

**THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
(GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED**

A company limited by guarantee
and
a registered charity numbers: 226745/SC038023

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended
30 September 2019

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
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Once again it is my pleasure and privilege to present the Annual Report on behalf of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Great Britain.

The main purpose of the General Service Board is to support the Fellowship in its primary purpose of carrying the message of recovery from alcoholism to all who seek its help, to those who are in some way associated with people with alcohol problems, and to the public at large. The charity is also concerned with the proper governance of its affairs and the most effective use of its finances. In this, we adhere to the requirements of the Charity Commission, the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, and the Concepts for World Service. This annual report sets out to show how the charity has worked towards realising its aims during the last year.

Trustees, who have commitments to their specific Regions are also responsible for the various Board disciplines. This year has seen an increase in Non-Alcoholic Trustees, with three new members joining us at our Annual Conference in April bringing our current total to four, and one new nomination who we look forward to joining us formally at Conference 2020. Our Non-Alcoholic trustees provide immeasurable help in ensuring some balance to the Board and have worked hard to help inform the public about what we do without having to adhere to the constraints of personal anonymity.

This year, as in the past, the Board has had some vacancies for trustees both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. Despite this, all our we have supported all our service disciplines and external events, with individual trustees managing the resulting increased workload.

To assist in the development of AA in other countries we have contributed to the International Literature Fund, given financial assistance from our Development Fund. We have also attended as delegates the European Service Meeting in York, to which we also provide the administrative and secretarial support. Our trustees have also attended as observers the annual general service conferences of several European countries, and invited observers to our General Conference upon a reciprocal basis.

During the year we have attended 23 professional conferences. The Board with the help of the Fellowship has also arranged events at House of Commons and both the Scottish and Welsh parliaments.

Nigel Patience
Chairperson

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The Directors, known as the Board (who are also the Trustees of the Charity and whose details are shown in the reference and administrative information section of this report) are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2019.

The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity.

The Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charitable Company's main objective is to assist alcoholics to overcome their addiction to alcohol and maintain sobriety. In order to achieve that aim, it serves the Fellowship known as Alcoholics Anonymous in such of its work of assisting alcoholics to achieve sobriety as is of a charitable nature, it publishes and distributing books, pamphlets and other literature relating to alcoholism, to explain the work of the Company to the General Public through the media, and to hold net monies accruing to the Charitable Company pending application to the purposes of the Charitable Company. In these ways the Charitable Company supports independent local groups established to uphold the primary objective of the Charitable Company. The Charitable Company's Statement of Governance is set out on page 6.

Public Benefit

The Charitable Company's aims and achievements are set out within this report. The activities set out in this report have been undertaken to further the Charitable Company's charitable purposes for the Public Benefit. The Trustees have complied with their duty under Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to Public Benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission and the Trustees have paid due regard to this guidance in deciding what activities the Charitable Company should undertake.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is to pass the message of recovery from alcoholism to those who seek help, making that information available to professionals, the media and the public. The General Service Board (GSB) of Alcoholics Anonymous Great Britain works to support the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and to raise awareness of AA's message of recovery.

Our Tradition of Self Support, underpinned by the Alcoholics Anonymous (Dispositions) Act of 1986, ensures that AA is supported solely through the voluntary contributions of members. The charity continues to achieve a stable financial position and has been able to undertake initiatives that the Fellowship of AA has requested.

Each trustee takes responsibility for a particular area of work within the Board activities, all of which are geared towards raising awareness of all that AA can offer those who seek help. The trustees stay abreast of developments and co-operate with the authorities in these professional areas by communicating on a regular basis, attending conferences and exhibitions and by developing projects for each professional body.

AA Service News continues to be published quarterly, carrying details of Conference Questions, Parliamentary events in England, Scotland and Wales and news of other notable service events. Thanks to all contributors.

The Archives Sub-Committee met 4 times this year. The Network Meeting and first ever Archives Seminar were well attended with several new Archivists. Our Fellowship Archivist is settling into his role very well. The Borthwick Institute cataloguing, and digitisation project continues to make great progress. The Kelvingrove event showed Archives working well with PI to carry AA's message more effectively.

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Armed Services: We have had a busy and fruitful year, attending many Health Fairs with ASLO's and RASLO's. We have been contacted by senior staff in the Armed Services, which has led to work with other Disciplines such as Employment to look at a Blue Light initiative: Police, Fire Brigade and Ambulance where many Service personnel work upon discharge from the forces.

Electronic Communications: Our updated website www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk was launched in May 2019 and is very popular. Help requests to our email-based Online Response Service and our one-to-one live ChatNow Service showed a sharp increase following the launch of the new site. Each of these services is in contact with some 10,000 people each year. The Meeting Finder now includes local Helpline numbers and a convenient shortcut to be added to mobile phone home screens so that meetings close-by can be found with a single tap. To preserve anonymity and to comply with GDPR, we continue to offer generic email addresses for all posts at Intergroup and Region levels.

