

Company no. 3277032  
Charity no. 1076346

**mySociety**  
**Report and Audited Financial Statements**  
**31 March 2022**

## mySociety

### Reference and administrative details

**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

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**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:

A Adewunmi	appointed 1 April 2021
A Brown	
C Brown	
A J H Burton	
J P I Flowers	resigned 2 December 2021
T Hunt	resigned 9 December 2021
J A F Keutgen	
R E Rank	
C Ross	appointed 1 April 2021
S Skelton	appointed 1 April 2021

**Bankers** Lloyds Bank  
27-31 White Hart Street  
High Wycombe  
HP11 2HL

**Auditors** Godfrey Wilson Limited  
Chartered accountants and statutory auditors  
5th Floor Mariner House  
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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 2019).

#### **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 four-year terms, and may be reappointed for one further four-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;
- 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 around 30 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 uses its UK websites and the international websites it supports to undertake active research to explore what is effective in delivering on this mission.

In November 2021 we launched our new strategy, all about the shifts we need to make in how we work, and why we think that, as a society, we need to repower democracy. As part of this thinking, we defined our *why*, *how* and *what*:

*Why*: We believe people can and want to work together to build a fairer society – the web can help do this at scale.

*How*: Our role is to repower democracy: using our digital and data skills to put more power in more people’s hands.

*What*: We work in partnership with people, communities and institutions to harness digital technology in service of civic participation.

In order to do this, over the next several years we will:

- Seek to evolve our portfolio of existing services to become hubs of motivated and empowered community building and action; develop new models of action to directly address the most urgent crises facing society; and expand the ways we operate, bringing in new skills and expertise beyond our core tech, delivery and research staff;
- Look to adopt a model where we spend more time enabling participation and collaboration between people, communities and institutions — increasing participation and prising open institutions;
- Increasingly seek to support others to deliver more meaningful impact with our help; adopting our shared technology and open approach, convening and enabling new communities of practice; and
- Help people understand and influence how decisions are made; not just provide better tools by which to choose and challenge politicians.

##### 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, SocietyWorks Ltd, 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.

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##### **Achievements and performance**

Our work is organised under four interlinked practice areas, all underpinned by research and sector-building:

- Democracy;
- Transparency;
- Community; and
- Climate.

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

In 2021/22, mySociety's 31 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 services FixMyStreet.com, TheyWorkForYou.com, WhatDoTheyKnow.com and the Climate Action Plan Explorer; by supporting the work of local organisations in over 40 countries worldwide; and by researching the efficacy and impact of digital tools on government accountability, transparency and citizen engagement.

##### **Democracy**

Our UK parliament monitoring site TheyWorkForYou saw over 7.5 million visits in 2021/22. Peaks in traffic reflected major news events, including the murder of David Amess MP on 15th October, and the debate and vote on MP Standards (including Owen Paterson MP's conduct) on 4th November. WriteToThem saw over 2.7 million visits, and over 183,000 emails sent. The highest daily numbers of visits similarly coincided with big events in the news: the start of COP26, where Boris Johnson sat next to Sir David Attenborough and didn't wear a face mask (3rd November), and the end of COP26 and the taxi explosion outside Liverpool Women's hospital (15th November).

To inform our ongoing work around TheyWorkForYou, we worked with Opinium to ask the public some questions. The polling showed that 62% of the public think parties should be public with how they instruct their MPs to vote; 55% of the public think MPs are personally responsible for their vote, regardless of party instruction; and most people are undecided on whether the fact that an MP was elected on a party manifesto means they should follow party instructions.

##### **Transparency**

Our Freedom of Information (FOI) platform WhatDoTheyKnow.com makes it easier for people to access information from public authorities in the UK. In 2021/22 around 105,000 FOI requests were sent via the site - a 17% increase on the previous year. We launched two new FOI tools: support for users to challenge a refused FOI request (with support from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust), and the Projects feature that enables journalists, researchers and campaigners gathering large quantities of data through FOI requests to use volunteers to crowdsource the extraction of data. In an effort to make our own work more transparent, we published our first WhatDoTheyKnow moderation report, detailing the requests reported for admin attention, the actions taken - such as removing or hiding requests - and the reasons why.

