

Company no. 3277032
Charity no. 1076346

mySociety
Report and Audited Financial Statements
31 March 2020

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Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 March 2020

Company number 3277032

Charity number 1076346

Registered office and operational address 483 Green Lanes
London
N13 4BS

Trustees Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

O F Blacker	(resigned 15 July 2019)
A Brown	
A J H Burton	
J P Cronin	
J P I Flowers	
M M Hussain	
K L Jones	(appointed 19 September 2019)
J A F Keutgen	(appointed 19 September 2019)
R E Rank	
Y N Sambuli	(resigned 15 July 2019)

Chief executive officer M Cridge

Company secretary J P Cronin

Bankers Lloyds Bank
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Auditors Godfrey Wilson Limited
Chartered accountants and statutory auditors
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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2020

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective from January 2015).

Structure, governance and management

mySociety is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under a memorandum & articles of association, and is registered as a charity in England and Wales (registered charity no. 1076346).

mySociety is governed by a board of volunteer trustees. Trustees serve three-year terms, and may be reappointed for one further three-year term after completion of their first. Trustees are generally recruited through an open call for applications, or may occasionally be directly appointed following a period of service as an observer of one of the board's committees. Following their appointment trustees participate in a series of briefings with key staff and fellow trustees as part of their induction; which includes briefings on financial procedures, our priority areas of work, ongoing strategy and organisational setup.

mySociety operates a number of civic and democratic websites, and has a wholly owned commercial subsidiary, SocietyWorks Ltd, governed by its own board of directors comprising a combination of trustees from mySociety, executive directors and independent non-executive directors. Trustees and non-executive directors are not remunerated.

Day-to-day management of mySociety and its subsidiaries is delegated to the Chief Executive except for the following matters which are reserved to the trustees:

- Approval of strategy, values and policy;
- Establishing and disbanding committees of the board;
- The creation, selection and appointment to any post with a total remuneration package of £60,000 p.a. or greater, or FTE equivalent;
- Approval of the group's Annual Report and Accounts; and
- Significant financial commitments as set out in a delegations policy.

At any one time, mySociety typically employs 20-25 permanent members of staff and a small additional number on temporary contracts. SocietyWorks Ltd employs no staff directly, but buys in labour as required from mySociety.

There is an annual review of pay for all staff members, encompassing two elements:

- Cost of living; and
- Performance

The Chief Executive makes recommendations to the board of trustees based on performance, affordability and the financial health of mySociety, and changes in averages of salaries for comparable roles (particularly for technical roles), except for the Chief Executive's own pay which is discussed by the board of trustees alone. The board of trustees either accepts or amends the recommendations, and makes the revised pay offer to the staff.

Salary ranges for new roles are set using both industry benchmarks and salaries of staff members already employed by the organisation in similar roles.

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Objectives and activities

Aims and goals

The objectives of mySociety are “to conduct and promote research into the use and effects of information and communication technologies in the context of the operation of any body or bodies which has or have an electorate, and to disseminate the useful results of such research for the benefit of the public”.

mySociety operates under the mission statement “We help people be active citizens”, using its UK websites and the international websites it supports to undertake active research to explore what is effective in delivering on this mission.

The key objectives over the 2019-2022 strategy period are:

- 1) To enhance the ability of people in the UK and around the world to meaningfully participate in democratic processes, make their voices heard and hold governments to account;
- 2) To enable citizens to improve their neighbourhoods, protect places of community value, and engage with local government, thereby helping to promote resilient and flourishing communities;
- 3) To enhance government transparency, in particular through enabling citizens, journalists and campaigners to make greater and more effective use of their right to access information; and
- 4) To enable the global community to make more informed decisions concerning digital solutions for increasing transparency, accountability and public engagement, through growing the evidence base and convening the sector.

In 2019/20, mySociety's 21 permanent UK staff continued to help citizens in the UK and around the world to meaningfully engage with their government and within their communities - through the running of our established services FixMyStreet.com, TheyWorkForYou.com and WhatDoTheyKnow.com, supporting the work of local organisations in over 40 countries worldwide, and researching the efficacy and impact of digital tools on government accountability, transparency and citizen engagement.

Public benefit

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Social investment policies

mySociety's ongoing provision of services via its subsidiary trading company represents a social investment; projects are chosen based on alignment with the charity's purposes, as well as with the aim of achieving a financial return.

Achievements and performance

Our work is organised under four interlinked practice areas:

- Democracy;
- Community;
- Transparency; and
- Research.

Our communications, fundraising, events and administrative personnel support the activities of these practice areas.

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In 2019/20, use of mySociety's flagship services continued to grow. TheyWorkForYou provided an essential service to citizens keen to access information on Parliament and their MP, with 615,000 people visiting the site in the month leading up to the 2019 general election – more than double the usual visitor numbers. Usage of our FOI package for journalists and campaigners – WhatDoTheyKnow Pro – expanded substantially, with a 100% increase in FOI requests made via the site between 2018/19 and 2019/20 (see under Transparency, below, for some of the high profile campaigns and stories built on information uncovered using WhatDoTheyKnow).

Our research into digital tools for democratic participation was in high demand, as appetite increased in the UK for the trialling of more innovative models of deliberative democracy, particularly at the local level.