Employment: There has been considerable activity with workshops and attendance at National Conventions, one day Conventions and Regional workshops. The Seminar for all Liaison Officers at York was well attended with efforts to improve involvement at intergroup level where there is a shortage. The Newsletter continues to be published and is on the website and we have linked with the Armed Service discipline to liaise with a Police and Crime Commissioner in the Nottingham area, which is a good example of how the different disciplines work together.

The Health Sub-Committee met four times during 2019. Each Sub-Committee member is responsible for two Regions, assisting in work with NHS, Blue light and Health Education services. The University of Edinburgh has joined the long list of participating campuses with a new event planned at the University of Chester in early 2020. In several Regions efforts are ongoing to take the very successful and motivating Open Meeting Workshops to GP practices.

The Literature Sub-Committee produced one new piece of literature and worked on revising existing pieces as per Conference 2019 which are now available: **1)** Now that I'm a GSR (Group Service Representative) What do I do? pamphlet; **2)** Revisions to the 12th Step Starter Pack including the Who Me leaflet and The Newcomer Asks leaflet. We have also been working on the following new and revised pieces for Conference 2020: **1)** Growing into Service leaflet, **2)** 15 Points: Now that you have stopped leaflet (from the 12th Step AA Starter Pack) **3)** Hard of Hearing leaflet.

The 45th Northern National Convention at the Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool saw 983 people in attendance (1056 in 2018). There was a full programme of meetings, a service seminar on Sponsorship and AI-Anon meetings. Entertainment on the Friday and Saturday evenings included a DJ and open mic sessions, the cinema showed a selection of AA-related films and the Archivist produced a magnificent showcase of wonderful memoirs of years past.

Public Information: The Sub Committee met four times this year with a Seminar in York for the Regional Liaison Officers' in September. We ran a well-attended PI Roadshow for Scottish PILOs in Glasgow in March and continued our annual PI Parliamentary Events at Westminster, Holyrood and Cardiff. The PI Newsletter goes from strength to strength and press releases / media information are provided on the AA website. PI Groups reported considerable activity during the AA GSB's Alcohol Awareness Month including a two hour Programme for AA on Radio Lancaster with six AAs telling their personal stories and choosing their favourite record!

Prisons: The Sub-Committee are improving communications with the Ministry of Justice as they start to understand our message and how the Twelve-Step programme helps in the rehabilitation of inmates suffering from Alcoholism. There are still some problems with vetting and clearance, which we hope to eradicate by producing guidelines. A successful Criminal Justice seminar was held this year and we are getting better at carrying the message to inmates incarcerated in prison suffering from ALCOHOLISM.

Probation: There have been huge changes in the probation services in England which will take time to settle. We have welcomed new members to the Sub-Committee and are updating and improving our web presence. We are encouraging groups to implement the chit system and hope to have a National chit approved in due time.

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We have developed a good relationship with Public Health England who work in similar fields. The Seminar at York was well attended and zonal meetings are planned for 2020. We are fortunate that Tom Fox, a new NAT's professional career was in the penal system and we strive to expand our knowledge and list of contacts in 2020.

Roundabout: This year has been a good one with our new Editor well settled. Our Sub-Committee have gained two new Proof-Readers and worked well together leading to an increase in circulation. Our Workshop in March was excellent, well attended and allowed us to look more closely at the relationships between our Roundabout Group, Intergroup and Regional Liaison officers. We held our first Liaison officers meeting, for many years during November in Edinburgh. To finish on a sad note, one of our Committee, Moira, passed away suddenly which was a great shock. She will be greatly missed and remembered fondly for her great service to our Fellowship.

The Scottish Convention was held for the second time in Stirling this May. We have a new Chair and lessons learned from the previous year led to a better experience for all who attended. All Scottish Regions are now actively participating in the convention.

The Scottish Parliamentary event hosted by John Mason MSP, focussed on Young People with each of Scotland's five Regions represented by one of their YPs. We had 3 Sheriff's from the Glasgow Courts, the Scottish Prison Service was well represented and the Scottish Fire Service sent a Fire station Chief who said he would be submitting a written report to his bosses. Addiction nurses from Glasgow and their colleges from Edinburgh also attended as for the past few years through NSO, AAs have been engaged in 12 Step Service at the 2 main hospitals in Glasgow.

The 75th Anniversary Working Group met 4 times during the year. It has received some draft Regional Histories and it is hoped that all 16 Regional histories will be received by June 2020 along with brief service discipline histories, working towards a deadline of June 2021 for the publication to be finalised and ready for the 75th Anniversary Convention in June 2022.

Share magazine had another successful year. We have implemented *The Interview*, a new feature which has been well received. The innovation of digital payment is a requested change in progress. We say farewell to some of our time served members and welcome new members including an assistant editor. The calendar and Diary sold out in record time. GSO has received favourable comments for the magazine, calendar and diaries, well deserved by all involved with their production. Share remains traditional whilst embracing the changes to carry out its primary purpose.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Procedures to ensure robust budgetary setting, its controls and ongoing reviews of expenditure have been developed further during the year to ensure good practice and the best use of funds to support the business of the General Service Board in achieving the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The General Service Office and the two satellite offices in Glasgow and London continue to operate efficiently and provide services to members, professionals and those seeking help.

