

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1162995

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 08818905

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1162995
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER	08818905
DATE OF INCORPORATION	18th December 2013
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st January 2019
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st December 2019
DIRECTORS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019	Ms S. Morgan (Appointed Chair 11th February 2019) Ms G. Claus Mr A. Newton Ms J. Booth Mr M. Leach (Resigned 11th February 2019) Ms R. Bynon (Resigned 18th March 2019) Ms A. Perez (Appointed 14th May 2019) Ms V. Green (Resigned 19th May 2019) Ms F. Tulley (Appointed 10th June 2019) Mr J. Herbert (Appointed 10th June 2019) Ms E. Beck (Appointed 10th June 2019 & Resigned 14 October 2019) Mr R. Kershaw (Appointed 10th June 2019 & Resigned 14th October 2019)
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Memorandum & Articles of Association Dated 18th December 2013.
OBJECTS	TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF ALL WHO USE SUCH FACILITIES, IN PARTICULAR BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION BY PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE TO MEET AND ASSOCIATE ON A SUNDAY, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS.
REGISTERED ADDRESS	Conway Hall Red Lion Square London WC1R 4RL
BANKERS	Co-Operative Bank Plc P.O Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Daryl Martin FCIB MiMgt Independent Examiners Ltd Sovereign Centre Poplars Yapton Lane Walberton West Sussex BN18 0AS

**SUNDAY ASSEMBLY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees are satisfied that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the governing document or constitution of the Charity for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and;
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales in relation to the conducting of an independent examination, referred to above. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and of the accounting systems employed by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of the Charities legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtain written assurances from the trustees of all material matters.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

have not been met; or

- 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 8th July 2020

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

2019 – Building the Foundations for Growth

Throughout 2019, Sunday Assembly (SA) has been moving out of the transition phase experienced in 2018 and taking action to establish the building blocks for the growth expected in 2020. At the annual Sunday Assembly Gathering in May 2018 it had been proposed to move from an 'affiliated' model, with an associated governance structure through the Charity, to an 'inspired' by model, removing the formal governance of the General Assembly from the Charity. The worldwide affiliated chapters approved the proposed change through a majority vote in March 2019. This reduced the scope of the Charity to the original London community and the two grant-funded communities in the East End in London and Manchester which were agreed to remain governed by the Charity for the life of their grants.

This transition was a complicated and challenging time for the international chapters, as well as for the Sunday Assembly Charity, however this change has enabled the Charity to fully focus on London and the two grant-funded communities - for which the Charity was responsible - and re-examine the sustainability of the Charity going forward. With a simplified legal and financial structure and more targeted geographic focus, the Charity has ensured a stable foundation which will support future growth. There remains a healthy and connected relationship between the Charity and the forty remaining chapters, both in the UK and around the world. The annual Sunday Assembly Gathering, entitled Re-Assemble, was held in November 2019 in Nashville, Tennessee, and included members of communities from all around the world. The Chair of Sunday Assembly's Charity Board of Trustees attended the event virtually to discuss the next phase of its development with the attendees. There was a strong sense of positivity from the world-wide community and a real commitment from the SA organisers to growing the Sunday Assembly social movement over the coming year.

Growing The Evidence Base

Sunday Assembly has continued to be committed to growing the evidence base for our activities. The social benefits of being in a congregational community are already well established and through the work of a postgraduate researcher from the Brain, Belief and Behaviour Lab in Coventry University, which started in 2018, we are keen to understand if there are even greater benefits. This research study is working with Sunday Assembly's London community to measure the effect of attending a Sunday Assembly on people's tolerance to pain. Increased tolerance to pain is the sign that a ritual or event releases hormones which can change how people feel. At the time of writing this report, the results from this research have not yet been received by Sunday Assembly however we are very much looking forward to the outcome of this research.

Sunday Assembly Manchester was independently evaluated as part of the grant funding by a company called 'Mobilise' who conducted interviews with volunteers and community attendees at the end of the year and stated: *'Participants felt that attending Sunday Assembly had had a positive effect on their well-being and that of others who attend. This was due in part to the support network that Sunday Assembly attendees develop, "Knowing someone is there if you need some help or need some support and that's what well-being is about, knowing that there is someone there and that you can work things through." Belonging to a community at the Sunday Assembly, or "a tribe" as one participant described it, felt strongly linked to well-being.'*

In addition, between September and December, Sunday Assembly Charity undertook a process called 'Labs' which was a real-time feedback loop on what worked well and what could change at assemblies. This is further set out under 'Wonder More'.