And we embarked on a new area of work around the climate emergency, beginning with our involvement in the UK Climate Assembly, and moving to efforts to gather and share information on how local councils are responding to the climate emergency, facilitating learning across councils as well as the ability of citizens and civil society to hold authorities to account.

More examples of key successes and progress over 2019/20 are outlined below, against each of our practice areas:

Democracy

Together with Involve and the Sortition Foundation, we supported the UK's first national Climate Assembly, building the website which enabled the public to follow the proceedings. We also collaborated with The Democratic Society, Involve and the Royal Society of Arts, working with local councils to develop innovative ways to enhance citizen participation as part of the Innovation in Democracy and Public Square projects.

In March 2020 mySociety was one of 19 organisations to receive a Democracy Pioneer award from Nesta (the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts), in recognition of our work to research and design digital tools that support innovative democratic participation.

Over the course of 2019/20, more than 3.9 million people used our UK parliamentary monitoring site TheyWorkForYou to check out who their MP was, see how they voted and browse parliamentary debates. After many successful years of partnership with parliamentary monitoring organisations in South Africa and Kenya, we transitioned the Mzalendo and People's Assembly websites to local control.

Community

With support from the Legal Education Foundation, we continued our collaboration with advocacy group Tower Blocks UK, publishing Discovery and Alpha reports on the findings of our research into the potential for an online tool to help residents address safety and maintenance concerns in their buildings, and beginning work on a beta version of a website.

We continued to develop KeptInTheCommunity.org (KIITC) – an online open directory of over 8,000 assets owned or valued by communities. With funding from Power to Change, we explored how the site can support community groups in managing and gaining support for their community owned assets.

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Transparency

We continued to develop our open source software Alaveteli that powers 27 Freedom of Information (FOI) platforms around the world, putting out new releases that make it easier for new users to send effective requests to the right authorities. With support from the Adessium Foundation, we launched new FOI services in the Netherlands and in France, and added Pro functionality to AskTheEU.org, allowing for more investigative journalism projects using FOI as a tool. We held AlaveteliCon in Oslo, supported by the NUUG Foundation, bringing together around 50 journalists, researchers, technologists and FOI activists from 18 countries.

In the UK, our FOI services were instrumental in uncovering information used in several high profile campaigns and stories, including an investigation into the surveillance techniques used by police forces; mapping of the numbers of victims of human trafficking held in UK detention centres; and reporting on the lobbying of ministers and senior civil servants around the UK's departure from the European Union.

Our work with Hackney Council on an FOI service that helps requesters find information before submitting a request, undertaken through our commercial subsidiary SocietyWorks Ltd, was awarded Innovation of the Year at the 2019 Information and Records Management Society Awards.

Research

Our major research study in 2019/20 explored the impacts of Legal Information Institutes in sub-Saharan Africa, identifying clear and positive impacts of making legal information freely and widely available.

With Westminster Foundation for Democracy, we worked with the national parliaments of Uzbekistan and Myanmar to assess their information infrastructure and data systems, and identify digital pathways for improved engagement with citizens and civil society. In the UK, our research team gave evidence to the UK Parliament's Democracy and Digital Technologies committee on the role of digital tools in facilitating engagement in democratic processes.

In November 2019 we held our second TICTeC Local conference in London, exploring the application of civic technologies to communities and local government. Our sixth annual TICTeC was meant to take place in Reykjavik, Iceland in March 2020, but due to the coronavirus outbreak we successfully rearranged this to be a virtual conference instead, with more than 180 people from over 30 different countries in attendance.

Financial review

Over the course of 2019/20 we have sought to diversify and broaden our range of funders, and to balance the income we receive from charitable and commercial sources; both to provide a more secure pool of diverse funding and to explore more approaches to civic tech services that can be provided on a commercial basis, including via government consultancy work.

mySociety's commercial subsidiary, SocietyWorks Ltd (name changed from mySociety Limited in March 2020), provides sustainable commercial income streams within each of our practice areas, building on and related to the work we do charitably. In particular, our FixMyStreet Pro business now brings in substantial commercial income aligned with our overall mySociety mission and work with local government, and generates profits that are passed on to the charity as unrestricted income.

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mySociety's major charitable supporters in 2019/20 have included:

- William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the major source of unrestricted funding for mySociety's international and UK charitable endeavours;
- Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, which provides unrestricted funding for mySociety's charitable work in the UK;
- Adessium Foundation, which supports our FOI work in the UK and Europe; and
- Google, Luminate, Facebook and Balsamiq, sponsors of our 2020 The Impacts of Civic Technology Conference (TICTeC); and the MacArthur Foundation which provided travel grants.

A number of other funders supported specific projects which, without this support, mySociety would have been unable to undertake. These include:

- The Legal Education Foundation, which continued to fund our work with Tower Blocks UK on digital solutions to empower high rise residents;
- Indigo Trust, which supported our work on parliamentary monitoring websites in sub-Saharan Africa, and our research programme;
- The Open Society Foundations, which provided funding from their London Community Grant Initiative to add London-specific content to TheyWorkForYou, and to help make parliamentary votes more comprehensible;
- Power to Change, which continued to fund our online open directory of community assets, KeepItInTheCommunity.org;
- Involve and The Democratic Society, with whom we partnered on participatory and deliberative democracy initiatives at local and national level;
- Nesta, which funded development work on WhatDoTheyKnow to enable journalists to collaborate on FOI investigations with citizen investigators; and
- Social Investment Business Limited's Reach Fund, which provided support towards developing investment readiness as we seek to expand our FixMyStreet Pro operation through a business development loan.

