operates a strict policy of no discrimination on any grounds.

The Natural Death Centre is an educational charity which sees death as a natural part of life. Founded in 1991, it is committed to supporting cultural change and is working towards a situation where all people are empowered in the process of dying, and organising a funeral. The Natural Death Centre provides the only impartial funeral advice service in the UK. We also work in death education, challenging social attitudes to death and dying, and run the Association of Natural Burial Grounds, a body set up to promote green burials.

In common with many charities, NDC has to operate on a limited budget, and progress has not always been easy to achieve. Though the financial situation is far from ideal, the board is fully committed to building on past achievements while continuing to maintain the hard won stability.

Though small, the NDC is a significant organisation whose guidance is regularly sought by professional practitioners, government departments and the media. It has a history of giving catalytic leadership, and promoting beneficial and empowering social change.

The Natural Death Centre continues to offer a unique service to the public and various professionals via its telephone help line, email and post. This year alone the NDC received over 40,000 phone calls /emails to its helpline. The information disseminated is comprehensive, unbiased, and especially focused towards inexpensive, environmentally-friendly, and family organised funeral provision. The demand on the charity increases monthly.

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### Trustees' Report

The end of March 2021 the UK and world is amidst the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Natural Death Centre's core role and support has continued but the immense increase number of members of the public contacting the helpline has increased markedly. Over the last 30 years The NDC has always been the support and advocate for the public to help empower people and dispel myths. However we have risen to new challenges of a country and funeral industry adapting and responding with the pandemic.

Families phone the helpline puzzled by COVID-19 restrictions trying to make sense of how they can hold a meaningful funeral. This is often on top of having a loved one die that they were not able to see before they died or see after death. The NDC has risen to the challenge offering a listening ear and then help people go forward to create a funeral relevant for them. This has included innovative ways to say goodbye including hi tech options of zoom or virtual funerals.

COVID has changed the grieving process as often people phoning the helpline are in complete shock and overwhelmed and faced with a funeral director who may have given them limited options. Time is spent often over several phone calls exploring how to create a personal funeral.

Allowing the public to make informed decisions is the honest way forward.

Written advice is also available via the NDC general information leaflet (NDC website or The Natural Death Handbook (5th edtn), and Funeral Plans. The demand for the leaflet is booming.

Social networking is now one of the key mediums of communicating and networking. This year has seen further IT development with the ever expanding Facebook group, twitter and LinkedIn.

Analytics and proactive changes of the charities web presence is managed and the charities website hits continue to increase. The most visited web pages include 'Natural Burial Grounds' and 'keeping funeral costs down'.

The Natural Death Handbook (fifth edition) was published June 2012, Strange Attractor Press.

The media continues to play an increasingly large role in the education of the public about the natural death movement encompassing funeral choices, funeral poverty and organizing a funeral during the COVID19 pandemic. This included many radio interviews, BBC, local and international television interviews and Newspaper/magazine articles or links. The Natural Death Centre charity is one of the key ports of call for the media on all aspects of dying, death, funerals, funeral poverty and natural burial grounds and this year on funerals during the COVID19 pandemic.

Strategic collaboration with other professional bodies continues and includes the Dying Matters Coalition, All Party Parliamentary Funerals and Bereavement Group, the Ministry of Justice Burial and Cemeteries Advisory Group, Council of British Funeral Services, the Centre for Death and Society, Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management, Funeral Director Trade Associations and the Churches Funeral Group. The NDC also works collaboratively with academic departments to scrutinise and develop funeral and body disposal practices. This has also included writing and contributing to many COVID-19 Guidance documents for arranging or attending a funeral.

International relations continue to be developed with overseas green funeral directors and natural burial grounds to promote sharing and developing of practice. For example in the USA the NDC has regular dialogue with the Green Burial Council, the Funeral Consumers Alliance and the Natural Burial Company.

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Collaborative teaching with other organisations within the natural death movement is an important role for the Natural Death Centre. Staff and trustees assisted with events throughout the year and has evolved to provide online teaching.

Throughout the year NDC has exhibited and presented online talks to members of the public, professionals and academics.

The active participation UKs Dying Matters Awareness Week provided a further platform for the NDC to inform people they have choices. The NDC is a member of the national coalition under the National Council for Palliative Care / Department of Health in response to the National End of life Care Strategy for England DoH 2008) to educate the public on dying.

NDC has also run several of its own unique study days as well as a Poetry Challenge Day and Association of Natural Burial Grounds Member's days. The Death Café movement in the UK and the world is increasing. NDC's founder and patron hosted several successful Death Cafes in London and Oxford. Due to the COVID19 pandemic the NDC has developed online communities to hold Death Cafes.

People are increasingly turning to 'Go Compare' websites as a consumer. Over the last twenty years the NDC has promoted transparency in deciding on a funeral service and choosing a Funeral Director. NDC runs Funeral Advisor [www.funeraladvisor.org.uk](http://www.funeraladvisor.org.uk) in collaboration Impermanence (UK) Limited to enable the public to rate the Funeral Director and so empower others.