Working with the Community

As noted in our 2018 annual report, in October 2018 a new Director was appointed to lead Sunday Assembly into our new phase with the key role of growing Sunday Assembly and taking us to our next level. The Director led a series of interviews with community members and a strategy session entitled 'Designing the Future' and from this information prepared a strategy document for the Board. These sessions however revealed that rather than an immediate growth strategy, the Charity needed to regroup on the fundamentals of running the community-led operations. In February 2019, there was a change to the Chair of the Board when the existing Vice-Chair, and a long-standing member of the community, took up the role of Chair. In March 2019, the Director resigned after six months in post.

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In order to understand what and how to grow the community again, we went back to our roots of a community-led way of organising Sunday Assembly. Co-founder, Sanderson Jones, and the Chair of Sunday Assembly's Charity Board of Trustees led several community meetings entitled 'Building the Future' which were attended by over 50 members of the community. This led to a co-creation of ideas for how to ensure Sunday Assembly continues to flourish. As the charity is funded through community donations, it was agreed with the community that a full-time staff member would not be funded at the present time. The community agreed to a part-time contractor with a focus on the twice monthly Assemblies and fundraising events throughout the year. To support this change, it was agreed that more volunteers from within the community itself were required and the management would be overseen by an Organising Committee, led by a group of experienced volunteers to more fully own the provision of activities such as events, fundraising and communications. In addition, these meetings generated further interest from members of the community wanting to apply their professional skills to the Charity as a member of the Board of Trustees. A formal process of appointment was conducted and in May 2019 several community members, with a passion for Sunday Assembly and professional backgrounds, joined the Sunday Assembly Board of Trustees to take the Charity forward into the next chapter.

We recognise it is important strike the right balance between making full use of our communities' enthusiasm and willingness to support, whilst still ensuring that core activities such as coordination and speaker identification for the twice monthly Assemblies and other events and day-to-day financial management can be delivered reliably and consistently. As such, and as set out above, the Charity continues to fund two part-time professional contractors' roles: the Producer, and a bookkeeper to manage the donations and financials of the Charity. The part-time contractor model provides the flexibility to scale support up and down as the Charity grows, remains cost effective and ensures clear accountability for timely, high quality delivery.

Sunday Assembly London

Throughout 2019, Sunday Assembly London, as the founding community, continued to discover how to build a secular community. At the heart of our community is our regular bi-monthly Assembly at our home venue of Conway Hall. At each Assembly we have between 100 to 150 people coming together to connect and engage with each other through the power of music, the stimulation of inspiring talks, and the opportunity to spend time building community and friendships that endure outside these core gatherings.

Wonder More - The Sunday Gathering

In 2019, we hosted more than 20 Sunday Assembly gatherings, with a huge range of themes – each inspired by the Sunday Assembly values of Live Better, Help Often and Wonder More. As well as a keynote speaker on a particular topic, each Assembly has a poet or spoken word artist who is interpreting the theme of the day. Beyond the invited experts, every Sunday Assembly features a member of the community sharing their personal story in terms of either 'Trying My Best' or 'This Much I Know'. This builds more connection as members of the community get to know one another on a deeper and more connected basis.

The bi-monthly Sunday Assembly is powered by a group of dedicated volunteers who ensure everything runs smoothly. They organise everything from the front-of-house greetings to attendees; provision of tea and coffee; choir; band; technical support and create the MS Powerpoint content that brings the whole Assembly together. Every Assembly requires a group of around 20 volunteers to support the Producer and these individuals are key to ensuring everything runs smoothly on the day. In addition, they also stay after the event to host conversations with attendees, both at Conway Hall and then beyond at the follow-on lunch clubs. Our volunteers are the backbone of our charitable activity as without them we would not be able to put on so many regular events that support people building community connection.

Wonder More - Sunday Assembly Labs

Over the past six years dynamic speakers, thinkers, and scientists have brought challenging and new ideas to each gathering and helped to build community through attendees engaging and connecting on a regular basis. The model has been the same throughout that time and over the past 18 months the numbers of regular attendees at the bi-monthly event had started to drop. So, in the latter part of 2019, it was agreed to test the format with the community to see if it was still working the Sunday Assembly Charity.

The approach taken was through a 'Labs' format of real-time testing with a quick learning cycle to identify what the community enjoyed most about bi-monthly Assemblies. A group of volunteers spent time undertaking live experiments on the format of these gatherings, seeking in the moment feedback from the community (through anonymous voting, feedback forms and conversations) to see what worked well and what could be improved or changed. This led to the wider community having more direct engagement in the operations of the bi-monthly gatherings and enabled the Labs Team, and ultimately the Organising Committee, to gain valuable insights into individuals' motivations for attending the event and their satisfaction with it. In turn, this helped the Organising Committee members and the Producer to recognise the characteristics that help drive repeat attendance as well as meet our aim of positively benefiting more people through increasing community connection.