We are also grateful to all the individuals and small private foundations who provide one-off or recurring donations to support mySociety's work.

COVID-19 Response

The trustees have considered the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic will have on the charity's current and future financial position. The charity is taking the following steps to mitigate the threats that COVID-19 may pose to the organisation:

- We are maintaining a *COVID-19 / Coronavirus preparedness* policy for our staff which outlines what individual actions our team should take to protect themselves, expectations for work during the lockdown period, support that we can provide and what to do in the event that they or a family member falls ill;
- We have stopped all travel for the duration of the crisis. As a remote organisation this does not pose many issues day to day for continuing work with our clients and partners; and
- We have reduced expectations of availability and do not expect people to have to work their normal hours or to the same level of productivity – their health and families should come first.

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The trustees do not consider that the COVID-19 pandemic will have any severe impact on the charity at this time. The trustees will continue to review the situation regularly. The trustees therefore consider that the charity will continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved for the following reasons:

- The charity holds unrestricted reserves of £130,000+;
- The charity's key funders have confirmed their willingness to be flexible in provision of funding;
- The trading subsidiary has close to £750,000 of forward commitments from commercial customers, most of which falls in the 2020-21 financial year; and
- 90% of income against the group's budgeted expenditure for the upcoming 12 months is secured or highly likely.

The trustees therefore consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of preparation of the accounts, as detailed in note 1(c) to the financial statements.

Risk management

The key risks (and their mitigations) for the organisation are as follows:

- 1) Risk: Failure to acquire sufficient future funding to sustain organisation
Mitigation: A key risk - we have not acquired sufficient future funding to sustain the organisation at its current size for any great length of time. Primary focus for Fundraising Manager, supported by Chief Executive and Senior Management Team. As needed, consideration may be given to what reductions need to be made to the cost base.
- 2) Risk: Insufficient free cash (mySociety)
Mitigation: Long-term forward financial planning to ensure that any failure can be addressed by future cost reductions to ensure that the company remains solvent.
- 3) Risk: Insufficient free cash (SocietyWorks Ltd)
Mitigation: Long-term forward financial planning to ensure that any failure can be addressed by future cost reductions to ensure that the company remains solvent. An increasing number of high value FixMyStreet Pro clients who pay annual fees up front diminishes the probability of this risk.
- 4) Risk: Legal action against WhatDoTheyKnow regarding copyright or data protection (mySociety)
Mitigation: Legal mailing list exists to discuss and address any issues raised. Currently recruiting to the trustee board with a specific goal to bring on board more in-house knowledge of associated law. New User Support Assistant now in place to keep track of and escalate specific risky issues and deadlines.

Reserves policy

mySociety aims to have sufficient free, unrestricted cash, or known future cash, to cover six months of the group's operational costs: approximately £900k. Known future cash includes deferred income from grant monies on hand that will be released within the six-month time frame, and known future grant payments that will be received in the same period.

We have begun the process of establishing a separate retained reserves fund, and have budgeted over 36 months for building up a pot of cash that at a minimum would allow us to deal with the worst case scenario of closing the charity down in an orderly fashion. These monies are to be set aside in a separate account, requiring trustee approval to use.

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Plans for future periods

The overall direction of our work over the next three years is outlined in our Strategy 2020-22. One of the new areas that we raise in the strategy is our response to the climate crisis, recognising that this is the most pressing issue of our times. We will consider how participatory and deliberative approaches to democracy can be useful in finding consensus on the difficult decisions we all need to take to avoid the worst climate impacts; and we will look at how we might apply our long experience of improving access to public information to help citizens understand and monitor how governments are responding to the climate crisis.

We will also invest in substantially increasing the profits from FixMyStreet Pro in order to directly contribute more unrestricted funding to the charity.

Fundraising

mySociety solicits donations from the public only via its website, and does not engage in any follow-up activity with donors unless consent has been given for further contact. We do not employ outside fundraisers, and are not bound by any voluntary scheme for regulating fundraising, but will keep this under review as our fundraising work develops. No complaints have been received about our fundraising activity.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with 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).

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the group and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity and the group for the year. 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 Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

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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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Auditors

Godfrey Wilson Limited were appointed as auditors to the group and parent charity during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 6 July 2020 and signed on their behalf by



A Brown
Treasurer

Independent auditors' report

To the members of

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of mySociety (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, consolidated and parent charity balance sheets, consolidated statement of cash flows and the related 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 the 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 group and parent charity's affairs as at 31 March 2020 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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.

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 group and parent charity 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 charity'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.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the group and parent charity financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the group and parent charity 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.

