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Miss Sonia Waterman

07.02.2023

Profit and Loss								
	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Income								
Grants		£0.00	£463,679.00	£241,862.00	£103,519.00	£95,298.00	£19,000.00	£4,000.00
Contracts/Commission		£0.00	£114,353.00	£0.00	£52,346.00	£31,172.00	£22,835.00	£8,000.00
Donations/Fundraising		£491,176.00	£0.00	£173,904.00	£200,943.00	£104,729.00	£8,892.00	£2,708.00
Sales		£26,389.00	£0.00	£26,389.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Transfer from Unrestricted Fund		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total		£517,565.00	£578,032.00	£442,155.00	£356,808.00	£231,199.00	£50,727.00	£14,708.00
Expense								
Volunteers		£31,688.67	£0.00	£31,688.67	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Project Costs		£0.00	£240,314.00	£66,903.00	£89,469.00	£50,820.00	£21,650.00	£11,472.00
Operational Costs		£95,746.56	£0.00	£33,854.56	£19,500.00	£18,802.00	£17,464.00	£6,126.00
Administration		£90,320.00	£0.00	£31,116.00	£54,330.00	£1,131.00	£2,487.00	£1,256.00
Transfer to Restricted Fund		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Depreciation		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total		£217,755.23	£240,314.00	£163,562.23	£163,299.00	£70,753.00	£41,601.00	£18,854.00
Net Income		£299,809.77	£337,718.00	£278,592.77	£193,509.00	£160,446.00	£9,126.00	-£4,146.00
Balance B/F				£363,506.00	£169,997.00	£9,551.00	£425.00	£4,571.00
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