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Working with local partners, and with support from Adessium Foundation and Swedish Postcode Foundation, we launched three new FOI platforms - arthro5a.gr, iastatullaintrebari.ro and askgov.ge - giving online access to information for the citizens of Greece, Romania and Georgia respectively. We added the Pro package (for professional FOI users such as journalists) to the imamopravoznati.org platform in Croatia and kimitud.atlatszo.hu in Hungary. A great example of this growing network of FOI platforms being put to good use is the Lost in Europe continent-wide investigation into young migrants who go missing at the border, which involved submitting FOI requests to authorities across Europe via the platforms.

mySociety's research team has presented evidence-based arguments for improving the way FOI is handled in the UK, including in our Reforming Freedom of Information report launched in April 2021, our submission to the PACAC inquiry into the Cabinet Office's FOI 'clearing house', and our response to the government's plans for a new data protection framework. We argued that high quality FOI oversight is a cost-effective way of strengthening anti-corruption and good policymaking approaches: FOI regulators should be independent from government, have specialist knowledge of FOI, have the power to compel compliance, and have good quality statistics on the full workings of the FOI system.

#### **Climate**

With support from Quadrature Climate Foundation and the National Lottery Community Fund, we're working to help local councils and communities better tackle the climate emergency. In collaboration with Climate Emergency UK, we made significant improvements to the Climate Action Plan Explorer (CAPE) service at [data.climateemergency.uk](https://data.climateemergency.uk): the first site to collect UK council climate action plans in a single database. By extracting the headline pledges and carbon zero target dates from councils' websites and plans, the site now enables users to compare councils' climate plans with their promises. We've dramatically improved the display of emissions data, to help people understand which sectors are responsible for the most emissions, and added information to help users understand which councils are responsible for what sort of climate action.

We also provided technical support to Climate Emergency UK for their Council Climate Plan Scorecards project, launched in January 2022, which assesses every UK council's climate action plan against several criteria of excellence. This is a significant step forward in terms of structured, accessible and comparative information on what councils are doing well, and where there is room for improvement. The CAPE and Scorecards sites are already proving to be valuable tools both for citizens and campaigners, and for councils seeking to use the data to learn from other councils and improve their planned climate action.

The Climate team participated in and presented at a range of events to raise awareness among the people and groups who could benefit from our work. This included events at the COP26 Climate Law and Governance Day and the People's Summit for Climate Justice hosted by the COP26 Coalition.

#### **Community**

In 2021 we completed work on the FixMyBlock website, which had been enabled by a grant from the Legal Education Foundation, and handed over the site's ongoing operation to information and advocacy group Tower Blocks UK. Under their stewardship, the site will continue to help social housing tenants get problems resolved, and provide advice and tools for advocacy and activism around fire safety and disrepair.

We did not receive any new funding for work in our Community practice area.

**TICTeC**

While health and travel restrictions meant that we were again unable to hold our annual TICTeC conference in person, throughout 2021 mySociety hosted a number of short and lively Show & Tell events. The topics covered ranged from lessons learned from online deliberation projects, to empowering communities using geospatial technology, to an exploration of the use and impacts of FOI across Europe.

In 2021/22 we launched the new TICTeC Labs programme, with support from the National Endowment for Democracy. The programme convenes the global civic tech sector in a series of ‘surgeries’ to identify challenges facing the sector and discuss potential steps forward. Working groups are then created to commission solutions, with grant funding available for those who build the identified solutions. So far, we’ve explored how civic tech can work effectively with public and private institutions; how to ensure civic tech is accessible; and how to overcome barriers to accessing good data.

**Financial review**

Total Group income in 2021/22 was £1.864m, a decrease of 5% from the £1.966m received in 2020/21. Significantly, the profile of grant income changed, with £0.805m income received from restricted grants, 93% increase on the £0.417m received in 2020/21; and £0.033m unrestricted grant income received in 2021/22 (2020/21: £0.422m). This is reflective of the changing landscape of grant funding, with unrestricted grant funding proving more difficult to secure.