Independent auditors' report

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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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charity and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the parent charity financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out in the trustees' report, the trustees 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 they 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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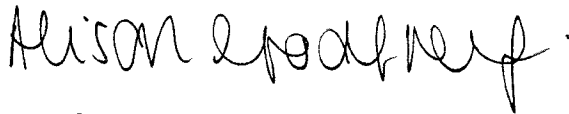
Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members 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 charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Date: 6 AUGUST 2020

Alison Godfrey FCA
(Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of:
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Consolidated statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	The group 2020 Total £	Restated The group 2019 Total £
Income from:					
Donations	3	471,452	170,339	641,791	1,311,585
Charitable activities	4	-	34,805	34,805	40,554
Other trading activities	5	-	783,622	783,622	919,798
Investments		-	255	255	368
Other		-	1,040	1,040	-
Total income		<u>471,452</u>	<u>990,061</u>	<u>1,461,513</u>	<u>2,272,305</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds: raising charitable donations		-	86,049	86,049	62,384
Raising funds: trading activity		-	694,996	694,996	785,900
Charitable activities		<u>464,646</u>	<u>469,617</u>	<u>934,263</u>	<u>1,202,221</u>
Total expenditure	6	<u>464,646</u>	<u>1,250,662</u>	<u>1,715,308</u>	<u>2,050,505</u>
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds	9	6,806	(260,601)	(253,795)	221,800
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>64,624</u>	<u>396,147</u>	<u>460,771</u>	<u>238,971</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>71,430</u></u>	<u><u>135,546</u></u>	<u><u>206,976</u></u>	<u><u>460,771</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 20 to the accounts. The prior year has been restated as set out in note 23 to the accounts.

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Charity only statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	The Charity 2020 Total £	Restated The Charity 2019 Total £
Income from:					
Donations	3	471,452	190,339	661,791	1,361,585
Charitable activities	4	-	34,805	34,805	40,554
Other trading activities	5	-	66,523	66,523	60,100
Investments		-	255	255	368
Other		-	1,040	1,040	-
Total income		<u>471,452</u>	<u>292,962</u>	<u>764,414</u>	<u>1,462,607</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	86,049	86,049	62,384
Charitable activities		<u>464,646</u>	<u>469,617</u>	<u>934,263</u>	<u>1,202,221</u>
Total expenditure	7	<u>464,646</u>	<u>555,666</u>	<u>1,020,312</u>	<u>1,264,605</u>
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		6,806	(262,704)	(255,898)	198,002
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>64,624</u>	<u>395,495</u>	<u>460,119</u>	<u>262,117</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>71,430</u></u>	<u><u>132,791</u></u>	<u><u>204,221</u></u>	<u><u>460,119</u></u>

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Consolidated balance sheets

As at 31 March 2020

	Note	The group 2020 £	Restated The group 2019 £	The charity 2020 £	Restated The charity 2019 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12	4,468	6,643	4,468	6,643
Investments	13	-	-	1	1
Current assets					
Debtors	16	240,682	216,936	95,819	97,172
Cash at bank and in hand		253,484	471,377	150,687	417,400
		494,166	688,313	246,506	514,572
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	17	(291,658)	(234,185)	(46,753)	(61,096)
Net current assets		<u>202,508</u>	<u>454,128</u>	<u>199,753</u>	<u>453,476</u>
Net assets	19	<u>206,976</u>	<u>460,771</u>	<u>204,221</u>	<u>460,119</u>
Funds					
Restricted funds	20	71,430	64,624	71,430	64,624
Unrestricted funds		135,546	396,147	132,791	395,495
Total charity funds		<u>206,976</u>	<u>460,771</u>	<u>204,221</u>	<u>460,119</u>

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

Approved by the trustees on 6 July 2020 and signed on their behalf by



A Brown
Treasurer

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Consolidated statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	The group 2020 £	Restated The group 2019 £
Cash used in operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	(253,795)	221,800
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation charges	4,079	4,273
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(255)	(368)
Loss / (profit) on the sale of fixed assets	(38)	(62)
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	(23,746)	3,923
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	<u>57,473</u>	<u>104,842</u>
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	<u>(216,282)</u>	<u>334,408</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	255	368
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	659	2,032
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<u>(2,525)</u>	<u>(6,099)</u>
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities	<u>(1,611)</u>	<u>(3,699)</u>
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(217,893)	330,709
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<u>471,377</u>	<u>140,668</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>253,484</u>	<u>471,377</u>

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

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1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

mySociety meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Group accounts

These financial statements consolidate the results of the charitable company and its wholly-owned (controlled) subsidiary on a line by line basis. Transactions and balances between the charitable company and its subsidiary have been eliminated from the consolidated financial statements. Balances between the two companies are disclosed in the notes of the charitable company's balance sheet. A separate statement of financial activities, or income and expenditure account, for the charitable company itself is presented in addition to that of the group by choice.

c) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The trustees have considered the charitable company's current and future financial position, particularly in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the level of unrestricted, general reserves held at 31 March 2020. The charity has significant confirmed unrestricted funding for the year ended 31 March 2021, forecast cost savings and flexibility from funders. Given the above, the trustees consider that the charitable company has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

d) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. This is a change of accounting policy, as grant income has historically been deferred. This policy is thought to better comply with SORP income recognition criteria on the deferral of grant income.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

d) Income (continued)

Income received in advance of provision of invoiced consultancy and software services is deferred until criteria for income recognition are met.

Recharges of staff costs between the charitable company and its subsidiary SocietyWorks Ltd have not been recognised as income in the charitable company's statement of financial activities, and are instead netted off against expenditure. This has no impact upon the consolidated figures, in which intercompany transactions are eliminated.

e) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

f) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

g) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

h) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)**i) Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the basis of direct costs, as follows:

	2020	2019
Raising funds: raising charitable donations	8.4%	4.9%
Raising funds: trading activity	0.0%	0.0%
Charitable activities	91.6%	95.1%

j) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Computer equipment	3 years straight line basis
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k) Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are held at cost less impairment.

l) 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.

m) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

n) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where there is 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.

o) Financial instruments

The charitable company 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 recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

p) Pension costs

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

q) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year end.

r) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying 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 if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are described below.

