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Charity registration number: 1091396

# The Natural Death Centre

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Field Sullivan Limited  
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# The Natural Death Centre

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## The Natural Death Centre

### Reference and Administrative Details

<b>Trustees</b>	Susan Morris Tracy O'Leary Richard Putt
<b>Secretary</b>	Susan Morris
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1091396
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	04369162
<b>Registered Office</b>	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales. The Natural Death Centre The Hill House Watley Lane Winchester Hampshire SO21 1QX
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Field Sullivan Limited 9 Hare & Billet Road Blackheath SE3 0RB
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# The Natural Death Centre

## Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The directors present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### 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.

**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
- 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 twentieth 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 12 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.

# The Natural Death Centre

## Trustees' Report

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.

The end of March 2023 the UK and world is still recovering from the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Natural Death Centre's core role and support has continued. 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 continued to rise to new challenges of a country and funeral industry that has adapted and responded to the pandemic.

Families still phone the helpline puzzled by COVID-19 restrictions post lock down that some Funeral Directors have in place. The NDC has risen to the challenge offering a listening ear as well as dispelling myths and then help people go forward to create a funeral relevant for them.

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 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 has continued 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.

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**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.

**Collaborative teaching** with other organisations within the natural death movement is an important role for the Natural Death Centre.

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. NDCs founder and patron hosted several successful online Death Cafes.

People are increasingly turning to 'Go Compare' websites as a consumer. Over the last thirty 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 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 continued to lead the UK on guidance for holding funerals at a Natural Burial Ground.

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 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 2022.

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)*.

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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 September 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 plan is to close NDC Trading Ltd over the next year. Eden Valley Woodland Burial Ground continues under different management.

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

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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.

#### **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.

#### **Financial review**

At the balance sheet date the charity held £12,601 (2022: 14,580) of funds all of which were unrestricted. The total income for the year was £41,138 (2022: £47,251) and total expenditure was £43,117 (2022: £46,729).

## 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

Secretary: Susan Morris

#### 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 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".

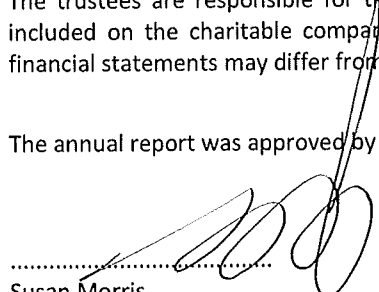
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources 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.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 19 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Susan Morris  
Company Secretary and Trustee

## 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 2023 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.

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#### 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

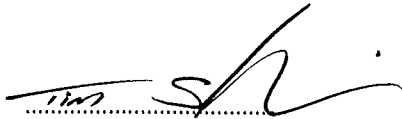
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

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.



Tim Sullivan FCA  
Field Sullivan Limited  
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SE3 0RB

19 January 2024

## The Natural Death Centre

### 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 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	33,828	33,828	40,969	40,969
Charitable activities	4	7,307	7,307	6,282	6,282
Investment income	5	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	-	-
Total income		<u>41,138</u>	<u>41,138</u>	<u>47,251</u>	<u>47,251</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	<u>(43,117)</u>	<u>(43,117)</u>	<u>(46,729)</u>	<u>(46,729)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(43,117)</u>	<u>(43,117)</u>	<u>(46,729)</u>	<u>(46,729)</u>
Net movement in funds		(1,979)	(1,979)	522	522
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>14,580</u>	<u>14,580</u>	<u>14,058</u>	<u>14,058</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u><u>12,601</u></u>	<u><u>12,601</u></u>	<u><u>14,580</u></u>	<u><u>14,580</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 16.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Natural Death Centre**  
**(Registration number: 04369162)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	12	135	179
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	13	7,824	8,755
Debtors	14	2,502	5,833
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>16,162</u>	<u>12,041</u>
		26,488	26,629
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	<u>(14,022)</u>	<u>(12,228)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>12,466</u>	<u>14,401</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>12,601</u>	<u>14,580</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>12,601</u>	<u>14,580</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	16	<u>12,601</u>	<u>14,580</u>

For the financial year ending 31 March 2023 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 9 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 19 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

.....  
Susan Morris  
Company Secretary and Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# The Natural Death Centre

## 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:

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

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 19 January 2024.

### 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.

## The Natural Death Centre

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

#### **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 meetings and reimbursed expenses.

## The Natural Death Centre

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

#### 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 £500 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.

## The Natural Death Centre

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

#### 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 General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Appeals and donations	12,770	12,770	14,730
Subscriptions	19,356	19,356	24,299
Recommended funeral directors	1,702	1,702	1,940
	<u>33,828</u>	<u>33,828</u>	<u>40,969</u>

#### 4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Sales of publications	4,135	4,135	3,867
Royalties	3,172	3,172	2,415
	<u>7,307</u>	<u>7,307</u>	<u>6,282</u>

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

#### 5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income	3	3

#### 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Opening stock	8,755	9,627
Closing stock	(7,824)	(8,756)
Travelling	(1,876)	2,470
Staff costs	480	480
Support costs	43,582	42,908
	43,117	46,729

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also support costs of £43,582 (2022 - £42,908) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 9 for further details.

#### 7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Other staff costs	480	480

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

#### 8 Taxation

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

## The Natural Death Centre

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

#### 9 Analysis of support costs

##### Support costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	-	327
Property cost and insurance	11,124	11,124	11,587
Honorarium	18,500	18,500	15,250
Light, heat and power	4,399	4,399	4,200
Telephone and fax	1,139	1,139	2,560
Printing, postage and stationery	1,197	1,197	1,581
Trade subscriptions	50	50	50
Cleaning	411	411	-
Accountancy	3,752	3,752	4,152
Independent examination	2,148	2,148	2,010
Bad debts written off	(100)	(100)	100
Bank charges	917	917	922
Depreciation of office equipment	45	45	169
	<u>43,582</u>	<u>43,582</u>	<u>42,908</u>

#### 10 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.

#### 11 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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#### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2022	3,348	3,348
At 31 March 2023	3,348	3,348
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 April 2022	3,167	3,167
Charge for the year	46	46
At 31 March 2023	3,213	3,213
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2023	135	135
At 31 March 2022	181	181

#### 13 Stock

	2023 £	2022 £
Stocks	7,824	8,755

#### 14 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	198	1,667
Other debtors	2,304	4,166
	2,502	5,833

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	468	366
Accruals	13,554	11,862
	14,022	12,228

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#### 16 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	<u>14,580</u>	<u>41,138</u>	<u>(43,117)</u>	<u>12,601</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	<u>14,058</u>	<u>47,251</u>	<u>(46,729)</u>	<u>14,580</u>

#### 17 Analysis of net assets between funds

##### Current year

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	135	135
Current assets	26,488	26,488
Current liabilities	<u>(14,022)</u>	<u>(14,022)</u>
Total net assets	<u>12,601</u>	<u>12,601</u>

##### Prior year

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	179	179
Current assets	26,629	26,629
Current liabilities	<u>(12,228)</u>	<u>(12,228)</u>
Total net assets	<u>14,580</u>	<u>14,580</u>