Contributions have, as usual, fluctuated month to month; overall, they have decreased £86,372 (11.0%) compared with last year.

Literature sales have increased by £36,725 (6.2%) on last year, which is in line with the upward financial trend over the past 10 years. This is a result of the introduction of new literature, increased online sales and bulk sales to other charities where there is a cross-over between alcoholism and other addictions.

Expenditure for the year has increased by £22,692 (1.4%) and includes new and ongoing initiatives. The increase is largely due to the rise in travel and wages and salaries costs.

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AAGB, the AA European Service Centre, plans to hold another European Service Meeting in York in October 2020. This will be funded via the European Service Meeting restricted fund, which has a balance of £88,930 as at 30 September 2019. The Board supported the Worldwide Fellowship through contributions to the AA International Literature fund, sponsoring developing countries to attend the World Service Meeting in 2019, plus other funding initiatives including visits by GB Trustees to other countries to share experience.

Income to the Development restricted fund totalled £16,823 in the year ended 30 September 2019. As at 30 September 2019 the Development Fund had a balance of £21,181.

Overall the picture is positive. The Board keeps members informed about the financial position of the Fellowship through various avenues, including quarterly financial reports, copies of the quarterly accounts and discussions on strategic implications for our primary purpose.

Throughout the year the Board has maintained all Conference requested services to the Fellowship, continuing to develop its website (with increased website costs totalling £25,010 being £5,329 more than 2018), pamphlets and working to pass the AA message to professionals, the public and those who need help.

The final Financial Statements show a deficit (before any unrealised revaluation gains on our investments) of £232,154 and a deficit (after unrealised gains on our investments) of £152,09 with our total reserves standing at £2,360,194. Total free reserves as at 30 September 2019 totalled £2,250,083.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Financial Statements show a deficit of income over expenditure. This has reduced the financial reserve however, there are still sufficient free reserves to enable the Board to undertake new projects and discuss future initiatives at home and abroad.

In line with the AA tradition that the Charity should be self-supporting, and following sound financial practices, the aim is to hold a free reserve of over one year's expenditure plus $\frac{1}{4}$ years expenditure to cover operating costs £2,073,200 (2018: £2,044,800) which represents the principle of AA's Concept 12 - Warranty 2: "Sufficient operating funds plus an ample reserve should be its prudent financial principle". At the year end the Charity held free reserves totalling £2,250,083 achieving the targeting level.

When planning future projects, the Board of Trustees of Alcoholics Anonymous Great Britain is always mindful of the value of its investments and the potential fluctuations of funds coming from Fellowship members.

The month of November will once again be AA awareness month and Groups, Intergroups, Regions and Board Trustees will be initiating a range of activities. Work at professional events, seminars and conferences will be further developed, and the Charity hopes to see increased attendance at these events as they continue into next year.

The Non-Alcoholic Trustees continue to work together to help transmit AA's message of recovery in a way that AA members cannot - as AA Traditions state that members need always maintain anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

The website continues to be developed and feasibility studies carried out that were accepted by Conference utilises the use of different forms of electronic communication to carry the AA message of recovery from alcoholism to those who may need help.

The coming year will see the development of new initiatives and the expansion of current projects. The Board will continue to exercise both optimism and caution when considering the future deployment of resources.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Governance - The Relationships between the Board and its Supporters and Consultation Mechanisms.

The Board is a Limited Company regulated by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as laid down in the Companies Acts. This instrument is a legal document which has bearing only on The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Britain) Limited.

The Board serves the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous in Great Britain and, in common with other groups of Trusted Servants, depends upon the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, Twelve Concepts for Service and the Charter of the General Service Conference to guide its policies.

Because the Board is a Charitable Company registered in England, Wales and Scotland these instruments must be appropriate to their application in Great Britain and written in language which makes it clear that the Board recognises its responsibilities under English and Scottish Law.

Alcoholics Anonymous (The Fellowship) is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organisation or institution, does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses or opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

AA members meet as Groups which form elected, representative service bodies, Intergroups and Regions, whose purpose is to facilitate the carrying of the AA message by the groups to the still-suffering alcoholic. This service structure nominates persons for election to the General Service Board. The General Service Board serves the Fellowship by providing central services of various types and is a registered charity. The Groups, Intergroups and Regions are recognised by the Charity Commissioners as informal, autonomous "affiliated groups" which have no independent constitution. As such, they are not to be accountable to the General Service Board nor to the Charity Commission. The governance of Alcoholics Anonymous in Great Britain is based on the voluntary instruments; The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, Twelve Concepts for Service and the Charter of the General Service Conference. Consultation between the main Charity, the General Service Board, and its Supporters, the Groups, Intergroups and Regions of Alcoholics Anonymous in Great Britain takes place on a regular basis through service forums and workshops and an annual General Service Conference comprised of elected delegates from each of the Regions in Alcoholics Anonymous Great Britain and the Trustees of the Board.