The Natural Death Society was launched in 2012 to promote networking and collaboration with individuals and organisations in educating the public.

The NDC's natural burial branch, the Association of Natural Burial Grounds (ANBG), continues to become more and more influential and well regarded. The ANBG continues to promote across the UK the awareness of natural burial grounds and developing further the ideology of ecological body disposal and the management of the land where the body lies, for the benefit of society and future generations.

The ANBG continues to directly influence national strategy in regard to burial law reform with its previous consultation with the Ministry of Justice in assisting in writing 'Natural burial grounds - Guidance for operators'. The NDC has led the UK on guidance for holding funerals at a Natural Burial Ground during the COVID19 pandemic.

The ANBG is thriving. The Association of Natural Burial Grounds Members is an active group and the charity hosts a members only online google group discussion forum allowing members to share best practice ideas and provides additional support.

The NDC continues to run its ANBG Members Days. The days are a great triumph and start with an evening of networking then a full day of presentations and discussions on all aspects of current practice and developing ideas for further development. These successful days continue to hold ANBG Members Day twice a year and in varying parts of the UK to promote access.

Educating professionals about Natural Burial is a key part of the association's strategic remit.

'The People's Awards for Natural Burial Grounds'. The awards results of regional winners of best natural burial ground and the national winner was announced April 2020.

## **The Natural Death Centre**

### **Trustees' Report**

The Association of Natural Burial Grounds launched in 2012 the International Member of the ANBG in response to the high interest from overseas. This has enabled the charity to continue to lead in strategy and provides a platform for members to network and so resulting in a higher service to members of the public and development of ideology.

#### **The Book Store**

The portfolio of publications under the NDCs umbrella from its Nicholas Albery Foundation heritage continues to sell well, in particular The Natural Death Handbook (5th edtn), Poem for the Day, Poem for the Day One and Two and Time Out Book of Country Walks (volumes one and two).

The royalties from the foundation's publications continue to support the Natural Death Centre. The NDC is indebted to previous authors and editors of these books.

#### **NDC Trading Ltd**

Incorporated 18/09/2014 Company No. 09225359. Susan Morris and Richard Putt are Directors; Susan is also the Company Secretary. It is a private company limited by shares valued at £1 per share and has one share. NDC Trading Ltd is managing Eden Valley Woodland Burial Ground

#### **The Natural Death Centre Staff**

The daily service has continued to be led by Rosie Inman-Cook as a volunteer manager and part time work. Leila Bakhshi's (Format Accounts) include an increased administration role. Carol Bakhshi and Leila, Format Book-keeping continue as a part time book keeper.

Volunteers Carol Waters and Charlotte Knight provide invaluable support.

The NDC trustee board is indebted for the immense work done by the staff of which some of their time is on a voluntary basis.

The trustee board members are all also active volunteers.

The NDC could not survive without the support and work of volunteers.

The NDC is grateful to its patrons for their ongoing support - Josefine Speyer, Maggi Hambling and Lucy Siegle.

#### **The Natural Death Centre Office**

The trustee board is immensely grateful to its landlords David Cook and Rosie Inman-Cook for enabling the NDC office space at a reduced rate.

#### **Financial review**

At the balance sheet date the charity held £14,058 (2020: £17,581) of funds all of which were unrestricted. The total income for the year was £50,866 (2020: £50,051) and total expenditure was £54,339 (2020: £36,763).

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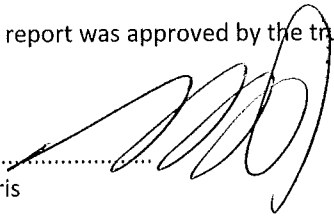
Despite demand for the charity's services increasing the financial performance of the charity over the last financial year have been impacted by the COVID pandemic as undertook less face to face events. It has continued to evolve for more online outreach. This has impacted revenue from sales of books. However, as a small charity it has continued to develop as it has done over its thirty-year history. The Natural Death Centre charity remains a going concern.

#### Reserves policy

The current reserves policy of the Natural Death Centre is to have sufficient reserves for three months' running costs and to clear any outstanding debts.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Susan Morris  
Trustee



28/1/22

## The Natural Death Centre

### Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Natural Death Centre ("the Company")

I report to the charity trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the accounts of the The Natural Death Centre ('the charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of The Natural Death Centre you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Natural Death Centre as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

**The Natural Death Centre**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Natural Death Centre ("the Company")**

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



Timothy Sullivan FCA  
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London  
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Date: 31/1/22

## The Natural Death Centre

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies		42,824	42,824	42,404	42,404
Charitable activities		<u>8,042</u>	<u>8,042</u>	<u>7,647</u>	<u>7,647</u>
Total income		<u>50,866</u>	<u>50,866</u>	<u>50,051</u>	<u>50,051</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities		<u>(54,339)</u>	<u>(54,339)</u>	<u>(36,763)</u>	<u>(36,763)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(54,339)</u>	<u>(54,339)</u>	<u>(36,763)</u>	<u>(36,763)</u>
Net movement in funds		(3,473)	(3,473)	13,288	13,288
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>17,531</u>	<u>17,531</u>	<u>4,243</u>	<u>4,243</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u><u>14,058</u></u>	<u><u>14,058</u></u>	<u><u>17,531</u></u>	<u><u>17,531</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.  
The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 14.