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During 2020 we will use the learnings from Labs and continue to build on this to enhance our understanding of what makes people attend Sunday Assembly for the first time and return regularly. We will also strengthen how we can sustain the model through volunteer engagement and grow the number of regular donors we have.

Wonder More - Sunday Assembly After Hours

The success of Sunday Assembly 'Lates' continued in 2019. These are an opportunity to explore more mature topics beyond the normal family friendly content of the Sunday gatherings. Following the success of the first event held in 2018 with a focus on Sex, the second Sunday Assembly Lates was held in April with a theme of 'Let's Talk About Drugs' – exploring the science of recreational drugs. This was attended by almost 100 people and attracted attendances from those who would like to attend Sunday Assembly but for whom Sunday mornings are difficult. Sunday Assembly Lates are fundraising events.

Our biggest event of the year is our Christmas gathering - 'Yule Rock' - which is also traditionally our most successful fundraising event. We hosted it for the first time at our home venue of Conway Hall and this proved to be very popular, with the event selling out in November and over 350 people attending plus 50 volunteers supporting on the night. Everyone had a fantastic time singing their hearts out to all the Christmas classics.

These evening events reinforce the sense of friendship and community outside of the Sunday gatherings and help people to build friendships and a sense of belonging within the community. They are also often attended by people who may not necessarily have ever been to a Sunday gathering or have previously heard of Sunday Assembly, so it helps to benefit more individuals.

Live Better - Sunday Assembly London Social

The bringing together of the community does not start and end on a Sunday; there are many additional volunteer-led activities that go on throughout the month. These include:

Article club – for those people who do not have time to read a full book!

Podcast club – debating the latest podcast.

Choir – there's significant wellbeing evidence on the power of choirs. Our resident choir performs once a month and practices every week as well as for other events.

Band – we have a hugely talented set of musicians who support the singing vibes with a live performance at every Sunday Assembly gathering.

Walking club – the walking club has a regular meet-up to explore London and the surrounding area.

Lunch club – after each Sunday Assembly, everyone is invited to a lunch club to carry on the conversation.

Board game club – a popular break from online games and a trip back to the traditional and serious business of board game playing.

Live Better Groups – peer to peer support groups run from six to eight weeks, providing a dedicated space to allow people to deal with issues or to try and complete a goal by supporting each other. The power of offering a group facilitated by a trained member of the community has helped create huge change for individuals.

Help Often – Community-led volunteering

Since our full-time member of staff left in March 2019, the community has been self-organising and volunteer powered. A small number of days of a paid Producer's time ensures the Sunday Assembly bi-monthly gatherings and evening events run smoothly, have speakers and poets booked, and that there are enough volunteers available. The rest of the Sunday Assembly activities are volunteer led.

The bi-monthly Sunday Assemblies take a team of volunteers to host which are managed through a structure of Action Teams such as Music, MS Powerpoint, Technical Support, Tea Team and Front-of-House. These are groups of volunteers, who work together in teams, to ensure that the gathering that runs every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month is the best experience for the people who attend. To ensure that the bi-monthly gatherings are as inclusive as possible, they are free to attend and run on a donations model. Free tea, coffee and biscuits are always available afterwards to help build the social cohesion and sense of community. In addition, we have Regular Donors who donate monthly contributions via direct debit. Throughout 2019 we had an average of 60 members of the community who were regular donors.

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In addition to the wonderful volunteering on a Sunday, all of the different clubs and social events are also run by volunteers. Without these fantastic individuals we would not have the community and opportunities for socialising that are available. The volunteering power in the Sunday Assembly communities is an absolute credit to the community itself.

On top of this, some of our community members also support other charities and there have been opportunities to donate clothes for refugees in Calais and one community member took these donations when they went to visit the camps as a volunteer. Community members have also supported a sponsored walk to raise money for Shelter and a pub quiz for the Charity ViaNinos to help street children in Ecuador. All of these contributions have been led by members of the community self-organising their support and engaging the wider community.

Sunday Assembly Manchester (SA Mcr)

In May 2019, the grant funding for Sunday Assembly Manchester ended. This sadly meant that there was no funding to continue with a paid member of staff as the community donations could not cover the cost. This led to the stepping down of the dedicated Community Organiser who built up the Manchester community since joining in October 2017. She decided to stay within the community and remain committed to the people within it. This was a sad and difficult time for the Sunday Assembly Charity and the Manchester community collectively. Fortunately, the community had moved to the Niamos Centre in August 2018 - a venue in the heart of Hulme - run by an independent community for the purpose of creating a home for community, arts and wellbeing. This collaboration was incredibly beneficial for the SA Manchester community as it meant that when the Niamos Centre was considering to apply for grant funding, SA Manchester could be included. The grant ideas included local community development with socially isolated local people and supporting therapy services/social-prescribing offers within the building.

