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**UNITED HEBREW CONGREGATION OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

UNITED HEBREW CONGREGATION OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

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MESSAGE FROM RABBI AARON LIPSEY

Dear Friends,

We often think of growth in linear ways. If I am producing an email update a week, that is roughly four per month, and 52 per year. And there is something to that. But when it comes to our community there is no way growth can be measured like that.

Every year, when the anniversary of our arrival to Newcastle comes around, I am amazed at how quickly the year went. I often reflect that our arrival here coincides with the birthday of our fifth child, Matti. So, in August we were up to eleven candles on the cake!

Our community is so much more than a Shul and what happens away from the public eye is often what moves me the most. Over the past few years, first COVID and then the sale of our beloved Shul building along with the associated (and ongoing) refurbishment process of Lionel Jacobson House means we have gone through tremendous upheaval and a major reorientation. And here are three of the most important things I have learned in the process. Clearly, you will see that they don't apply just to the community as a whole, but to each and every one of our lives:

1. Everyone has a voice and needs to be heard:

Our community has never been solely about professionals expertly sharing their opinions (don't get me wrong . . . we have some very talented professionals as well). It is about recognizing that every single person has something unique to contribute, and a vantage point that others can learn and grow from. My perspective has something to offer you, and yours to me.

2. Community provides strength and support unlike anything else:

One of the goals of a community is to have a safe and open place for people to share their physical and spiritual challenges and for others to step forward and support you through them. Knowing we are not alone, knowing others understand us, knowing that even in our pain we have that voice, can mean the world. It can transform our world.

3. We never know the impact we have:

I am so often inspired by the reports I hear of your acts of goodness and kindness. You really are a blessing to those around you. Whether it is making hospital visits or delivering meals, running friends to the station to catch a train, or offering emotional support, you are making a real difference to the lives of those you touch.

Miriam and I have benefited from your kindness as much as anyone else. The refurbishment of our flat has drawn some really positive, affirming comments about our place here, both literally and metaphorically, and we are so grateful to the community for caring about us as you do. We are excited to be back in Lionel Jacobson House and as the works approach completion in the coming months we hope to be able to invite you in to join us for a Shabbat meal or occasion.

So that is why, as we celebrate the eleventh birthday of our precious time in this community, I say that we cannot judge its growth in linear terms. It wouldn't make great reading, and it would completely miss the point. I could never begin to tell you how many lives we have touched. And when I say "we," I don't mean me and Miriam. I mean us and you. Because every time you reach out to someone else, you change things. And that change is exponential.

Here's a great mathematical understanding of just what exponential growth means. Here is the scenario: You have won the lottery. You have two choices for the winnings. You can either walk away on the spot with £1 million, or you can receive one penny a day, doubled, for the next 30 days. So, which do you choose?

At first glance, a million pounds is a lot of money. And a penny most certainly isn't. True. But that penny, as small and insignificant as it seems, gains a lot of momentum as it joins with other pennies. Here is what happens.

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Day 1: 1 penny. Day 2: 2 pennies. Day 3: 4 pennies. So, not moving very fast here. By day 15: £327. Halfway through the month, and £1 million most certainly sounds like the right choice. Even by day 20: £10,484. Day 25: £335,544, and you know those who chose the £1 million pay-out are laughing. But then things change. Radically. At day 27, just when the month is about to end, you hit £1,342,177. Day 28: over £2 million. Day 29: over £5 million. And then, on day 30: £10,737,418. One more month, and you would be worth more than the entire global economy. You'd have more money than the world!

We are all pennies. Each one of is valuable, but our true power shows when we unite. Bring us together, and we are unstoppable. Indestructible. Exponential.

Thank you for another year with UHC. I look forward to growing together beyond our wildest imaginations.

Aaron

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)"

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity, as set out in clause 3 of the Constitution, are, in summary:

- to provide places of worship for Jewish people, in accordance with practices approved by the Chief Rabbi;
- to provide religious instruction, in accordance with these principles;
- provision for burial of Jewish people;
- provision of Kashrus services;
- relief of poor persons of Jewish religion; and
- contributing to other religious and charitable purposes in connection with the Jewish religion.