Income from other trading activities decreased by 6% to £0.955m (2020/21: £1.016m). Underlying these figures is £0.955m income from core product sales, an increase of 17% against the prior year (2020/21: £0.813m); and negligible income from one-off work for hire contracts (2020/21: £0.203m).

Total expenditure in 2021/22 was £2.116m, an increase of 42% from £1.487m in 2020/21. This increase represents significant investment in additional staff roles on the funded climate programme; as well as additional investment in marketing, account management, and finance and commercial resourcing to support a period of organisational stabilisation, and enable future growth.

2021/22 saw a net deficit outturn of £0.253m, a decrease on the £0.480m surplus reported in 2020/21. The significant reduction in year-on-year net income represents the combination of the increase in investment in staff roles across our climate funded programme, as well as investment in roles to support stabilisation and future growth; as well as not securing unrestricted grant income in the charity, and the change of income profile in the trading subsidiary with the strategic decision to move away from work for hire projects to focus mainly on core product sales and delivery. The deficit outturn for the financial year was funded through reserves. Our closing reserves at the year end totalled £0.434m made up of unrestricted reserves of £0.400m and restricted reserves of £0.034m.

mySociety's major charitable supporters in 2021/22 have included:

- Quadrature Climate Foundation and National Lottery Community Fund, which together fund our Climate programme;
- Adessium Foundation and Swedish Postcode Foundation, supporting our FOI work in the UK and Europe; and
- National Endowment for Democracy, supporting our TICTeC Labs programme.

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A number of other funders supported specific projects which mySociety would otherwise have been unable to undertake. These include:

- The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, enabling the development of the CAPE service with a focus on the needs of councils and government; and
- The Legal Education Foundation, which continued to fund our work with Tower Blocks UK on an online platform to empower high rise residents.

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

mySociety's commercial subsidiary, SocietyWorks Ltd, 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 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.

In 2021/22, SocietyWorks Ltd generated a net profit of £0.021m (2020/21: £0.346m) which has contributed to reducing the net deficit of mySociety for the year. In spite of an increase in core product income in the 2021/22, the reduction in year-on-year net profit is explained by a number of factors: exceptional work for hire income projects in 2020/21; the impact of accounting recognition of intangible assets, with investment in capitalised development work more significant in 2021/22; and increased investment in 2021/22 in relation to additional staff roles, marketing and advertising to enable future business growth.

#### Going concern

The trustees 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 £0.401m;
- The charity's key funders for 2021/22 are committed to providing grant payments of £0.812m in the new financial year;
- The trading subsidiary has £0.776m of forward commitments from commercial customers to be recognised in the 2022/23 financial year; and
- 66% of income against the group's budgeted expenditure for the upcoming 12 months is secured.

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 the 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. Quarterly financial reforecasts will be prepared to ensure timely information is available to support critical decision making.



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(2) Risk: Loss of key staff

Mitigation: Skill sharing across team to ensure that there is no organisational dependency on a single individual. Close line management to identify and address staff concerns. Open culture, focus on limiting working hours, flexible approach to working. Health, Safety & Wellbeing project, and Rewards & Benefits project, now underway.

(3) Risk: Legal action against WhatDoTheyKnow

Mitigation: Legal mailing list exists to discuss and address any issues raised. A Service Manager was appointed in 2021/22 to support tracking of and escalation of specific risky issues and deadlines.

(4) Risk: Climate emergency

Mitigation: Developing strategy and opportunities around democracy and climate change as an area of positive contribution.

(5) Risk: Disaster Recovery Procedures (DR) are complex and may result in loss of up to 24 hours of data

Mitigation: We tested DR process for FMS in Q4 2019. We have a broad plan in place that can be followed. We are currently reviewing these plans in order to make them more effective. The server migration work that was completed in Q1 2022/23 should make this work easier.

#### Reserves policy

mySociety aims to have sufficient free, unrestricted cash to cover three to six months of the group's unrestricted operational costs.