As there is no further grant funding via the Sunday Assembly Charity, Sunday Assembly Manchester remains a community that is now 'inspired by' in the same way of the other communities across the UK and worldwide.

Sunday Assembly East End, London (SA EE)

In March 2019, grant funding for Sunday Assembly East End (SA EE) ended and, before the Director left, was successful in securing bridge funding for which supported the community to continue until June 2019. No further funding has since been secured due to the decision to have no staff member within the Charity, which has led to no resource to apply for or manage long-term grants.

SA EE had an established Board and it was agreed between the Charity Board and the SA EE Board that the balance of bridge funding would be given directly to SA EE so that they could prepare themselves to continue to operate as an 'inspired by' community at the end of the grant period and would no longer be part of the Charity in the same way.

In May 2019, Sunday Assembly East End celebrated their 3rd birthday and this was a fantastic celebration of the three years of community building that had happened and a look forward to the future as a standalone Sunday Assembly community. This was a sad time for the Charity Board and SA EE as the dedicated Community Organiser had to step back from his formal role; however, he has continued to support the community in his capacity as community member.

There remains a strong relationship between the Sunday Assembly Charity and the Sunday Assembly East End communities; since SAEE meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month, the communities often attend each other's Assemblies and the bonds between the two are very strong.

Sunday Trading Ltd

Due to the changing remit of the Charity and the dissolving of the international relationship and grant-funded communities, the reason to establish the wholly-owned subsidiary Sunday Trading Ltd had changed. As such on 14 October 2019, the Board of Trustees sold Sunday Trading Ltd via a Share Purchase Agreement to formally separate Sunday Trading Ltd from the Sunday Assembly Charity. This also led to a write-off of the associated Director's loan of £22,400 (rounded to £22,000) as part of the transaction. Details can be found at Companies House.

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Looking ahead to the new decade

Sunday Assembly grew from a simple idea to a worldwide social movement within a very short space of time; however, this was not sustainable, and it was very hard to maintain. This has led to the Charity undergoing radical change several times in order to keep up with the growth and demand, until it was clear that the business model needed to change.

The past year has been spent regrouping and working through different ways to stabilise the charity; understand the business model and associated income streams and ensure that the foundations are built for a sustainable growth in 2020.

Over this period, we have learned a lot about how to work with our community and are confident that there is a future for the Sunday Assembly offer. The purpose and mission of the Charity is perfectly aligned with the societal changes and there is a fantastic opportunity to better align and promote our mission of helping everyone to **live better, help often** and **wonder more** and to **celebrate life** in a secular way, so as to provide a wider societal contribution.

We believe the next decade will be a great growth opportunity for Sunday Assembly.

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (Continued)
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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities:

The Charities Act and the Companies Act require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Directors are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are also responsible for the contents of the Directors' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the Directors' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that on the face of the report there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

I approve the attached statement of financial activities and balance sheet for the year ended 31st December 2019 and confirm that I have made available all information necessary for its preparation.

Approved by the Directors on the 1 JUNE 2020

Signed on their behalf by Director SMorgan

Printed Name: SARAH MORGAN

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

(Incorporating Income & Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2019 £	TOTAL 2018 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations & Legacies	3a	47,150	-	47,150	112,424
Activities for Generating Funds	3b	2,117	-	2,117	8,113
Investment Income	3c	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3d	5,000	-	5,000	-
Other Incoming Resources	3e	478	-	478	1,951
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		54,745	-	54,745	122,488
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Generated Funds					
Costs of Generating Funds	4a	-	-	-	5,617
Costs of Charitable Activities	4b	63,162	-	63,162	95,362
Governance Costs	4c	5,951	-	5,951	24,371
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		69,113	-	69,113	125,350
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(14,367)	-	(14,367)	(2,862)
Total Funds Brought Forward		18,644	-	18,644	13,506
Historic Liabilities	12	22,000	-	22,000	8,000
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		26,277	-	26,277	18,644

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All the charity's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 13 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Dec-19 £	Total 31-Dec-18 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	7	-	-	-	1,673
Cash at Bank and in Hand	6	27,717	-	27,717	44,846
Total Current Assets		27,717	-	27,717	46,519
Creditors: due within one year	8	1,440	-	1,440	27,875
NET CURRENT ASSETS		26,277	-	26,277	18,644
Creditors: due in more than one year	9	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		26,277	-	26,277	18,644
NET ASSETS		26,277	-	26,277	18,644
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		26,277	-	26,277	18,644
Restricted Funds	5	-	-	-	-
		26,277	-	26,277	18,644