Appointment, induction and training of new Trustees

Appointment of new Trustees:

Trustee appointments are made solely by the General Service Board - Trustees are nominated by Regional bodies of the Fellowship, interviewed by the Nominations Committee of the Board who recommend the candidate they feel is most suitable to the Board who consider the recommendation and decide on the appointment by vote, ratification of the Trustees takes place at our Annual Conference in April after which Trustees have full voting rights.

The General Service Board reserves the right to revoke any appointment.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT - continued

Induction and training of new Trustees:

Induction takes place prior to the General Service Board meeting after Trustee appointments and consists of a presentation to explain the responsibilities of being a Trustee plus documentation which includes 'The Good Trustee Guide'. Subsequently every trustee attends external trustee training.

Key Management remuneration

The Directors consider the Board of Directors, who are also the Charity's Trustees, and the Senior Management Team comprise the Key Management Personnel of the Charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis. All Directors give of their time freely and no Director received any remuneration in the year. Details of Directors' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in Note 8 to the Financial Statements.

The pay for the Senior Management Team is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings and CPI inflation. In view of the nature of the Charity, the Directors benchmark against pay levels in other organisations. The remuneration benchmark is above the mid-point of the range paid for similar roles adjusted for a weighting of up to 30% for any additional responsibilities. If recruitment has proven difficult in the recent past a market addition is also paid.

RISK STATEMENT

(i) General Policy

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed have been identified by the Trustees, including financial, the traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous and our reputation. The Charity is a non-political organisation and dealing with preservation of integrity is covered in the 12 Traditions of AA, detailed on page 9.

Formal management control systems and procedures, operating policies and manual processes have been agreed and established as part of ongoing risk assessment, to mitigate risks. Mitigation of financial risk is further addressed by the policy of holding reserves, as detailed below.

(ii) Reserves Policy

The Trustees' have established a policy whereby reserves held by the Charity should exceed 1.25 years expenditure, which equates to approximately £2,073,200 (2018: £2,044,800). This is considered the minimum to ensure the continuation of the basic services to the Fellowship during times of economic stress.

The GSB plan to utilise the funds which are currently surplus to basic requirements reserves by:

1. Absorbing the price increases in the production of literature, and where possible, reducing the price of some literature to make it more accessible to Members;
2. Maintaining the current level of subsidies, for example, absorbing any accommodation price increases that would otherwise result in increased Conference Delegate fees;
3. Funding approved projects without prioritisation, in spite of price rises;
4. Continuing to support the development of AA overseas by maintaining its level of contribution to the World Service Literature fund and responding positively to appeals from AAWS; and
5. Continuing to fulfil existing and additional services, as requested by the Fellowship.

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RISK STATEMENT - continued

(iii) Investment Policy

The investment aim is to achieve steady growth of the capital over the medium term, by holding a proportion of investment funds in equity or equity-related investments, balanced by a substantial element of lower risk, stable investments of gilts or cash-based investments.

Investment income totalled £44,485 an increase of £1,815 compared to 2018. Overall the investment grew by £80,057 (6.2%). The growth achieved in 2019 is lower than that achieved in 2018 (8.6%).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00587316 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity numbers

226745/SC038023

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Trustees and Directors

The Trustees and Directors who served during the year were:

Sandi Aarvold

Erik Abbot

Thomas Baldwin (appointed 14 April 2019)

Norman Brown

Eric Carlin (appointed 15 April 2019)

Roger Edgington

Peter Fryer

Denise Hartley

Brian Jenkins

Clive Kilmartin

Patrick McGuire

Mani Mehdikhani

Nigel Patience

Jonathan Pope

Michael Power

Amanda Stocks

Terri Semple

Stephen Smith

Andrew Wetherell (appointed 14 April 2019)

Maxine Wilson

Retired from the Board:

J Peter Sivewright (retired 30 May 2019)

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Company Secretary

Ranjan Battacharyya (appointed 14 April 2019)

Roger Booth (resigned 14 April 2019)

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Key Management Personnel

R Battacharyya - General Secretary

M Tervet - Management Accountant

J Pryke - General Service Board Administrator

A M Smith - Northern Service Office Administrator

S Smyth - Conference Co-ordinator, IT & Technical Manager

S Wright - Office Manager

J P Szajniuk - Southern Service Office Administrator

THE 12 TRADITIONS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.
2. For our purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. AA should remain forever non-professional, but our service centres may employ special workers.
9. AA, as such, ought never be organised; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. AA has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Britain) Limited (Limited by Guarantee) for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charitable Company for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charitable Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Company and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charitable Company's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITOR

The auditor, HPH is appointed under section 487(1) of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 January 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Brian Jenkins – Trustee – Honorary Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF
THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Britain) Limited for the year ended 30 September 2019 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 September 2019 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the trustees' report.