At 31 March 2022, three to six months unrestricted operational costs are estimated at £0.395m-£0.790m. Unrestricted reserves held at the year end totalled £0.400m, which is within the parameters of the reserves policy.

mySociety has established a separate designated reserves fund which represents a cash fund to be used if a worst case scenario emerged and the charity had to be closed down. These funds would be used to support an orderly close down in this event. These monies are set aside in a ring-fenced bank account, requiring trustee approval to use. At the end of the financial year this designated reserves fund stood at £0.240m (2020/21: £0.180m).

#### Plans for future periods

In November 2021 we launched our new strategy, all about the shifts we need to make in how we work, and why we think that, as a society, we need to repower democracy. We have identified high level aims (see page 3) that will be developed over the next year into a set of tangible objectives and outcomes, alongside a robust theory of change. We recognise that our strategic positioning is critical in the current environmental context, where we are living in a time of overlapping crises: a crisis of the climate, fuelled by a crisis of democracy.

In the next financial year, we will be revisiting the strategic direction of the commercial subsidiary, SocietyWorks Ltd. 2022/23 will be a year that focuses on consolidation and strengthening of organisational foundations to ensure we have a secure base to enable business growth as well as alignment with the charitable purposes for greater impact in future years.

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##### **Fundraising**

mySociety solicits donations from the public only via its website, and does not engage in any follow-up activity with individual 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.

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.

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**Auditors**

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-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 22 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by

*Amanda Brown*

A. Brown  
Trustee

*catherine brown*

C. Brown  
Chair

## **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 2022 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 2022 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**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **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.

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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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The procedures we carried out and the extent to which they are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, are detailed below:

(1) We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, and assessed the risk of non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Throughout the audit, we remained alert to possible indications of non-compliance.

(2) We reviewed the charity's policies and procedures in relation to:

- Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations, and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risk of fraud, and whether they were aware of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
- Designing and implementing internal controls to mitigate the risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud.

(3) We inspected the minutes of trustee meetings.

(4) We enquired about any non-routine communication with regulators and reviewed any reports made to them.

(5) We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and assessed their compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

(6) We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected transactions or balances that may indicate a risk of material fraud or error.

(7) We assessed the risk of fraud through management override of controls and carried out procedures to address this risk. Our procedures included:

- Testing the appropriateness of journal entries;
- Assessing judgements and accounting estimates for potential bias;
- Reviewing related party transactions; and
- Testing transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. Irregularities that arise due to fraud can be even harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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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](http://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.

*Alison Godfrey*

Date: 26 September 2022

**Alison Godfrey FCA**  
**(Senior Statutory Auditor)**

For and on behalf of:

**GODFREY WILSON LIMITED**

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

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**Consolidated statement of financial activities** (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

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	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	3	805,284	74,364	<b>879,648</b>	883,106
Charitable activities	4	-	29,172	<b>29,172</b>	65,529
Other trading activities	5	-	954,720	<b>954,720</b>	1,016,050
Investments		-	70	<b>70</b>	82
Other		-	-	-	1,428
<b>Total income</b>		<u>805,284</u>	<u>1,058,326</u>	<u><b>1,863,610</b></u>	<u>1,966,195</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds: raising charitable donations		-	90,281	<b>90,281</b>	84,050
Raising funds: trading activity		-	933,456	<b>933,456</b>	670,501
Charitable activities		<u>827,167</u>	<u>265,254</u>	<u><b>1,092,421</b></u>	<u>732,040</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	7	<u>827,167</u>	<u>1,288,991</u>	<u><b>2,116,158</b></u>	<u>1,486,591</u>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds</b>	9	(21,883)	(230,665)	<b>(252,548)</b>	479,604
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>55,744</u>	<u>630,836</u>	<u><b>686,580</b></u>	<u>206,976</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>33,861</u></u>	<u><u>400,171</u></u>	<u><u><b>434,032</b></u></u>	<u><u>686,580</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 21 to the accounts.