Directors' Responsibilities:

The Directors are satisfied that for the year ended on 31st December 2019 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 4.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and if its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Directors on the 1 JUNE 2020

Signed on their behalf by Director S Morgan

Printed Name:

SARAH MORRAN

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Cash Flow Statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the financial period. Pension contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Legal Status of the Charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, these are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a reducing balance basis over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

General Equipment	25%
Motor Vehicle	25%

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The Charity held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial year.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases, capital commitments, contingent liabilities are as follows:

31st December 2019 : None
31st December 2018 : None

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2019 £	TOTAL 2018 £
a) Donations & Legacies				
Gifts & Donations	30,666	-	30,666	43,287
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	11,984	-	11,984	5,077
Grants Received	4,500	-	4,500	64,060
	47,150	-	47,150	112,424
b) Activities for Generating Funds				
Activities & Events	1,411	-	1,411	7,154
Product Sales	705	-	705	959
	2,117	-	2,117	8,113
c) Investment Income				
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
d) Charitable Activities				
Yule Rock	5,000	-	5,000	-
	5,000	-	5,000	-
e) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	478	-	478	1,951
	478	-	478	1,951

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2019 £	TOTAL 2018 £
Note				
a) Costs for Generating Funds				
Product Purchases	-	-	-	5,617
	-	-	-	5,617
b) Cost of Charitable Activities				
Activities & Events	2,464	-	2,464	6,321
Advertising & Publicity	2,309	-	2,309	4,242
Catering Costs	1,068	-	1,068	2,829
Choir Expenses	2,171	-	2,171	1,700
Equipment Costs	2,155	-	2,155	4,817
Gifts & Donations	-	-	-	338
Insurance Costs	437	-	437	437
Meeting Expenses	237	-	237	359
Printing, Postage & Stationery	88	-	88	7
Rent & Rates	17,483	-	17,483	21,175
Salaries & Wages	31,083	-	31,083	48,542
Sundry Expenses	1,320	-	1,320	2,868
Training Costs	-	-	-	143
Travel & Subsistence	90	-	90	1,584
Yule Rock	2,257	-	2,257	-
	63,162	-	63,162	95,362
c) Governance Costs				
Bank Charges & Interest	776	-	776	1,262
Legal & Professional Fees	3,735	-	3,735	21,489
Independent Examiners Fees	1,440	-	1,440	1,620
	5,951	-	5,951	24,371

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Charity held no Restricted Funds during this or the previous financial period.

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	31-Dec-19 £	31-Dec-18 £
Cash at Bank and in Hand	27,717	44,846
	<u>27,717</u>	<u>44,846</u>

7. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	31-Dec-19 £	31-Dec-18 £
Sundry Debtors	-	1,673
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,673</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31-Dec-19 £	31-Dec-18 £
Independent Examiners Fee	1,440	1,620
Sundry Creditors	-	26,255
	<u>1,440</u>	<u>27,875</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The Charity held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

10. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT ON CAPITAL AND RESERVES

The Company is Limited by Guarantee (0888905) and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission (1162995) and does not have a Share capital and has no income subject to Corporation Tax.

	Note	TOTAL 2019 £	TOTAL 2018 £
Profit / Deficit for the financial year		(14,367)	(2,862)
Other Recognised Gains		<u>(14,367)</u>	<u>(2,862)</u>
Balance Brought Forward		18,644	13,506
Historic Liabilities	12	22,000	8,000
Closing Funds at 31st December 2019		<u>26,277</u>	<u>18,644</u>

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11. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	TOTAL 2019 £	TOTAL 2018 £
Gross Wages and Salaries	29,775	45,807
Employer's National Insurance Costs	767	311
Pension Contributions	541	2,424
	<u>31,083</u>	<u>48,542</u>

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	TOTAL 2019	TOTAL 2018
Activities in furtherance of organisation's objects	5	5
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no employees received emoluments of over £60,000. (2018:None)

12. HISTORIC LIABILITIES

During the financial year the creditors and the Directors of Sunday Assembly have agreed to write off historic liabilities totalling of £22,000 (2018:£8,000) to reflect a true and fair view of the Charity's closing position at the 31st December 2019.

13. PAYMENTS TO DIRECTORS AND RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to Directors or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the charity and a Trustee or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Directors actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Directors have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The Directors have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Directors aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Directors will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Directors' report. The Directors confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.