HPH

Chartered Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF

THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company, the charitable company's members as a body and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Robert Woolley (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of HPH, Statutory Auditor

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[Date]

THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	735,273	13,641	748,914	856,171
Other trading activities	5	616,196	16,823	633,019	596,294
Investments	6	44,453	32	44,485	42,670
Other	7	-	-	-	25,000
Total income		£ 1,395,922	£ 30,496	£ 1,426,418	£ 1,520,135
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	720,364	-	720,364	735,738
Charitable activities	8	936,661	1,547	938,208	900,142
Total expenditure		£ 1,657,025	£ 1,547	£ 1,658,572	£ 1,635,880
Net (expenditure)/income before gain on investment					
		(261,103)	28,949	(232,154)	(115,745)
Net gains on investments	11	80,057	-	80,057	102,171
Net (expenditure)/income for the year		(181,046)	28,949	(152,097)	(13,574)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,431,129	81,162	2,512,291	2,525,865
Total funds carried forward		£ 2,250,083	£ 110,111	£ 2,360,194	£ 2,512,291

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

Income and net movement in funds derive wholly from continuing operations.

THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

Company number: 00587316

	Note	2019		2018	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:					
Tangible fixed assets	10		576		1,728
Investments	11		1,367,090		1,287,033
			<u>1,367,666</u>		<u>1,288,761</u>
<i>Total fixed assets</i>					
Current assets:					
Stocks	12	112,360		124,658	
Debtors	13	78,400		79,333	
Cash at bank and in hand	21	967,093		1,108,855	
		<u>1,157,853</u>		<u>1,312,846</u>	
<i>Total current assets</i>					
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(165,325)		(89,316)	
		<u>(165,325)</u>		<u>(89,316)</u>	
<i>Net current assets</i>			992,528		1,223,530
			<u>992,528</u>		<u>1,223,530</u>
Total net assets			<u>£ 2,360,194</u>		<u>£ 2,512,291</u>
The funds of the charity:	16				
Unrestricted funds			2,250,083		2,431,129
Restricted funds			110,111		81,162
			<u>2,360,194</u>		<u>2,512,291</u>
Total charity funds			<u>£ 2,360,194</u>		<u>£ 2,512,291</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The financial statement were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24 January 2020 and were signed on its behalf

B Jenkins
Trustee

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	Note	2019		2018	
		£	£	£	£
Net cash used in operating activities	20		(186,247)		(106,511)
Cash flow from investing activities:					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		44,485		42,670	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(1,930)	
Net cash provided by investing activities			44,485		40,740
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year			(141,762)		(65,771)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			1,108,855		1,174,626
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	21		£967,093		£1,108,855

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Legal entity

The General Service board of Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Britain) Limited is regulated by the Charity Commission (226745), limited by guarantee and is registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office and principal place of business is The General Service Office, P.O. BOX 1, 10 Toft Green, YORK, YO1 7NJ. The Charity is also registered in Scotland (SC038023).

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.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The General Service board of Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Britain) Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The Trustees/Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Charitable Company has adequate resources to continue in existence for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate in preparing the financial statements.

Donations

Donations receivable for the general purpose of the Charity are credited to "unrestricted funds". Donations for purposes restricted by the wishes of the donor are taken to "restricted funds" where these wishes are legally binding on the Trustees.

Other trading activities

All other incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Investment income

Investment income has been accounted for on a cash receipt basis.

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer-term liabilities. Expenditure attributable to more than one cost category is apportioned to them on the basis of the estimated amount attributable to each activity in the year, either by reference to staff time or the use made of the underlying assets, as appropriate. Expenses are shown net of VAT with the irrecoverable element included within direct costs.

Governance costs are costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. They include audit fees and estimated costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity. Support costs are those incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Charity.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are included in the financial statements at their historical cost. Tangible fixed assets are capitalised when the cost exceeds £500.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives on a straight line basis. The rates used are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	25% per annum straight line
Computer equipment	33% per annum straight line

THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED
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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investments

Investments are included on the Balance Sheet and are stated at market value as at the balance sheet date. Gains and losses on disposal and revaluations of investments are charged or credited to other Statement of Financial Activities.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and any short term deposit accounts with a maturity of three months or less from the date of opening.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Where the Charity has received magazine subscriptions in advance the amount is treated as deferred income. When each monthly issue is sent the amount deferred is reduced accordingly.

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 measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Pension schemes

The pension contributions charged represent contributions payable by the charity to employee's personal pension plans in the accounting period.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the SOFA on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Funds structure

Funds comprise unrestricted funds which have not been designated for other purposes, and are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in accordance with the charitable objectives. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

2 TAXATION

As a registered charity, The General Service board of Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Britain) Limited is exempt from the tax on income falling within sections 466 to 493 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 to the extent that this is applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Company.

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3 OPERATING SURPLUS	2019	2018
The surplus for the year is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation	1,152	1,588
Operating lease - equipment	-	9,975
Auditor's remuneration	8,000	8,000
Other fees paid to auditor	6,252	1,827
	<u>748,914</u>	<u>856,171</u>

4 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2019	2018
	£	£
Contributions	702,057	788,429
Covenants	8,222	15,289
Conventions	17,167	27,373
Conference	21,468	25,080
	<u>748,914</u>	<u>856,171</u>

£13,641 of income from donations and legacies relate to restricted funds (2018: £10,212).