Depreciation

As described in note 1j to the financial statements, depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life.

Work in progress

Work in progress is calculated by comparing progress on a project against the budgeted cost. The work in progress element of trade debtors in these accounts in relation to the group figures is £28,065 (2019: £19,725).

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2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restated The group 2019 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	250,029	1,061,556	1,311,585
Charitable activities	-	40,554	40,554
Other trading activities	-	919,798	919,798
Investments	-	368	368
Total income	<u>250,029</u>	<u>2,022,276</u>	<u>2,272,305</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds: raising charitable donations	-	62,384	62,384
Raising funds: trading activity	-	785,900	785,900
Charitable activities	311,254	890,967	1,202,221
Total expenditure	<u>311,254</u>	<u>1,739,251</u>	<u>2,050,505</u>
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds	<u>(61,225)</u>	<u>283,025</u>	<u>221,800</u>

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3. Income from donations

The group

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	The group 2020 Total £
Adessium Foundation	128,792	-	128,792
Columbia University	72,119	-	72,119
The Democratic Society	45,585	-	45,585
Indigo Trust	19,250	-	19,250
The Involve Foundation	36,600	-	36,600
The Legal Education Foundation	51,315	-	51,315
The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	3,089	-	3,089
Nesta Future News Fund	29,000	-	29,000
Norwegian Unix User Group Foundation	1,450	-	1,450
Power to Change Trust	40,000	-	40,000
Access - The Foundation for Social Investment	26,777	-	26,777
TheyWorkForYou crowdfunding donations	17,475	-	17,475
The Paragon Trust	-	6,500	6,500
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	-	100,000	100,000
The David Family Foundation	-	10,000	10,000
Nesta	-	10,000	10,000
Other donations	-	43,839	43,839
Total income from donations	471,452	170,339	641,791

The charity

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	The charity 2020 Total £
Total income from donations as above:	471,452	170,339	641,791
Add: gift aid distribution from SocietyWorks Ltd	-	20,000	20,000
Total income from donations	471,452	190,339	661,791

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3. Income from donations (continued)

Prior period comparative:

The group

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restated The group 2019 Total £
Adessium Foundation	7,250	-	7,250
The Democratic Society	116,081	-	116,081
Indigo Trust	40,000	-	40,000
The Legal Education Foundation	20,000	-	20,000
Open Society Foundations London Community Fund	18,948	-	18,948
Power to Change Trust	35,000	-	35,000
Google	12,750	-	12,750
Omidyar Network	-	436,121	436,121
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	-	593,585	593,585
Other donations	-	31,850	31,850
Total income from donations	250,029	1,061,556	1,311,585

The charity

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restated The charity 2019 Total £
Income from donations as above:	250,029	1,061,556	1,311,585
Add: gift aid distribution from SocietyWorks Ltd	-	50,000	50,000
Total income from donations	250,029	1,111,556	1,361,585

4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	The group and charity	
			2020 Total £	Restated 2019 Total £
Charitable consultancy	-	30,430	30,430	27,054
Event ticket sales	-	4,375	4,375	13,500
Total income from charitable activities	-	34,805	34,805	40,554

All income from charitable activities in the prior period was unrestricted.

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5. Income from other trading activities

The group:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	The group 2020 Total £	Restated The group 2019 Total £
Sponsorship	-	66,523	66,523	60,100
Sale of software and IT consultancy	-	717,099	717,099	859,698
Total other trading activities	-	783,622	783,622	919,798

Charity only:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	The charity 2020 Total £	Restated The charity 2019 Total £
Sponsorship	-	66,523	66,523	60,100

All income from other trading activities in the prior period was unrestricted.

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6. Total expenditure (the group)

	Raising funds: raising charitable donations £	Raising funds: trading activity £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	The group 2020 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	66,858	616,010	686,376	96,013	1,465,257
Servers and subscriptions	-	19,886	25,708	-	45,594
Team meetings and retreats	-	6,380	-	8,526	14,906
Legal, financial and insurance	-	11,062	-	38,710	49,772
General administration costs	-	2,905	-	2,288	5,193
Partner payments (note 8)	-	-	27,042	-	27,042
TICTeC and TICTeC local events	-	-	21,272	-	21,272
AlaveteliCon event	-	-	14,279	-	14,279
Other events	-	-	2,500	-	2,500
UK travel and subsistence	-	16,941	-	10,367	27,308
International travel	-	-	3,934	-	3,934
Desk rentals and meeting rooms	-	7,289	-	7,275	14,564
Depreciation	-	-	-	4,079	4,079
Marketing	5,085	14,523	-	-	19,608
Sub-total	71,943	694,996	781,111	167,258	1,715,308
Allocation of support and governance costs	14,106	-	153,152	(167,258)	-
Total expenditure	86,049	694,996	934,263	-	1,715,308
Prior period comparative:					
	Raising funds: raising charitable donations £	Raising funds: trading activity £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	The group 2019 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	39,856	673,346	876,123	109,514	1,698,839
Servers and subscriptions	-	12,090	34,011	-	46,101
Team meetings and retreats	-	4,635	-	13,544	18,179
Legal, financial and insurance	-	6,637	-	29,070	35,707
General administration costs	-	2,432	-	12,490	14,922
Concorde subcontractor payments	-	53,438	-	-	53,438
TICTeC and TICTeC local events	-	-	74,028	-	74,028
Other events	-	-	6,598	-	6,598
UK travel and subsistence	-	13,665	-	16,066	29,731
International travel	-	-	22,720	-	22,720
Desk rentals and meeting rooms	-	11,962	-	13,578	25,540
Depreciation	-	-	-	4,273	4,273
Marketing	12,734	7,695	-	-	20,429
Sub-total	52,590	785,900	1,013,480	198,535	2,050,505
Allocation of support and governance costs	9,794	-	188,741	(198,535)	-
Total expenditure	62,384	785,900	1,202,221	-	2,050,505