Public benefit

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

Activities

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 11 - 12. Core activities include:

- holding of religious services;
- formal and informal educational activities;
- maintenance of cemeteries and undertaking burials;
- provision of kosher food;
- social activities and support;
- promotion of good relations with other religious groups.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

A review of the charity's achievements and performance during the year can be found on page 12 onwards of these financial statements.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

As a consequence of the sale of the Synagogue during the year the charity reported a surplus of £1,175,659 (2020: deficit £68,405). The results after adjusting for the profit made on the sale would have been a deficit of £94,011. The Kosher Food Facility made a deficit of £7,251 (2020: £4,570).

Policies on Reserves

The charity holds reserves in order to ensure that the UHC can maintain the level of services to the community which it currently provides. In considering the policy on reserves we consider that our free reserves (being those not tied up in fixed assets) should be sufficient to meet our charitable expenditure for approximately six months.

Following the sale of the Shul in the year the charity held free reserves at the end of the year in the region of £1.7m, the majority being cash. Following the refurbishment of Lionel Jacobson House the council are confident that significant surplus funds will remain which can be invested to secure the future of the charity.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Risk management

The members of Council actively review the risks to which the charity is exposed on a regular basis and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that steps can be taken to lessen the impact of these risks.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution as amended 8 May 2008.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mr H B Gold

Dr R A Grant

Mr B N Speker OBE, DL

Mr A A Josephs

Appointment of Trustees

Clause 20 of the Constitution provides for the appointment by the Council of trustees of any property acquired by or for the purposes of the congregation.

Organisational structure

This is as set out on the legal and administrative information pages of the report.

Key management personnel remuneration

The trustees consider the board of trustees and the members of the council as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. Details of trustee and key management remuneration and expenses are disclosed in note 8 to the accounts.

The Trustee's report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Dr R A Grant
Trustee

Dated: 13 December 2022

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

2022 President's Report

I am pleased to present the President's report for 2022.

There is no doubt that our community is going through another dramatic change in its life. Within living memory, we seem to do this from time to time; there was the decision to close three Synagogues and the merging of their congregations nearly 40 years ago. Then there was the truly sad decision to close the beautiful new Synagogue which was built to replace the three Synagogues and now, at the time of writing, we are close to moving into our "new" premises in the Lionel Jacobson House. More on this later....

The Coronavirus pandemic and religious services

We started the year at the tail-end of Covid so in February, we tentatively started returning to normal arrangements for services although given the advanced age of most of our members, we did keep the plastic shields around the Bimah in place for several months more. Ultimately, later in the year, as more "jabs" were offered to the population, we finally removed the shields. I think everybody was thankful for that!

Yomim Naroim

Our services were again lead by Rabbi Lipsey and Binyomin Herskowitz and on Rosh Hashana 1 and 2 and Yom Kippur and we thank Rabbi Herskowitz for his help.

Our two Chatanim were Michael Gilbert (Chatan Torah) and Moish Lipsey (Chatan Bereishit) and whilst numbers were very much down on years gone by, it was still very much enjoyed by those present – and undoubtedly helped by Michael's whisky!

Rabbi Lipsey

Rabbi Lipsey and Rebbetzin Miriam continue to lead our small community with unbounded enthusiasm.

Rabbi Lipsey remains a source of help and advice whenever I am faced with communal matters in my roles of President and Gabbai and for that I thank him.

Sale of the Shul

The sale of the Shul completed successfully and without further glitches in April 2021. A date of 31 May 2022 was agreed for us to leave the current Shul building but two factors rather overtook those plans, one against us and one in our favour. Firstly, it became worryingly clear that the plans for the House were falling way behind. Largely, this was due to the inability of the architect to obtain tenders from contractors mainly because of a serious lack of materials. Clearly the House wasn't going to be finished in time for the planned opening date.

The second factor played to our advantage. It became known to us that the development company which had bought the Shul was suffering financial difficulties and indeed, one of their subsidiaries went into administration one week after we were paid. (Phew!). Allied with this was that the developers were having difficulty in gaining planning permission and indeed, as I write in December, they still haven't got what they need and may not until the Spring of 2023. This is to our benefit as we have not been heaved out of the Shul before our new home is finished.

Development of the Lionel Jacobson House

Members will have seen months of activity in and around the House. A huge amount of work has gone into this and the Executive has taken every effort to make the building attractive, comfortable and inviting. Above all, I have insisted that the building be warm and well-lit internally, we really do want a building that is very much the opposite of what eventually happened to the Shul which over the years, has gone dark and uninviting.