The Charity benefits from the input of volunteers who assist with the quarterly packing of the quarterly newsletters. In accordance with the Charities SORP, the economic contribution of volunteers is not recognised in the Financial Statements.

5 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	2019	2018
	£	£
Sales of literature	£ 633,019	£ 596,294
	<u>£ 633,019</u>	<u>£ 596,294</u>

£16,823 of other trading activities relates to restricted funds (2018: £14,927).

Literature is sold at a surplus to assist in the support of the primary purpose.

6 INVESTMENT INCOME	2019	2018
	£	£
Fixed asset investment income	42,797	41,937
Deposit account interest	1,688	733
	<u>£ 44,485</u>	<u>£ 42,670</u>

£32 of investment income relates to restricted funds (2018: £28).

7 OTHER INCOME	2019	2018
	£	£
Insurance claim	£ -	£ 25,000
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 25,000</u>

8 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED				Total
	Raising funds	Direct	Support	2019
	£	£	£	£
Charitable expenditure	<u>720,364</u>	<u>485,340</u>	<u>452,868</u>	<u>1,658,572</u>
				Total
	Raising funds	Direct	Support	2018
	£	£	£	£
Charitable expenditure	<u>735,738</u>	<u>456,980</u>	<u>443,162</u>	<u>1,635,880</u>

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8 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED - continued

Raising funds include:	<i>Basis of allocation</i>	2019	2018
		£	£
Purchase of literature	direct	212,464	254,645
Staff costs	usage	51,417	44,698
Premises costs	usage	36,658	36,712
Office expenses	usage	78,693	79,480
Public information and publication costs	direct	118,936	127,742
Conference costs	direct	47,861	48,409
Website	direct	25,010	19,681
PI video project	direct	15,000	1,615
Irrecoverable VAT	direct	66,844	56,358
Financial expenses	direct	11,412	6,909
General expenses (archives)	direct	56,064	59,489
Bad debts written off	direct	5	-
		<u>£ 720,364</u>	<u>£ 735,738</u>

All raising funds costs relate to unrestricted funds.

Charitable activities include:	<i>Basis of allocation</i>	2019	2018
		£	£
Staff costs	usage	267,369	232,424
Premises costs	usage	73,056	73,332
Office expenses	usage	34,256	29,285
General expenses (travel, meetings and fund expenditure)	direct	110,659	121,939
		<u>£ 485,340</u>	<u>£ 456,980</u>

£1,492 of charitable activities costs relates to restricted funds (2018: £38,569).

Support costs comprises of:

	Management	Governance costs	2019
	£	£	£
Charitable expenditure	<u>394,674</u>	<u>58,194</u>	<u>452,868</u>

	Management	Governance costs	2018
	£	£	£
Charitable expenditure	<u>346,170</u>	<u>96,992</u>	<u>443,162</u>

Management costs include:	<i>Basis of allocation</i>	2019	2018
		£	£
Staff costs	usage	195,386	175,974
Premises costs	usage	55,578	55,744
Office expenses	usage	43,653	38,960
Financial expenses	usage	55	22
General expenses (travel, meetings and training)	direct	100,002	75,470
		<u>£ 394,674</u>	<u>£ 346,170</u>

£55 of management costs related to restricted funds (2018: £22).

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Governance costs include:	<i>Basis of allocation</i>	2019 £	2018 £
Trustees' expenses	direct	33,098	75,208
Professional fees	direct	25,096	21,784
		£ 58,194	£ 96,992

All governance costs relate to unrestricted expenditure.

9 STAFF COSTS	2019 £	2018 £
Wages and salaries	435,069	383,463
Social security costs	39,716	21,337
Defined contribution pension costs	39,387	42,171
Other costs (including recruitment)	-	6,125
	£ 514,172	£ 453,096

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

Full-time staff	11	11
Part-time staff	8	6
	19	17

No employees received benefits in excess of £60,000.

Each member of staff has a contract which requires them to deal with fellowship services, support services and administration tasks. The trustees estimate the time spent is in proportion to the costs allocated. The number of trustees and employees whose benefits exceeded £60,000 in the year as nil (2018: nil).

The key management personnel of the charitable company, comprise the trustees and senior leadership team as disclosed on page 8. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the charitable company was £302,782 (2018: £285,945).

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost:			
At 1 October 2018	135,757	31,579	167,336
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 30 September 2019	135,757	31,579	167,336
Depreciation:			
At 1 October 2018	135,316	30,292	165,608
Charge for the year	384	768	1,152
Re-classification	-	-	-
At 30 September 2019	135,700	31,060	166,760
Net book values:			
31 September 2019	£ 57	£ 519	£ 576
31 September 2018	£ 441	£ 1,287	£ 1,728

All of the tangible fixed assets relate to unrestricted funds.

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11 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

**Listed
investments
£**

At 1 October 2018	1,287,033
Additions	-
Disposals	-
Revaluations	80,057
	1,367,090

At 30 September 2019

Net book value

At 30 September 2019	£ 1,367,090
At 30 September 2018	£ 1,287,033

All fixed asset investments related to unrestricted funds and there were no investment assets outside the UK.