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Consolidated balance sheets

As at 31 March 2022

	Note	The group 2022 £	The group 2021 £	The charity 2022 £	The charity 2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12	22,304	8,262	22,304	8,262
Intangible assets	13	105,880	94,498	-	-
Investments	14	-	-	1	1
		<u>128,184</u>	<u>102,760</u>	<u>22,305</u>	<u>8,263</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	17	220,291	241,670	110,835	374,053
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>602,469</u>	<u>699,865</u>	<u>438,877</u>	<u>317,423</u>
		<b>822,760</b>	941,535	<b>549,712</b>	691,476
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	18	<u>(516,912)</u>	<u>(357,715)</u>	<u>(140,740)</u>	<u>(15,913)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>305,848</u>	<u>583,820</u>	<u>408,972</u>	<u>675,563</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	20	<u>434,032</u>	<u>686,580</u>	<u>431,277</u>	<u>683,825</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted funds	21	33,861	55,744	33,861	55,744
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds		240,021	180,004	240,021	180,004
General funds		<u>160,150</u>	<u>450,832</u>	<u>157,395</u>	<u>448,077</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>434,032</u>	<u>686,580</u>	<u>431,277</u>	<u>683,825</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 22 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by

*Amanda Brown*

*catherine brown*

A. Brown  
Trustee

C. Brown  
Chair

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Consolidated statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Cash used in operating activities:</b>		
Net movement in funds	(252,548)	479,604
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation charges	4,901	3,389
Amortisation charges	34,022	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(70)	(82)
Loss / (profit) on the sale of fixed assets	1,968	-
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	21,379	(988)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	<u>159,197</u>	<u>66,057</u>
<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities</b>	<u>(31,151)</u>	<u>547,980</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	70	82
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	84	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(20,995)	(7,183)
Recognition of intangible fixed assets	<u>(45,404)</u>	<u>(94,498)</u>
<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities</b>	<u>(66,245)</u>	<u>(101,599)</u>
<b>Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<b>(97,396)</b>	446,381
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<u>699,865</u>	<u>253,484</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<u><b>602,469</b></u>	<u>699,865</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 2019) - (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 not presented because the charitable company has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

**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 and the level of unrestricted, general reserves held at 31 March 2022. The charity also has significant confirmed unrestricted funding for the year ended 31 March 2023. 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.

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.

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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**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.

**i) Grants payable**

Grants payable are recognised as expenditure on the earlier of a) when the charity has a present obligation to transfer resources; and b) when the charity ceases to control the resource (e.g. via transferring funds to the grant recipient).

**j) 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:

	2022	2021
Raising funds: raising charitable donations	7.6%	10.3%
Charitable activities	92.4%	89.7%

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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**k) 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 - 5 years straight line basis
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**l) Intangible fixed assets**

Product development expenditure is capitalised only if the expenditure can be measured reliably, the product or process is technically feasible, future economic benefits are probable and the company intends to and has sufficient resources to complete development and to use or sell the asset. Otherwise, it is recognised in the profit and loss account as incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, product development is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of intangible assets over the estimated period that economic benefit attributable to the asset is expected to flow to the company. The amortisation rates in use are as follows:

Software development	3 years straight line basis
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**m) Investments**

Investments in subsidiaries are held at cost less impairment.

**n) 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.

**o) 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.

**p) 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.

**q) 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.

**r) 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)**

**s) 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.

**t) 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 1k 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.

**Amortisation**

As described in note 1l to the financial statements, amortisation 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 £12,089 (2021: £3,075).

## Notes to the financial statements

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## 2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations	417,143	465,963	<b>883,106</b>
Charitable activities	-	65,529	<b>65,529</b>
Other trading activities	-	1,016,050	<b>1,016,050</b>
Investments	-	82	<b>82</b>
Other income	-	1,428	<b>1,428</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>417,143</b>	<b>1,549,052</b>	<b>1,966,195</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds: raising charitable donations	-	84,050	<b>84,050</b>
Raising funds: trading activity	-	670,501	<b>670,501</b>
Charitable activities	432,829	299,211	<b>732,040</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>432,829</b>	<b>1,053,762</b>	<b>1,486,591</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds</b>	<b>(15,686)</b>	<b>495,290</b>	<b>479,604</b>