A completely new high-efficiency heating boiler has been installed, with effective (and silent) radiators (gone are the old noisy "blowers") and which provides near-immediate hot water at the taps. Lighting is the new all-LED type and consumes a quarter of the electricity that the many tungsten and fluorescent bulbs in the old Shul did so I expect our energy consumption bills to fall dramatically – something which is of critical importance in the current political climate.

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Because it simply wasn't possible to synchronise us leaving the old Shul and moving into the House, whilst refurbishment work was being completed, a house on Kenton Park had to be rented for Rabbi Lipsey and his family. Rabbi Lipsey will be returning to his flat upstairs very shortly.

Further updates re the building work will be given at the AGM.

Sale of Land at Hazlerigg

We have made further progress regarding the sale of surplus land at Hazlerigg. We now have an interested party who is anxious to buy but there are some administrative issues to overcome before a sale can go through. I know that the buyer is very keen, I remain hopeful that we can conclude very shortly.

Barry Speker has continued to advise us on the legal aspects of the sale and has helped me coordinate with our solicitors. I thank him for his valuable help.

Youth and Education

I should like to thank Rabbi and Rebbetzin Lipsey and all those who have helped this year. Rabbi and Rebbetzin Lipsey are prepared for any child or, or for that matter, adult who may wish to learn, you just need to ask!

I should like to thank Deanna Van der Velde for the time she devotes to education about Judaism, anti-Semitism and the Holocaust in the wider community. Because of the pandemic, Deanna had to drop her school visits, but I know that she is keen to resume these once we are into the new building. I thank her for her efforts in this and her inter-faith work, a truly important aspect of inter-communal relations.

Chevra Kadisha

The Chevra Kadisha team have continued to provide the level of service of which we are justifiably proud. I want to thank Pamela Gold, our Chairman of Chevra Kadisha, her co-Convenor Hilary Freeman and all members of the Chevra Kadisha, and in particular, Tzviki Sandler and the Gateshead Hebrew Burial Society who go about their work in a quiet, efficient and unassuming way.

Treasurer

In particular I would like to mention both Raymond Goldsmith in his role as Treasurer and Walter Knoblauch as bookkeeper. These two roles are onerous at the best of times and especially under the present workload with the redevelopment of the House but both of these gentlemen have worked hard and diligently to keep our accounts up-to-date and all the bills paid promptly.

Ladies' Guild

The Ladies' Guild continues to work tirelessly for the benefit of the Congregation. As well as organising the weekly Kiddushim, they have catered a variety of events such as refreshments at Purim, Simchas Torah and on other occasions, and in cleaning the Shul silver prior to Rosh Hashanah.

In particular, I should like to thank co-Chairs Adrienne Ross and Gloria Sterrie and all their dedicated helpers for their hard work throughout the year, and for the charm with which they carry out their duties.

Secretary

A big thanks to Michelle Conway for her calm efficiency in running the office successfully on just a few hours a week. Michelle has been working from home for the past few months whilst the House was vacated and I'm pleased to say that this has worked well and all the necessary work has been completed promptly. Hopefully, Michelle will be returning to her newly-refurbished office soon.

Kosher Facility

When we vacated the House, we moved the Kosher Facility to the Roman Catholic church on Church Road. Lee Harrison, our manager, has continued to keep the facility running throughout the closure.

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I should like to thank Raymond Goldsmith who works closely with Lee to ensure that members of the Congregation can make vital purchases to enable Kashrut to be kept in the Community and to provide a wide range of tasty delights to tempt us throughout the year and at Pesach. Please do support our Facility whenever you can. We are grateful to Lee and those volunteers, who help when necessary, and have been willing to deliver orders recently.

I also would like to thank Father Agley for his permission and cooperation in letting us use his premises.

Functions Committee

The Functions Committee under Adrienne Ross has not been active. Simply, we didn't have any premises but this will sort itself out in due course.

Adviser on legal matters

I should like to thank our legal adviser, Barry Speker, who continues to provide his support and advice whenever needed. Again, we have made heavy demands of him and he has responded in his usual authoritative and efficient manner to the many phone calls and emails and I am very grateful for his assistance and valued counsel.

Security

We have continued to use security from a company recognised by CST and have had the use of a guard for Shabbat and Yomtov. This has been funded principally from a small levy paid for by members and I can report that this has been very successful and helped by occasional financial supplements from CST when their own coffers allowed.