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Natural Death Centre**  
**(Registration number: 04369162)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	9	675	901
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	10	9,627	10,659
Debtors	11	5,621	9,561
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>10,338</u>	<u>11,244</u>
		25,586	31,464
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<u>(12,203)</u>	<u>(14,834)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>13,383</u>	<u>16,630</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>14,058</u>	<u>17,531</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>14,058</u>	<u>17,531</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	14	<u>14,058</u>	<u>17,531</u>

For the financial year ending 31 March 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 11 to 21 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 27 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

.....  
Susan Morris  
Trustee

28/1/22

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# The Natural Death Centre

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

### 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:

The Natural Death Centre  
The Hill House  
Watley Lane  
Winchester  
Hampshire  
SO21 1QX

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 27 January 2022.

### 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) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis of preparation

The Natural Death Centre 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 a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

#### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the directors 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 periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

#### **Income and endowments**

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

#### ***Donations and legacies***

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

#### **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.

#### **Support costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### **Governance costs**

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

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

#### 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.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

#### 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:

#### 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.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

#### Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

#### 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.

#### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	General	2021	2020
	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;			
Appeals and donations	25,781	25,781	12,327
Subscriptions	14,883	14,883	27,957
Recommended funeral directors	2,160	2,160	2,120
	<u>42,824</u>	<u>42,824</u>	<u>42,404</u>

#### 4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	General	2021	2020
	£	£	£
Sales of publications	4,674	4,674	3,934
Royalties	3,350	3,350	3,435
Other	18	18	278
	<u>8,042</u>	<u>8,042</u>	<u>7,647</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

#### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Opening stock	10,659	11,594
Closing stock	(9,627)	(10,659)
Travelling	1,427	29
Events and venue hire	-	360
Volunteer expenses	480	5,130
Support costs	<u>51,400</u>	<u>30,309</u>
	<u><u>54,339</u></u>	<u><u>36,763</u></u>

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also support costs of £51,400 (2020 - £30,309) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 6 for further details.

#### 6 Analysis of support costs

##### Support costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Property cost and insurance	11,571	11,571	10,779
Honorarium	19,250	19,250	10,550
Light, heat and power	3,502	3,502	1,698
Telephone and fax	6,684	6,684	1,421
Printing, postage and stationery	2,241	2,241	1,162
Trade subscriptions	-	-	250
Sundries	-	-	130
Cleaning	181	181	180
Accountancy	4,031	4,031	2,213
Independent examination	1,836	1,836	1,776
Consultancy	-	-	630
Royalties payable	1,000	1,000	(1,747)
Bank charges	879	879	966
Depreciation of office equipment	225	225	301
	<u>51,400</u>	<u>51,400</u>	<u>30,309</u>

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#### 7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Other staff costs	<u>480</u>	<u>5,130</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

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#### 8 Taxation

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

#### 9 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2020	6,312	6,312
At 31 March 2021	6,312	6,312
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 April 2020	5,411	5,411
Charge for the year	226	226
At 31 March 2021	5,637	5,637
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2021	675	675
At 31 March 2020	901	901

#### 10 Stock

	2021 £	2020 £
Stocks	9,627	10,659

#### 11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	461	2,046
Other debtors	5,160	7,515
	5,621	9,561

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#### 12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank	<u>10,338</u>	<u>11,244</u>

#### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	357	13,058
Other creditors	624	-
Accruals	<u>11,222</u>	<u>1,776</u>
	<u>12,203</u>	<u>14,834</u>

#### 14 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	<u>17,531</u>	<u>50,866</u>	<u>(54,339)</u>	<u>14,058</u>
	<b>Balance at 1 April 2019 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2020 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	<u>4,243</u>	<u>50,051</u>	<u>(36,763)</u>	<u>17,531</u>

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#### 15 Analysis of net assets between funds

##### Current year

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	675	675
Current assets	25,586	25,586
Current liabilities	<u>(12,203)</u>	<u>(12,203)</u>
Total net assets	<u>14,058</u>	<u>14,058</u>

##### Prior year

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	901	901
Current assets	31,464	31,464
Current liabilities	<u>(14,834)</u>	<u>(14,834)</u>
Total net assets	<u>17,531</u>	<u>17,531</u>

#### 16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

#### 17 Covid 19

COVID19 has major impacted the charity form a much higher work load and large increase to the daily helpline seeking advice on funerals and natural burial grounds. The charity has also been a key professionals and government adviser re changing funeral guidelines due to COVID19. However, increased demand of the charity service does not equate to increased income.