

THE SET ME FREE TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 March 2021

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INFORMATION

31 MARCH 2021

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Mr G P Brookes FCA BSc
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors' present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

The principal objectives of the company continued to be the pioneering of the provision and relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing of ex-offenders, drug addicts, alcoholics, the aged, the homeless, the sick and the dependants of such persons.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

In planning the charity's activities for the year the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at their meetings.

As part of the review of activities the trustees decided in recent years that due to the fact that the charity is not currently in possession of significant amount of income its unique focus would be to give predominately early years advice and support to 'green shoot' initiatives and organisations. Those with a predominately but not exclusively Christian advancement or community focus would be preferred in grant/donation selection. Also such funds would be based on potential and leverage situations where any funds given would crystallise larger amounts of resources being awarded by other bodies or simply earned by them. Consideration is also made to offer support for para church organisations that would face the possibility of cessation without our support.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The directors consider that despite the COVID 19 pandemic and the consequent investment valuation bounce back of approximately 15%, the performance of the company has ironically been satisfactory. The investment's value has almost recovered but with reduced dividends for 2020, as expected. The cessation of activities of NBFTrust fortuitously resulted in a legal transfer of assets and liabilities in accordance with Charity Commission guidance of the order of £60K as at the end of the year. A more detailed version of this which includes the directors assessment of the charity's going concern is shown in note 12 on page 9.

During the year grants and donations were awarded as follows :

		2020-21	2019-20
Birmingham Action Community Trust	+*	263	263
Prison Link	*	1,250	1,250
Sadwica	*+	-	1,500
Havilah Trust	* 1	1,000	-
Engage Trust	ZZ	-	2,500
Mozambique orphanage scheme	****^	-	200
Wolverhampton Food Bank, The Well	*+++	-	1,600
Hope City Church Initial set up support	@	1,500	-
Route 61 charity set up appeal	@@	1,000	-
Returning Overseas CAP worker interim support	***	-	1,700
		<u>5,013</u>	<u>9,013</u>

See page 3 for more detail

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

Beneficiary brief details

* Ex offender rehabilitation or disadvantaged supporting charities or related organisations , on going support following charity landlord fire (Like others has recently loss its Probation funding , now running on volunteers and on a day to day basis)

*** Overseas Returning CAP worker now short term intern in local Christian charities

*+ Nursery Project in Sandwell, one of the poorest areas in the country, enabling get back to work mothers and ensuring (due to austerity reduced funding) the continuance of this Christian black led nursery with 14 jobs in borough of Sandwell

****^ Donation for Mozambique Orphanage phase 2 and follow up visit contribution

ZZ Local Christian focused and led pilot scheme for school pastoral support project for disadvantaged youth

*+++ Foodbank requiring early expansion funds, charity advice and accounting support

+* Dormant accounts preparation for charity in mothball status dealing with young disadvantaged in Handsworth

*1 Christian group, previously Probation backed, and funded project re offenders for teaching land work skills

@ New church breakaway group during CV19 lockdown initial set up support costs located in North Wolverhampton

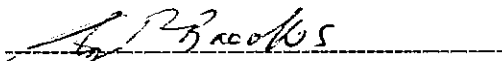
@@ Christian Group in Western Kenya recent appeal for funds re their disaffected youth project , also to support its initial CIO costs

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company Law required the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of the income and expenditure of the Company for the year ended on that date. In preparing those financial statements, suitable accounting policies have been used, framed, to the best of the Directors knowledge and belief, by reference to reasonable, prudent judgments and estimates being applied consistently. Applicable accounting standards have been followed. The Directors are also required to indicate where the financial statements are prepared on the basis that the Company is a going concern and this is confirmed.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that arrangements are made for keeping proper books of account with respect to the Company's transactions and its assets and liabilities and for maintaining a satisfactory system of control over the Company's books of account and transactions. The Directors are also responsible for ensuring that arrangements are made to safeguard the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Directors on 18 November 2021
and signed on its behalf by



G P Brookes

Director and Secretary

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including Income & Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
INCOME				
Interest and dividends receivable		6,600		8,228
Donations received		60,458		400
TOTAL		<u>67,058</u>	<u>67,058</u>	<u>8,628</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable Activities				
Grants & Donations	3	5,013		9,013
Admin and Support Costs		2,832		<u>2,495</u>
TOTAL		<u>7,845</u>	<u>7,845</u>	<u>11,508</u>
Net Income/Expenditure			<u>59,213</u>	<u>(2,880)</u>
Gain/(Loss) on annual year revaluation of Investment Assets			18,280	(25,485)
Net Expenditure			<u>77,493</u>	<u>(28,365)</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward			121,914	150,279
Total funds carried forward			<u>199,407</u>	<u>121,914</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021
Company Number 1926824