On a parallel front, I am pleased to say that the community has not suffered any major assault on its property or members over the last year so in this respect, there's little to report.

Once we have moved back into the House there will be a full CCTV monitoring system which will offer 24/7 monitoring of the entire site from a control room at CST's headquarters in London. CST will be helping fund this.

Caretaking

Mike Robson, our caretaker has worked indefatigably and he continues to provide a high level of service on the site giving prompt attention to anything that needs it and goes out of his way to be as helpful as possible. It's not obvious, but he has spent innumerable hours moving furniture etc, helping move the Rabbi out of his flat, setting him up in his temporary accommodation and moving everything back in again – all done quietly behind the scenes.

Mitzvah Day

Mitzvah day was celebrated again this year and the community rallied round in a big way under the guidance of Brenda Levinson. Some 30 volunteers helped this year and made the Day a great success for a very worthwhile cause. Well done, Brenda and ladies.

Memorial lights

The Memorial Boards in the small Shul in the House have now been taken down. However, we have plans to install a new automated video system in its place with the refurbishment and this will take over the manually operated system that has been used for many years.

Condolences

The following members passed away during the year. Condolences are extended to their families; Jackie Sidman, Anfre Levinson, Sybil Vyner, Dita Rowland, Hazel Josephs, Alan Rakison and Malcolm Sandler.

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Finally

In conclusion, I should like to record my gratitude to the members of Council for their support and advice, and in particular to Adrienne Ross, Raymond Goldsmith and my co-Gabbai, Peter Niman who quietly organises the Maftirs, the Shul boards and other administrative matters in connection with services and of course, Rabbi Lipsey for his untiring support and friendship throughout a difficult time and Rebbetzin Lipsey for all the quiet work she does behind the scenes.

Richard Grant

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

I present my report for 2021, a year in which we incurred a loss of £94,011 (2020: £68,405) after adjusting for the surplus gain on the disposal of the Shul.

Both our income and our expenditure have reduced, income due to the reduction in our membership, sadly, and a reduction in donations, and our expenditure because of continued Legal and Professional charges. We are still looking actively at ways of reducing our overheads. Richard in his President's Report has already stated that we will have much more energy efficient heating and lighting systems in LJ House.

Discussions are still ongoing with the prospective sale of the land at Hazelrigg and we are hopeful that the sale will be completed very soon.

Whilst the sale of the shul has for the time being and at last given us a positive bank balance this is likely to be only for a short period of time. The costs of refurbishing Lionel Jacobson House to provide us with a modern shul and community building has used up a lot of these funds and this is reflected in the increase in the losses for 2021. It is inevitable that the income will reduce & it will become necessary to use the proceeds of the sale to keep our community solvent.

I would like to thank the Honorary Officers and the Finance Committee for their support during the year, Walter Knoblauch for his work on the Gift Aid repayment claims and salaries and RMT for their assistance, their advice and for the audit work.

Raymond Goldsmith
Treasurer

Dated: 13 December 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF UNITED HEBREW CONGREGATION OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of United Hebrew Congregation of Newcastle Upon Tyne (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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

Stephen D Slater FCA
for and on behalf of RMT Accountants & Business Advisors Ltd
Gosforth Park Avenue
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE12 8EG

Dated: 13 December 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	66,324	-	66,324	13,188
Charitable activities	4	183,679	-	183,679	196,642
Other trading activities	5	-	-	-	305
Investments	6	134	-	134	35
Other income	7	1,269,670	-	1,269,670	1,050
Total income		<u>1,519,807</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,519,807</u>	<u>211,220</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	10	341,596	145	341,741	279,625
Other	12	2,407	-	2,407	-
Total resources expended		<u>344,003</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>344,148</u>	<u>279,625</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		1,175,804	(145)	1,175,659	(68,405)
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		<u>699,736</u>	<u>73,041</u>	<u>772,777</u>	<u>841,182</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		<u><u>1,875,540</u></u>	<u><u>72,896</u></u>	<u><u>1,948,436</u></u>	<u><u>772,777</u></u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	13,188	-	13,188
Charitable activities	4	196,642	-	196,642
Other trading activities	5	305	-	305
Investments	6	35	-	35
Other income	7	1,050	-	1,050
Total income		<u>211,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>211,220</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	10	279,445	180	279,625
Total resources expended		<u>279,445</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>279,625</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		(68,225)	(180)	(68,405)
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		<u>767,961</u>	<u>73,221</u>	<u>841,182</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		<u><u>699,736</u></u>	<u><u>73,041</u></u>	<u><u>772,777</u></u>