Total governance costs were £9,300 (2019: £11,675)

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7. Total expenditure (the charity)

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	The charity 2020 Total £
Staff costs	66,858	686,376	96,013	849,247
Servers and subscriptions	-	25,708	-	25,708
Team meetings and retreats	-	-	8,526	8,526
Legal, financial and insurance	-	-	38,710	38,710
General administration costs	-	-	2,288	2,288
Partner payments (note 8)	-	27,042	-	27,042
TICTeC and TICTeC local events	-	21,272	-	21,272
AlaveteliCon event	-	14,279	-	14,279
Other events	-	2,500	-	2,500
UK travel and subsistence	-	-	10,367	10,367
International travel	-	3,934	-	3,934
Desk rentals and meeting rooms	-	-	7,275	7,275
Depreciation	-	-	4,079	4,079
Marketing	5,085	-	-	5,085
Sub-total	71,943	781,111	167,258	1,020,312
Allocation of support and governance costs	14,106	153,152	(167,258)	-
Total expenditure	86,049	934,263	-	1,020,312

Prior period comparative:

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	The charity 2019 Total £
Staff costs	39,856	876,123	109,514	1,025,493
Servers and subscriptions	-	34,011	-	34,011
Team meetings and retreats	-	-	13,544	13,544
Legal, financial and insurance	-	-	29,070	29,070
General administration costs	-	-	12,490	12,490
TICTeC and TICTeC local events	-	74,028	-	74,028
Other events	-	6,598	-	6,598
UK travel and subsistence	-	-	16,066	16,066
International travel	-	22,720	-	22,720
Desk rentals and meeting rooms	-	-	13,578	13,578
Depreciation	-	-	4,273	4,273
Marketing	12,734	-	-	12,734
Sub-total	52,590	1,013,480	198,535	1,264,605
Allocation of support and governance costs	9,794	188,741	(198,535)	-
Total expenditure	62,384	1,202,221	-	1,264,605

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8. Grants payable

Included within 'partner payments' in notes 6 and 7 are sub-grant 'partner payments' made to the following institutions:

	The group 2020 £	The group 2019 £	The charity 2020 £	The charity 2019 £
Shift Foundation	13,465	-	13,465	-
Vereniging van Onderzoeksjournalisten	7,246	-	7,246	-
Access Info Europe	5,403	-	5,403	-
Anticor/Transparencia	928	-	928	-
	<u>27,042</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,042</u>	<u>-</u>

No grants were paid to individuals in the current or prior period, and no support costs have been allocated to grant-making activities. £53,438 of partner payments made by the subsidiary in the prior year were payments to subcontractors relating to trading activities, not charitable activities, and have therefore been excluded.

9. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	The group 2020 £	The group 2019 £
Depreciation	4,079	4,273
Operating lease payments	20,621	16,300
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	484	288
Foreign exchange (gains)/losses	1,265	11,050
Auditors' remuneration:		
▪ Statutory audit (including VAT)	8,700	11,675
▪ Other services (including VAT)	600	13,445
	<u>600</u>	<u>13,445</u>

Trustees' reimbursed expenses comprise payments to 2 trustees relating to travel costs (2019: 3 trustees for travel costs)

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10. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	The group 2020 £	The group 2019 £
Salaries and wages	1,277,286	1,410,871
Social security costs	140,538	160,428
Pension costs	27,251	29,790
Contractors	20,182	97,750
	<u>1,465,257</u>	<u>1,698,839</u>

The number of employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more were:

	The group 2020 No.	The group 2019 No.
£65,001 to £70,000	2	4
£70,001 to £75,000	1	1
£80,001 to £85,000	-	1
£85,001 to £90,000	1	-

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £96,284 (2019: £96,957).

	The group 2020 No.	The group 2019 No.
Average number of employees (full-time equivalent)	<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>

Redundancy and termination payments relating to three employees were paid during the year amounting to £33,530. This figure includes both statutory and ex gratia elements. No further amounts are owed as of 31 March 2020.

11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes. The charity's trading subsidiary, SocietyWorks Ltd, has gift aided its available profits to the charity.

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12. Tangible fixed assets	Computer equipment £
Group and charity	
Cost	
At 1 April 2019	13,034
Additions in year	2,525
Disposals in year	<u>(6,567)</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>8,992</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2019	6,391
Charge for the year	4,079
On disposal	<u>(5,946)</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>4,524</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2020	<u><u>4,468</u></u>
At 31 March 2019	<u><u>6,643</u></u>

13. Investments

	The group		The charity	
	2020 £	2019 £	2020 £	2019 £
Investment in subsidiary company	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The investment represents 100% of the ordinary share capital of SocietyWorks Ltd, whose principal activity is to carry out trading activities in support of the charity. A summary of the financial results and position of SocietyWorks Ltd is given below (see note 14).