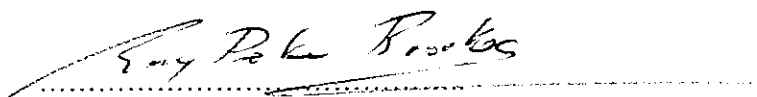
	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Current Assets			
Debtors	4	1,820	1,175
Investment	7	196,871	118,133
Cash at Bank	7	<u>1,076</u>	<u>2,606</u>
		199,767	121,914
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year			
	4a	(360)	-
Net Current Assets		199,407	121,914
Net Assets		<u>199,407</u>	<u>121,914</u>
Unrestricted Funds			
	5	199,407	121,914
Total Funds		<u>199,407</u>	<u>121,914</u>

The directors have taken advantage of the Companies Act 2006 in not having these accounts audited under Section 477 (1). No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and s387 of the Companies Act 2006 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2021 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of s396 and which comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Signed and approved on the behalf of the Board on 18th November 2021



GARY PETER BROOKES
 Director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011 the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity

No changes have been made to the financial statements for previous years unless otherwise stated within the notes as a prior year adjustment.

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

(b) Incoming Resources

Recognition of incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Any further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Investment income

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. Accounting Policies

(c) Expenditure and Liabilities

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Governance costs

When included they are the costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

2. STAFF COSTS

There are no staff employed by the Trust. Remuneration is not paid for acting as Directors. However S M Brookes is reimbursed £2,400 per annum for professional financial services supplied for the daily administration of the Trust throughout the year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
3 GRANTS AND DONATIONS AWARDED		
Grants and Donations for the year	5,013	9,013
	<u>5,013</u>	<u>9,013</u>
4 DEBTORS		
Dividend income accrued	1,820	1,175
	<u>1,820</u>	<u>1,175</u>
4a CREDITORS : amounts falling due in one year		
Trade Creditor	360	-
	<u>360</u>	<u>-</u>
5 FUND BALANCES		
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
At 1 April 2020	121,914	150,279
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	77,493	(28,365)
At 31 March 2021	<u>199,407</u>	<u>121,914</u>

6 SHARE CAPITAL

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

7 BANK & CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

The Trust has continued to invest in higher yielding investments during the year ie short term cash investments. At the year end these were established with M&G £196,871 (2020 £118,133) using their Charifund investment vehicle.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Short term Investments		
M & G Charity Investments	196,871	118,133
COIF Deposit Fund	365	364
Bank account		
Current account	711	2,242
	<u>197,947</u>	<u>120,739</u>

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8 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions as at the year end 31 March 2021 other than the on going and historically agreed payment for professional finance and accounting services by SM Brookes which is allowable within the charity's constitution and supported by direct agreement with the Charity Commission.

9 TAXATION

The Trust is a registered charity and in the opinion of the directors no liability to tax arises in respect of the year.

10 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

11 INVESTMENTS

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains/(losses) on investments' in the SOFA if the shares are publically traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

12 GOING CONCERN

Clearly at the time of reading these financial statements the impact of Covid 19 in the UK has subsided. The normality of receiving dividends and donating to appropriate Christian focused and based entities and initiatives has reduced in the reported period. In line with Global Investment schemes they sunk by approximately 20%, however this has now returned back by almost 15% as at the year end. At that time expert opinion suggested charity trustees maintain their current investments where possible in all likelihood that this course of action would be the best and perhaps the only option at that time and for the foreseeable future. This has been done and proved to be the right course of action. At this time there appears to be adequate funds to cover very low fixed costs for the foreseeable future. The asset and liability transfer of a now defunct charity NBFTrust has boosted resources to previous year levels. Given these unique times the trustees are keen to continue to consider new initiatives and support existing ones as fund seeking organisations appeal to charities like TSMFT for funds to retarget and rebuild their projects and entities with updated purposes over the next decade.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME		
Interest and dividends receivable	6,600	8,228
Donations	60,458	400
	<u>67,058</u>	<u>8,628</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Donations awarded	5,013	9,013
Governance Costs (includes CH fees)	2,760	2,400
Bank Charges	72	95
	<u>7,845</u>	<u>11,508</u>
Gain /(Loss) on annual valuation of investment	18,280	(25,485)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>77,493</u>	<u>(28,365)</u>

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the charitable company

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on the following pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) 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 company 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 company'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

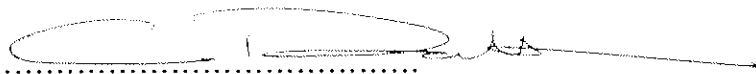
I have completed my examination . I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect :

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records
- (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 (FRS102).

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.

Date : 18th November 2021

Signed



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