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

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		233,314		1,145,535
Current assets					
Stocks	14	9,197		9,347	
Debtors	15	23,936		36,719	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,741,414		62,371	
		<u>1,774,547</u>		<u>108,437</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(59,425)</u>		<u>(481,195)</u>	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			<u>1,715,122</u>		<u>(372,758)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,948,436</u>		<u>772,777</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	21	72,896		73,041	
Unrestricted funds	20	1,875,540		699,736	
		<u>1,948,436</u>		<u>772,777</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 13 December 2022

Dr R A Grant
President

Mr R Goldsmith
Treasurer

UNITED HEBREW CONGREGATION OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

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

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

United Hebrew Congregation of Newcastle Upon Tyne is a charity governed by its constitution as adopted 18 December 1972 and subsequently altered by scheme dated 5 August 1999 as amended 8th May 2008.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. This includes taking into account the potential impact of COVID-19 to ensure that cashflow is positively managed and the impact to the charity's operations are mitigated. The Board has concluded that the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the members of the council in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

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

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

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is classified under the principal categories of charitable expenditure and governance costs.

Charitable expenditure relates to direct charitable expenditure as well as the management and administration of the charity.

Governance costs are general costs which have been incurred in order that the charity can operate effectively and in generating the information required for public accounting.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	No depreciation
Property improvements	No depreciation
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance

No depreciation is provided on freehold property and property improvements as the Council consider that the sum involved is not material, having regard to the Congregation's policy to keep the property in a high state of repair.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to sell.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measure at their settlement value.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Scrolls of the Law, Silver Plate and other Religious Articles

The Synagogue has numerous items falling within this category. In the absence of documentary evidence or other information, no historical cost can be allocated and they consequently do not appear as part of the assets of the Congregation. The items included under this heading are insured at a value of £235,602.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Donations and gifts	66,324	13,188
Donations and gifts		
Hebrew classes share of Kol Nidre	-	4,534
Memorial lights	-	79
Visiting resources fund	174	40
Offerings and donations	4,868	4,052
Security levy	3,708	3,900
Arba Mimim	(519)	583
Legacies	51,158	-
Other	6,935	-
	<u>66,324</u>	<u>13,188</u>

4 Charitable activities Current financial year

	Religious activities 2021 £	Kosher food facility 2021 £	Burial provision 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Sales within charitable activities	-	86,739	19,904	106,643	108,168
Membership contributions	57,918	-	12,868	70,786	74,534
Other income	6,250	-	-	6,250	13,940
	<u>64,168</u>	<u>86,739</u>	<u>32,772</u>	<u>183,679</u>	<u>196,642</u>
Analysis by fund					
Unrestricted funds	<u>64,168</u>	<u>86,739</u>	<u>32,772</u>	<u>183,679</u>	<u>196,642</u>

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4 Charitable activities (Continued)

Prior financial year

	Religious activities £	Kosher food facility £	Burial provision £	Total 2020 £
Sales within charitable activities	-	85,518	22,650	108,168
Membership contributions	61,084	-	13,450	74,534
Other income	13,940	-	-	13,940
	<u>75,024</u>	<u>85,518</u>	<u>36,100</u>	<u>196,642</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	<u>75,024</u>	<u>85,518</u>	<u>36,100</u>	<u>196,642</u>

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Contributions for use of premises	-	305

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Interest receivable	134	35

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	1,269,670	-
Other income	-	1,050
	<u>1,269,670</u>	<u>1,050</u>

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8 Trustees

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

Key management are considered to be the President, Treasurer, Board of Trustees, and the Committee Members who do not receive any remuneration.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Religious staff	2	2
Kosher food facility staff	2	2
Governance staff	1	1
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	5	5
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	72,538	59,764
Social security costs	2,053	2,082
Other pension costs	1,991	1,950
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	76,582	63,796
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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10 Charitable activities Current financial year

