

Charity Registration No. 1127316

Company Registration No. 06770348 (England and Wales)

LOTUS FLOWER TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

LOTUS FLOWER TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Sarah Branquinho Richard Hugh Wollaston Erik Juul-Mortensen Rebecca Jane Leach Ann Cecilia Hunt (Resigned on 14 November 2022) James Geoffrey Hill (Resigned on 10 November 2022) Michael Anthony Lloyd Crockett (Resigned on 16 November 2022) Samuel Edward Hart (Resigned on 11 November 2022) Rupert Mercer (Resigned on 21 November 2022)
Secretary/Chair of Trustees	Sarah Branquinho
Senior staff member	John Hunt, Chief Executive Officer
Charity number	1127316
Company number	06770348
Registered office	Thatchers Pond Hyde Common Frogham Fordingbridge Hampshire United Kingdom SP6 2HN
Independent examiner	David Howard 1 Park Road Hampton Wick Kingston Upon Thames KT1 4AS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objects of the Charity, set out in the Memorandum of Association, are, to advance education for the benefit of the public, to relieve the financial hardship of people living in poverty worldwide and where appropriate to provide schools, homes and orphanages to such people who could not otherwise afford these facilities through lack of means.

Public benefit

Specifically, the Charity currently aims to help disadvantaged young people in remote areas of India and raising funds for projects identified by the local communities as having lasting benefit. UK volunteers and donors are given the opportunity to participate in the field and help raise funds.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

The Trust raised income of £81,050 this year from trusts, corporate and individual donations and completed 6 projects during the year with a further 6 projects under construction, which continue into 2023.

The administration costs of running the Trust continue to be carefully controlled in order that most of the income raised can be applied directly to the Trust's projects.

The deficit for the year was £116,871 compared with a surplus of £92,044 in 2021.

Since the Trust's inception in December 2008 a total of 77 projects, including schools, homes and skill centres have been completed.

During 2022 The CEO and other Trustees continued to monitor progress carefully via visits and locally based representatives.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Financial review

Restricted funds at the end of the year were £26,327. This represents the unexpended balance on projects which were incomplete at the year end. Total funds were £13,408.

Policy on reserves

The trustees' policy is to maintain free reserves at a level, which equates to around three months of operating costs.

Funds in deficit

At the end of the year free reserves (unrestricted funds excluding fixed assets) was in deficit at £12,919.

Plans for future periods

Closure of the Charity

During 2022 the Trust continued to raise funds for projects meeting the same broad aims, however uncertainty created by the COVID-19 situation has affected the scale of fundraising and therefore the Trustees have decided to close the Charity with effect from 31 December 2022. All liabilities of the Charity will be settled, and any remaining funds will be donated to projects in India.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Lotus Flower Trust is constituted as a charitable company limited by guarantee established under its Memorandum of Association and governed under its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. They manage the business of the charity and exercise all the powers of the charity. Under the requirements of the memorandum and articles of association directors may be appointed by ordinary resolution at a general meeting or by resolution of the other directors. All trustees have visited projects with the CEO.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Lotus Flower Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 12 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Branquinho

Secretary/Chair of Trustees

Dated: 12 September 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LOTUS FLOWER TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Lotus Flower Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



David Howard

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Dated: 12/09/2023.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	7,198	73,852	81,050	142,160
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	4	2,841	195,080	197,921	50,116
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		4,357	(121,228)	(116,871)	92,044
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		4,357	(121,228)	(116,871)	92,044
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		(17,276)	147,555	130,279	38,235
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		(12,919)	26,327	13,408	130,279

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

LOTUS FLOWER TRUST**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

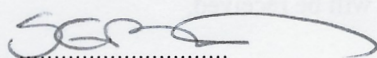
	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	-	66
Current assets			
Debtors	10	2,482	46
Cash at bank and in hand		12,126	135,965
		14,608	136,011
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,200)	(5,798)
Net current assets		13,408	130,213
Total assets less current liabilities		13,408	130,279
Income funds			
Restricted funds	12	26,327	147,555
Unrestricted funds		(12,919)	(17,276)
		13,408	130,279

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2022. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps 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 of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12 September 2023.



Sarah Branquinho
Secretary/Chair of Trustees

Company Registration No. 06770348

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Lotus Flower Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Thatchers Pond Hyde Common, Frogham, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, SP6 2HN, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have decided to close the Charity. This was following the uncertainty created by COVID-19 that adversely affected the scale of fundraising. All liabilities of the Charity will be settled, and any remaining funds will be donated to projects in India.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

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

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

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis when incurred. It is reported in the Statement of Financial Activities as follows:

Direct Charitable Expenditure - these are costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Support costs include other running costs and governance costs. These are incurred by the charity and are necessary to aid and support the running of the charity and are included within expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to charitable activities of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

Support Costs relating to a particular fund are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis when applicable. The charity has identified one direct charitable activity.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
Regular giving and capital donations	7,198	73,852	81,050	142,160

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4 Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	12,700	12,000
Project Management	16,242	6,100
	<u>28,942</u>	<u>18,100</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 5)	161,960	25,000
Share of support costs (see note 6)	5,579	5,136
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	1,440	1,880
	<u>£197,921</u>	<u>50,116</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	2,841	2,564
Restricted funds	195,080	47,552
	<u>197,921</u>	<u>50,116</u>