Historical cost

£ 1,181,138

The following investment represents more than 5% of the total investments:

- COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund (market value: £1,367,090)

The fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the Balance Sheet date.

12 STOCKS

	2019	2018
	£	£
Goods for resale	£ 112,360	£ 124,658

All stock relates to unrestricted funds.

13 DEBTORS

	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade debtors	21,507	9,649
Other debtors	4,148	13,820
Prepayments and accrued income	52,745	55,864
	£ 78,400	£ 79,333

All debtors relate to unrestricted funds.

14 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade creditors	44,183	39,080
Accruals and deferred income	79,367	36,477
Taxation and social security	37,079	-
Other creditors	4,696	13,759
	£ 165,325	£ 89,316

All creditors relate to unrestricted funds.

THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED
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15 DEFERRED INCOME	2019	2018
	£	£
Fees received in advance		
Balance at 1 October 2018	21,480	18,788
Released to statement of financial activities	(21,480)	(18,788)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred in the period	21,842	21,480
Deferred income at 30 September 2019	<u>£ 21,842</u>	<u>£ 21,480</u>

The deferred income includes amounts paid in advance for Share and Roundabout magazine subscriptions.

16 FUNDS

	Balance at 01/10/2018	Income	Expended	Gains on investments	Balance at 30/09/2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Undesignated funds					
General Fund	2,431,129	1,395,922	(1,657,025)	80,057	2,250,083
Restricted funds					
Development Fund	4,358	16,823	-	-	21,181
European Service Meeting	76,804	13,673	(1,547)	-	88,930
	<u>81,162</u>	<u>30,496</u>	<u>(1,547)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,111</u>
Total Funds	<u>£ 2,512,291</u>	<u>£ 1,426,418</u>	<u>£ (1,658,572)</u>	<u>£ 80,057</u>	<u>£ 2,360,194</u>
	Balance at 01/10/2017	Income	Expended	Gains on investments	Balance at 30/09/2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Undesignated funds					
General Fund	2,431,279	1,494,968	(1,597,289)	102,171	2,431,129
Restricted funds					
Development Fund	11,082	14,927	(21,651)	-	4,358
European Service Meeting	83,504	10,240	(16,940)	-	76,804
	<u>94,586</u>	<u>25,167</u>	<u>(38,591)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,162</u>
Total Funds	<u>£ 2,525,865</u>	<u>£ 1,520,135</u>	<u>£ (1,635,880)</u>	<u>£ 102,171</u>	<u>£ 2,512,291</u>

Development fund

The Development fund related to book royalties arriving from the sale of The Big Book, As Bill Sees It and 12 Steps and 12 traditions. Expenditure for the development Fund must have board approval and will be used to help and support the establishment of the Fellowship aboard.

European Service Meeting

The primary purpose of the European Service Meeting is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, whoever he may be, whatever the language he speaks. The European Service meeting fund is administered by the General Service Board of AA (GB) Ltd and is currently self-supporting by contributions of those countries which attend the ESM.

The Alanon House Fund (226745-1) is a linked Charity whose charitable objectives are the provision of a building to serve as a headquarters for Alcoholics Anonymous. The Alanon House fund was removed from the register 11 August 1995.

THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED
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17 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible fixed assets	Investments	Net current assets	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	576	1,367,090	882,417	2,250,083
Restricted funds	-	-	110,111	110,111
	<u>£ 576</u>	<u>£ 1,367,090</u>	<u>£ 992,528</u>	<u>£ 2,360,194</u>

	Tangible fixed assets	Investments	Net current assets	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	1,728	1,287,033	1,142,368	2,431,129
Restricted funds	-	-	81,162	81,162
	<u>£ 1,728</u>	<u>£ 1,287,033</u>	<u>£ 1,223,530</u>	<u>£ 2,512,291</u>

18 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

As at 30 September the charitable company had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating as follows:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Within one year	84,846	84,846
Between one and five years	324,616	334,462
In more than five years	543,750	618,750
	<u>£ 953,212</u>	<u>£ 1,038,058</u>

19 RELATED PARTIES

Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustee expenses

Expenses amounting to £33,098 were paid to all trustees for expenses relating to travel, subsistence and accommodation whilst attending meetings and events on behalf of the general service board (2018: £75,208 to all trustees).

Trustee other related parties

There were no related party transactions during the year which were not offered on the same terms as the general public.

There are no other related parties.

THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED
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20 RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2019	2018
	£	£
Net expenditure for the reporting period	(152,097)	(13,574)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,152	1,588
Gains on investments	(80,057)	(102,171)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(44,485)	(42,670)
Decrease in stocks	12,298	21,676
Decrease in debtors	933	978
Increase in creditors	76,009	27,662
Net cash used in operating activities	£ (186,247)	£ (106,511)

21 ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2019	2018
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	967,093	1,108,855
Total cash and cash equivalents	£ 967,093	£ 1,108,855

22 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	845,959	10,212	856,171	825,539
Other trading activities	581,367	14,927	596,294	563,464
Investments	42,642	28	42,670	26,930
Other	25,000	-	25,000	-
Total income	£ 1,494,968	£ 25,167	£ 1,520,135	£ 1,415,933
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	735,738	-	735,738	225,417
Charitable activities	861,551	38,591	900,142	1,202,687
Total expenditure	£ 1,597,289	£ 38,591	£ 1,635,880	£ 1,428,104
Net expenditure before gain on investment	(102,321)	(13,424)	(115,745)	(12,171)
Net gains on investments	102,171	-	102,171	92,289
Net expenditure for the year	(150)	(13,424)	(13,574)	80,118
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	2,431,279	94,586	2,525,865	2,445,747
Total funds carried forward	£ 2,431,129	£ 81,162	£ 2,512,291	£ 2,525,865

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THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	2019		2018	
Income	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies				
Contributions	702,057		788,429	
Covenants	8,222		15,289	
Conventions	17,167		27,373	
Conference	21,468		25,080	
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<i>Total donations and legacies</i>		748,914		856,171
Other trading activities				
Sales of literature		633,019		596,294
Investments				
Fixed asset investment income	42,797		41,937	
Deposit account interest	1,688		733	
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<i>Total income from investments</i>		44,485		42,670
Other				
Insurance claim	-		25,000	
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		-		25,000
Total income		<hr/> 1,426,418 <hr/>		<hr/> 1,520,135 <hr/>
Expenditure				
Raising funds				
<i>Literature Costs</i>				
Purchase of literature	212,464		254,645	
Wages and salaries	43,506		38,347	
Social security	3,972		2,134	
Pensions	3,939		4,217	
Rent and rates	32,590		32,709	
Insurance	2,514		1,880	
Light and heat	626		1,306	
Telephone	2,561		2,181	
Repairs and renewals	928		817	
Office equipment	1,731		3,369	
Printing and stationery	3,829		4,107	
Office postage	61,478		67,930	
Computer expenses	8,710		1,364	
Irrecoverable VAT	66,844		56,358	
Archives	47,451		49,121	
Conference	47,861		48,409	
Professional conferences	36,094		51,489	
Public information	19,376		41,902	
Replacement literature	3,604		149	
AA service news	43,355		30,728	
Share expenses	9,679		2,159	
Roundabout expenses	6,828		1,315	
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<i>Carried forward</i>	659,940		696,636	
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	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Raising funds - continued				
<i>Brought forward</i>	659,940		696,636	
General expenses	8,613		10,368	
Website	25,010		19,681	
Video project	15,000		1,615	
Depreciation	384		529	
Bank changes	11,412		6,909	
Bad debts written off	5		-	
	720,364		735,738	
Charitable activities				
<i>Fellowship Costs</i>				
Wages and salaries	226,236		199,400	
Social security	20,652		11,095	
Pensions	20,481		21,929	
Rent and rates	68,213		68,460	
Insurance	2,933		2,193	
Light and heat	828		1,726	
Telephone	10,997		9,365	
Fellowship expenses	-		21,651	
Delegate expenses	1,492		2,073	
Accommodation and venue	-		14,845	
World service meeting	7,975		9,429	
Advertising	2,005		1,155	
Repairs and renewals	1,082		953	
Office equipment	3,463		6,738	
Printing and stationery	4,967		5,007	
Office postage	5,735		6,282	
Computer expenses	8,710		1,364	
General expenses	8,613		10,368	
Travel	90,574		60,941	
Seminars	-		1,477	
Depreciation	384		529	
	485,340		456,980	
<i>Administration Costs</i>				
Wages and salaries	165,327		145,716	
Social security	15,092		8,108	
Pensions	14,967		16,025	
Other staff costs	-		6,125	
Rent and rates	50,780		50,965	
Insurance	2,933		2,193	
Light and heat	783		1,633	
Telephone	16,571		14,111	
Repairs and renewals	1,082		953	
Office equipment	3,463		6,738	
Printing and stationery	11,339		12,728	
Office postage	3,186		3,490	
	285,523		268,785	

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	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities - continued				
<i>Brought forward</i>	285,523		268,785	
Computer expenses	8,710		1,364	
General expenses	8,613		10,368	
Training courses	814		4,161	
Travel	90,575		60,941	
Depreciation	384		529	
Bank charges	55		22	
	<i>Administration costs</i>	394,674	<i>Administration costs</i>	346,170
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Trustees' expenses	33,098		75,208	
Professional fees	25,096		21,784	
	<i>Governance costs</i>	58,194	<i>Governance costs</i>	96,992
<i>Total support costs charitable expenditure</i>	452,868		443,162	
<i>Total expenditure on charitable activities</i>		938,208		900,142
Total expenditure		1,658,572		1,635,880
Net expenditure before gains and losses		(232,154)		(115,745)
Realised gains on fixed asset investments		80,057		102,171
Net expenditure		£ (152,097)		£ (13,574)