	Religious activities 2021 £	Kosher food facility 2021 £	Burial provision 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Staff costs	57,378	19,204	-	76,582	63,796
Depreciation and impairment	1,732	-	-	1,732	2,040
Kosher food facility cost of sales	-	71,869	-	71,869	68,757
Kiddushim and hospitality	6,913	-	-	6,913	7,222
Property expenses	35,575	-	-	35,575	32,905
Janitorial expenses	26,190	1,020	-	27,210	26,343
Repairs and maintenance	7,078	699	-	7,777	7,481
Telephone	1,110	240	-	1,350	1,723
Postage and stationery	2,955	110	-	3,065	1,883
Burial committee	-	-	20,230	20,230	15,105
Festival expenses	6,488	-	-	6,488	3,081
Motor expenses	5,409	125	-	5,534	6,306
Bookkeeping	4,320	-	-	4,320	4,320
Bank, credit card and interest charges	927	723	-	1,650	6,629
Legal and professional charges	62,861	-	-	62,861	26,004
Sundry expenses	4,635	-	-	4,635	2,080
	<u>223,571</u>	<u>93,990</u>	<u>20,230</u>	<u>337,791</u>	<u>275,675</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 11)	3,950	-	-	3,950	3,950
	<u>227,521</u>	<u>93,990</u>	<u>20,230</u>	<u>341,741</u>	<u>279,625</u>
Analysis by fund					
Unrestricted funds	227,376	93,990	20,230	341,596	279,445
Restricted funds	145	-	-	145	180
	<u>227,521</u>	<u>93,990</u>	<u>20,230</u>	<u>341,741</u>	<u>279,625</u>

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10 Charitable activities

(Continued)

Prior financial year

	Religious activities £	Kosher food facility £	Burial provision £	Total 2020 £
Staff costs	45,885	17,911	-	63,796
Depreciation and impairment	2,040	-	-	2,040
Kosher food facility cost of sales	-	68,757	-	68,757
Kiddushim and hospitality	7,222	-	-	7,222
Property expenses	32,905	-	-	32,905
Janitorial expenses	25,103	1,240	-	26,343
Repairs and maintenance	7,106	375	-	7,481
Telephone	1,473	250	-	1,723
Postage and stationery	1,832	51	-	1,883
Burial committee	-	-	15,105	15,105
Festival expenses	3,081	-	-	3,081
Motor expenses	6,054	252	-	6,306
Bookkeeping	4,320	-	-	4,320
Bank, credit card and interest charges	6,027	602	-	6,629
Legal and professional charges	26,004	-	-	26,004
Sundry expenses	2,080	-	-	2,080
	<u>171,132</u>	<u>89,438</u>	<u>15,105</u>	<u>275,675</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 11)	2,970	650	330	3,950
	<u>174,102</u>	<u>90,088</u>	<u>15,435</u>	<u>279,625</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	173,922	90,088	15,435	279,445
Restricted funds	180	-	-	180
	<u>174,102</u>	<u>90,088</u>	<u>15,435</u>	<u>279,625</u>

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11 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	-	3,050	3,050	-	3,050	3,050
Accountancy	-	900	900	-	900	900
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,950</u>	<u>3,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,950</u>	<u>3,950</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	-	3,950	3,950	-	3,950	3,950
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,950</u>	<u>3,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,950</u>	<u>3,950</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £3,050 (2020: £3,050) for independent examination fees and £900 (2020: £900) for non-examination fees.

12 Other

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
Financing costs	2,407	-
	<u>2,407</u>	<u>-</u>

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Property improvements £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2021	1,087,729	46,314	101,614	1,235,657
Disposals	(910,489)	-	-	(910,489)
At 31 December 2021	177,240	46,314	101,614	325,168
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2021	-	-	90,122	90,122
Depreciation charged in the year	-	-	1,732	1,732
At 31 December 2021	-	-	91,854	91,854
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2021	177,240	46,314	9,760	233,314
At 31 December 2020	1,087,729	46,314	11,492	1,145,535

Freehold land and buildings	2021 £	2020 £
Land at Hazelrigg Cemetery	36,908	36,908
Extension at Hazelrigg Cemetery	140,332	140,332
The Synagogue, Lionel Jacobson House, and Marion Abrahams Hall at Graham Park Road	-	910,489
	177,240	1,087,729

14 Stocks	2021 £	2020 £
Kosher food	9,197	9,347

15 Debtors	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	14,458	12,126
Other debtors	8,288	23,696
Prepayments and accrued income	1,190	897
	23,936	36,719

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16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Bank overdrafts	17	2,537	867
Other borrowings		-	150,000
Deferred income	18	34,398	158,006
Trade creditors		3,197	5,184
Other creditors		12,218	138,783
Accruals		7,075	28,355
		<u>59,425</u>	<u>481,195</u>

17 Loans and overdrafts

	2021 £	2020 £
Debenture loans	-	150,000
Bank overdrafts	2,537	867
	<u>2,537</u>	<u>150,867</u>
Payable within one year	<u>2,537</u>	<u>150,867</u>

The short-term loans that were secured by fixed charges over the freehold land and buildings were satisfied during the year.