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14. Subsidiary undertakings

SocietyWorks Ltd

SocietyWorks Ltd (company number 05798215, renamed from mySociety Limited in March 2020) is a wholly owned trading subsidiary of mySociety. It trades in software and IT consultancy.

	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover	717,099	859,698
Cost of sales	<u>-</u>	<u>(53,437)</u>
Gross profit	717,099	806,261
Administrative expenses	<u>(694,995)</u>	<u>(732,463)</u>
Profit on ordinary activities	22,104	73,798
Corporation tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit for financial year after taxation	<u><u>22,104</u></u>	<u><u>73,798</u></u>
<i>Changes in equity</i>		
Total retained profit brought forward	651	(23,147)
Total comprehensive income for the year	22,104	73,798
Gift aid distribution to parent charity	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>
Total retained profit carried forward	<u><u>2,755</u></u>	<u><u>651</u></u>

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

	2020 £	2019 £
Assets	270,638	175,251
Liabilities	<u>(267,882)</u>	<u>(174,599)</u>
Funds	<u><u>2,756</u></u>	<u><u>652</u></u>

15. Parent charity

The parent charity's gross income and results for the year are disclosed in the charity only Statement of Financial Activities.

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16. Debtors

	The group		The charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	220,980	207,782	82,725	90,258
Prepayments	14,677	7,048	8,069	3,298
Amounts owing by group undertakings	-	-	-	1,510
Other debtors	5,025	2,106	5,025	2,106
	<u>240,682</u>	<u>216,936</u>	<u>95,819</u>	<u>97,172</u>

17. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	The group		The charity	
	2020	Restated 2019	2020	Restated 2019
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	9,639	32,721	7,119	27,292
Accruals	10,092	19,345	8,042	17,370
Other taxation and social security	56,065	53,091	4,956	4,422
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	22,978	-
Other creditors	3,658	12,012	3,658	12,012
Deferred income (see note 18)	212,204	117,016	-	-
	<u>291,658</u>	<u>234,185</u>	<u>46,753</u>	<u>61,096</u>

18. Deferred income

	The group		The charity	
	2020	Restated 2019	2020	Restated 2019
	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2019	117,016	285,406	-	12,750
Deferred during the year	212,204	117,016	-	-
Released during the year	(117,016)	(285,406)	-	(12,750)
At 31 March 2020	<u>212,204</u>	<u>117,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Deferred income relates to contract income invoiced by SocietyWorks Ltd in advance of provision of service. Deferred grant income in the charity has been restated after a change in accounting policy to recognise grant income upon receipt.

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19. Analysis of group net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	4,468	4,468
Current assets	71,430	422,736	494,166
Current liabilities	-	(291,658)	(291,658)
Net assets at 31 March 2020	<u>71,430</u>	<u>135,546</u>	<u>206,976</u>
Prior period comparative:			
	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	6,643	6,643
Current assets	64,624	623,689	688,313
Current liabilities	-	(234,185)	(234,185)
Net assets at 31 March 2019	<u>64,624</u>	<u>396,147</u>	<u>460,771</u>

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20. Movements in funds

	Restated at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2020 £
Restricted funds					
Adessium Foundation	-	128,792	(86,899)	-	41,893
Columbia University	6,909	72,119	(71,089)	-	7,939
The Democratic Society	51,155	45,585	(96,740)	-	-
Indigo Trust	-	19,250	(19,250)	-	-
The Involve Foundation	-	36,600	(36,600)	-	-
The Legal Education Foundation	3,300	51,315	(54,615)	-	-
MacArthur	-	3,089	(3,089)	-	-
Nesta Future News Fund	-	29,000	(29,000)	-	-
NUUG	-	1,450	(1,450)	-	-
OSF	2,843	-	(2,843)	-	-
Power to Change Trust	417	40,000	(18,819)	-	21,598
Reach Fund	-	26,777	(26,777)	-	-
TheyWorkForYou crowdfunder	-	17,475	(17,475)	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>64,624</u>	<u>471,452</u>	<u>(464,646)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,430</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>396,147</u>	<u>990,061</u>	<u>(1,250,662)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,546</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>396,147</u>	<u>990,061</u>	<u>(1,250,662)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,546</u>
Total funds	<u><u>460,771</u></u>	<u><u>1,461,513</u></u>	<u><u>(1,715,308)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>206,976</u></u>

Purposes of restricted funds

Adessium Foundation Grant to launch new FOI services across Europe, and provide support to investigative journalists to use FOI in their stories. Also funds the general administration and support of our UK FOI service WhatDoTheyKnow.com.

Columbia University Grant to cover the costs of a seconded employee.

The Democratic Society "Public Square" - a collaboration with The Democratic Society, Involve and the Royal Society of Arts, working with local councils to develop innovative ways to enhance citizen participation.

Indigo Trust Supported our work on parliamentary monitoring websites in sub-Saharan Africa - this year with a specific focus on transferring those over to local control in their home countries, now complete.