5 Grants payable

JSR Residential School	9,700	9,000
JSR Equipment	-	13,000
Small Projects Fund	300	3,000
Artificial Glaciers	28,580	-
Zomal & Lamayuru Anganwadi	9,000	-
Basgo Nunnery	13,000	-
Paravour First Floor Extension	760	-
Pagir Hostel	1,200	-
Chaudhary School	45,000	-
Garden of Wisdom	50,000	-
Kalu Sidi School	4,420	-
	<u>161,960</u>	<u>25,000</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	66	-	66	189
Office Costs	1,207	-	1,207	491
IT Software and maintenance costs	441	-	441	592
Insurance	1,058	-	1,058	632
Legal Fees	-	-	-	13
UK Travel and Meetings	-	-	-	74
Bookkeeping costs	1,650	-	1,650	1,800
Just Giving fees	681	-	681	963
Bank charges	416	-	416	257
Sundry expenses	60	-	60	125
Examination of the financial statements	-	1,440	1,440	834
Other fees paid to the examiners	-	-	-	1046
Trustees' indemnity insurance	-	-	-	-
	<u>5,579</u>	<u>1,440</u>	<u>7,019</u>	<u>7,016</u>
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	<u>5,579</u>	<u>1,440</u>	<u>7,019</u>	<u>7,016</u>

7 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2022	2021
Number	Number
1	1
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	2,402
	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2022	2,402
	<u> </u>
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2022	2,336
Depreciation charged in the year	66
	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2022	2,402
	<u> </u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	-
	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2021	66
	<u> </u>

10 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	2,482	46
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	-	37
Trade creditors	-	39
Other creditors	-	4,522
Accruals and deferred income	1,200	1,200
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	1,200	5,798
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

12 Restricted funds

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

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Anganwadi (Kindergartens), Ladakh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Artificial Glacier	1,629	1,724	(144)	(3,209)	-	-	-	-	-
Ambedkar Ardarsh Junior H. School, Berinaag, Uttrakhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bagso Nunnery	4,739	3,988	(332)	(8,395)	-	9,130	(13,200)	5,096	1,026
Chhulunga Kha Girl school	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	(4,420)	9,083	5,663
Friends	80	120	-	(100)	100	100	(130)	(70)	-
Guwahati - Phase 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garbage dump children's project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Artificial Glaciers -Sarah	-	12,500	(1,042)	-	11,458	13,805	(29,080)	5,170	1,353
PR and Admin Assistant	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Montessori Junior High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nyoma Middle School, Ladakh girls' residential accommodation	240	-	-	(240)	-	-	-	-	-
Pagir Hostel	520	1,500	(150)	(520)	1,350	-	(1,200)	(150)	-
Pant Nagar, Montessori	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paravour First Floor Extension	687	311	(25)	-	973	-	(964)	(9)	-
Tuna Anganwadi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Janet Sheed Roberts Residential School for Special Needs Children's Transport and Furnishings	19,250	-	(9,000)	-	10,250	-	(10,204)	(46)	-
Wheelchairs	163	-	-	(163)	-	-	-	-	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

12 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Zomal	9,000	-	-	-	9,000	-	(9,000)	-	-
Small Projects fund (jnc Admin)	18,829	5,980	(3,000)	1,263	23,072	16,010	(30,678)	7,458	15,862
Everest Challenge	-	27,107	(2,360)	11,605	36,352	33,807	(45,704)	(22,032)	2,423
Garden of Wisdom	-	62,500	(7,500)	-	55,000	-	(50,500)	(4,500)	-
JSR Equipment	-	14,000	(14,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>55,137</u>	<u>139,730</u>	<u>(47,553)</u>	<u>(241)</u>	<u>147,555</u>	<u>73,852</u>	<u>(195,080)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,327</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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12 Restricted funds

(Continued)

The purpose of the restricted funds received from donors/sponsors and used by the Charity are detailed below. In addition, the Charity also helps to manage projects associated with the work undertaken with the restricted funds. The associated projects are separately funded and are also detailed below.

Projects completed in 2022

PAGIR Teachers Accommodation
Zomal Artificial Glacier
Lamayuru Artificial Glacier
PAGIR Motorised Scooter
Shri Ram Vidyamandir Inter College Almora
Kanya Higher Secondary School Mankua

Ongoing Projects carried over from 2022 into 2023

Garden of Wisdom, Shushakul completed 2023
Basgo Nunnery Farm, completed 2023
Stagmo Artificial Glacier completed 2023
Brahmaputra Home Extension, completed 2023
Youlchung Artificial Glacier, to be built in 2023
Phyang Artificial Glacier, to be built in 2023

LOTUS FLOWER TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)*****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022***

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	-	-	-
Current assets/(liabilities)	(12,919)	26,327	13,408
	<u>(12,919)</u>	<u>26,327</u>	<u>13,408</u>
	<u><u>(12,919)</u></u>	<u><u>26,327</u></u>	<u><u>13,408</u></u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).