18 Deferred income

	2021 £	2020 £
Arising from deposits on sale of property	-	105,159
Arising from Arising from Burial provisions	34,398	52,847
	<u>34,398</u>	<u>158,006</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Current liabilities	<u>34,398</u>	<u>158,006</u>

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19 Retirement benefit schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge in the year in respect of defined contribution schemes was £1,950 (2020: £1,880).

20 Unrestricted funds

Current financial year

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 December 2021
		Incoming resources	Resources expended	
	£	£	£	£
General funds	699,736	1,519,807	(344,003)	1,875,540
	<u>699,736</u>	<u>1,519,807</u>	<u>(344,003)</u>	<u>1,875,540</u>

Prior financial year

	Balance at 1 January 2020	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 December 2020
		Incoming resources	Resources expended	
	£	£	£	£
General funds	767,961	211,220	(279,445)	699,736
	<u>767,961</u>	<u>211,220</u>	<u>(279,445)</u>	<u>699,736</u>

21 Restricted funds

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

	Balance at 1 January 2020	Resources expended	Balance at 1 January 2021	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Bloom & Gordon scholarship fund	7,050	-	7,050	-	7,050
Gertrude Pass bequest	35,024	(180)	34,844	(145)	34,699
Sunderland Chevra Kadisha	9,957	-	9,957	-	9,957
Grave maintenance fund	21,190	-	21,190	-	21,190
	<u>73,221</u>	<u>(180)</u>	<u>73,041</u>	<u>(145)</u>	<u>72,896</u>

Bloom & Gordon scholarship fund

Expenditure from this fund represents awards made and books purchased. Total awards during the year amounted to £Nil (2018: £Nil). The fund is represented by investments and other current assets.

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21 Restricted funds

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Gertrude Pass bequest

This fund is to be used for the provision and maintenance of the kitchen and catering equipment.

Sunderland Chevra Kadisha

Represents funds held to meet the cost of the up keep of Bishopwearmouth Cemetery.

Grave maintenance fund

Represents funds of £21,190 donated in 2013 for the specific purposes of maintaining the graves of family members.

22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total Unrestricted		Restricted 2020 £	Total 2020 £
			2021 £	2020 £		
Fund balances at 31 December are represented by:						
Tangible assets	220,167	13,147	233,314	1,132,388	13,147	1,145,535
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,655,373	59,749	1,715,122	(432,652)	59,894	(372,758)
	<u>1,875,540</u>	<u>72,896</u>	<u>1,948,436</u>	<u>699,736</u>	<u>73,041</u>	<u>772,777</u>

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23 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	756	4,532
Between two and five years	-	756
	<u>756</u>	<u>5,288</u>

24 Related party transactions

The following amounts were outstanding at the reporting end date:

	Amounts owed to related parties	
	2021 £	2020 £
Trustees	-	10,000
Key management personnel	-	15,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>

No guarantees have been given or received.

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25 Kasher Food Facility

Kasher Food Facility was set up to provide kosher food to congregation members. The income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2021 relating to the Kasher Food Facility is detailed below:

		2021		2020
	£	£	£	£
Sales income		86,739		85,518
Opening stock	9,347		10,148	
Purchases	71,719		67,956	
Closing stock	(9,197)		(9,347)	
		<u>(71,869)</u>		<u>(68,757)</u>
Gross profit		14,870		16,761
Administration expenses				
Wages	19,204		17,911	
Other expenses	2,917		3,420	
		<u>(22,121)</u>		<u>(21,331)</u>
Deficit on activities		<u>(7,251)</u>		<u>(4,570)</u>

The net book value of fixed assets shown in note 13 includes £13,194 (2020: £13,194) relating to the establishment of the Kasher Food Facility. This was funded by the Gertrude Pass Fund.