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20. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

The Involve Foundation Grant to cover the costs of our part in supporting the national Climate Assembly, building the website which enabled the public to follow the proceedings.

The Legal Education Foundation “FixMyBlock” - a collaboration with advocacy group Tower Blocks UK, looking into the potential for an online tool to help residents address safety and maintenance concerns in their buildings.

MacArthur (The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation): Grant towards the costs of enabling representatives of their other grantees, particularly from Nigeria, to attend our TICTeC conference. Due to the cancellation of the conference as an in-person event, we returned part of these funds to MacArthur unspent.

Nesta Future News Fund Grant to develop a new ‘Projects’ feature in WhatDoTheyKnow, which will allow teams of journalists, citizen investigators and others to collaborate on FOI requests and analyse the information released.

NUUG (Norwegian Unix User Group Foundation): Grant towards the cost of AlaveteliCon, our conference for users of our FOI software.

OSF (Open Society Foundations London Community Fund): Grant to make improvements to TheyWorkForYou.com to make it easier for more people to participate in democracy, with a particular focus on citizens and civil society groups in London.

Power to Change Trust Grant towards the development and piloting of an online open directory of community assets - “Keep It In The Community”.

Reach Fund (Access - The Foundation for Social Investment): Two separate grants - both with a focus on investment readiness (we have been seeking loan funding from the Charities Aid Foundation to provide us with working capital to develop the FixMyStreet Pro business).

TheyWorkForYou crowdfunder Proceeds of a crowdfunder we ran in November/December 2019 to raise money to keep TheyWorkForYou.com running.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/theyworkforyou>

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20. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative	Restated at 1 April 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Restated at 31 March 2019 £
Restricted funds					
Columbia University	79,605	7,250	(79,946)	-	6,909
The Democratic Society	-	116,081	(64,926)	-	51,155
Indigo Trust	-	40,000	(40,000)	-	-
The Legal Education Foundation	-	20,000	(16,700)	-	3,300
MacArthur	6,468	-	(6,468)	-	-
OSF	-	18,948	(16,105)	-	2,843
Power to Change Trust	9,991	35,000	(44,574)	-	417
Wikimedia	9,785	-	(9,785)	-	-
Sefton	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-
Google	-	12,750	(12,750)	-	-
Total restricted funds	125,849	250,029	(311,254)	-	64,624
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	113,122	2,022,276	(1,739,251)	-	396,147
Total unrestricted funds	113,122	2,022,276	(1,739,251)	-	396,147
Total funds	238,971	2,272,305	(2,050,505)	-	460,771

21. Operating lease commitments

The group and charity had operating leases at the year end with total future minimum lease payments as follows:

	Group and charity	
	2020 £	Restated 2019 £
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	13,829	17,184
Within 1 - 5 years	360	8,960
	14,189	26,144

22. Related party transactions

mySociety has a wholly owned subsidiary SocietyWorks Ltd, a company limited by shares (company no. 05798215). At 31 March 2020, mySociety owed SocietyWorks Ltd £22,978 (2019: £1,510 owed from Societyworks Ltd to mySociety).

There were no other related party transactions in the current or prior reporting period.

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23. Prior period restatements

Deferred income

Following a change of accounting policy to recognise grant income upon receipt, an adjustment has been made to reverse income deferred in prior periods. This has had the following effect:

	The group 2019 £	The charity 2019 £
Total deferred income per original accounts:	501,812	384,796
Reversal of grant income in 2019:	(368,361)	(368,361)
Reclassifications of taxation and other creditors:	<u>(16,435)</u>	<u>(16,435)</u>
Total deferred income after restatement (comprise correctly deferred contract income in subsidiary only):	<u>117,016</u>	<u>-</u>

Funds carried forward

Due to the reversal of deferred income balances in periods prior to 2019, the carried forward fund balances have also been restated, as follows:

	The group 2019 £	The group 2018 £	The charity 2019 £	The charity 2018 £
Total funds carried forward per original accounts:	92,409	(1,025)	91,758	22,122
Reversals of deferrals in periods prior to 2019:	239,996	239,996	239,996	239,996
Net effect of reversal of deferred income in 2019:	<u>128,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,366</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds carried forward after restatement:	<u><u>460,771</u></u>	<u><u>238,971</u></u>	<u><u>460,119</u></u>	<u><u>262,117</u></u>

Income

Total income recognised in 2019 has therefore been affected as follows:

	The group 2019 £	The charity 2019 £
Total donations income recognised per original accounts:	1,183,219	1,233,219
Add reversal of grant income for 2019:	368,361	368,361
Less amounts recognised in a previous period:	<u>(239,996)</u>	<u>(239,996)</u>
Total donations income after restatement:	<u>1,311,585</u>	<u>1,361,585</u>

Net expenditure has not been affected, though reclassifications within expenditure have been made in order to more comprehensively describe the charitable company's activities. The reallocations of support and governance costs have also been adjusted to allocate these on a direct cost basis.

Other than those listed above, there have been no changes to the values of assets and liabilities.

Other figures have been restated for classification only. £60,100 of income from sponsorships has been moved from income from charitable activities to income from other trading activities.

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24. Post balance sheet events

In June 2020, the charitable company's name was changed from UK Citizens Online Democracy ('UKCOD') to mySociety. The subsidiary's name was changed from mySociety Limited to SocietyWorks Ltd in March 2020.