## 3. Income from donations

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total £
Quadrature	367,000	33,000	<b>400,000</b>
Swedish Postcode Foundation	116,679	-	<b>116,679</b>
The National Lottery Community Fund	88,552	-	<b>88,552</b>
Columbia University	78,064	-	<b>78,064</b>
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	50,000	-	<b>50,000</b>
Adessium Foundation	42,046	-	<b>42,046</b>
National Endowment for Democracy	37,943	-	<b>37,943</b>
J and H Cross	25,000	-	<b>25,000</b>
Other donations	-	41,364	<b>41,364</b>
<b>Total income from donations</b>	<b>805,284</b>	<b>74,364</b>	<b>879,648</b>

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**3. Income from donations (continued)****Prior period comparative**

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £
Adessium Foundation	157,880	-	157,880
Columbia University	71,703	-	71,703
The Legal Education Foundation	90,000	-	90,000
The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	56,560	-	56,560
Nesta Future News Fund	41,000	-	41,000
The Paragon Trust	-	733	733
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	-	100,000	100,000
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	-	320,892	320,892
Other donations	-	44,338	44,338
<b>Total income from donations</b>	<b>417,143</b>	<b>465,963</b>	<b>883,106</b>

**4. Income from charitable activities**

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Charitable consultancy	-	29,172	29,172	65,529
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,172</b>	<b>29,172</b>	<b>65,529</b>

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

**5. Income from other trading activities**

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Sale of software and IT consultancy	-	954,720	954,720	1,016,050
<b>Total other trading activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>954,720</b>	<b>954,720</b>	<b>1,016,050</b>

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

**6. Government grants**

The charitable company receives a government grant, defined as funding from The National Lottery Community Fund to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the year ending 31 March 2022 was £88,552 (2021: £Nil). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in the current or prior year.



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## 7. Total expenditure

	Raising funds: raising charitable donations £	Raising funds: trading activity £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2022 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	68,047	796,815	749,148	171,063	1,785,073
Servers and subscriptions	-	31,638	32,573	-	64,211
Team meetings and retreats	-	10,806	-	11,962	22,768
Legal, financial and insurance	-	9,490	-	18,931	28,421
General administration costs	-	4,363	-	13,091	17,454
Recruitment	-	-	-	29,395	29,395
Partner payments (note 8)	-	-	67,995	-	67,995
UK travel and subsistence	-	4,290	-	-	4,290
Desk rentals and meeting rooms	-	5,093	-	5,377	10,470
Amortisation	-	34,022	-	-	34,022
Depreciation	-	-	-	4,901	4,901
Training	-	-	-	6,075	6,075
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	1,968	1,968
Marketing	2,176	36,939	-	-	39,115
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>70,223</b>	<b>933,456</b>	<b>849,716</b>	<b>262,763</b>	<b>2,116,158</b>
Allocation of support and governance costs	20,058	-	242,705	(262,763)	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>90,281</b>	<b>933,456</b>	<b>1,092,421</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,116,158</b>

## Prior period comparative:

	Raising funds: raising charitable donations £	Raising funds: trading activity £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2021 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	68,714	617,909	517,458	113,400	1,317,481
Servers and subscriptions	-	24,493	21,621	-	46,114
Team meetings and retreats	-	3,391	-	3,391	6,782
Legal, financial and insurance	-	7,479	-	12,156	19,635
General administration costs	-	1,691	-	6,786	8,477
Partner payments (note 8)	-	-	63,013	-	63,013
TICTeC and TICTeC local events	-	-	(3,620)	-	(3,620)
UK travel and subsistence	-	99	-	98	197
Desk rentals and meeting rooms	-	3,957	-	3,957	7,914
Depreciation	-	-	-	3,389	3,389
Training	-	-	-	5,727	5,727
Marketing	-	11,482	-	-	11,482
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>68,714</b>	<b>670,501</b>	<b>598,472</b>	<b>148,904</b>	<b>1,486,591</b>
Allocation of support and governance costs	15,336	-	133,568	(148,904)	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>84,050</b>	<b>670,501</b>	<b>732,040</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,486,591</b>

Total governance costs were £10,440 (2021: £9,660).

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**8. Grants payable**

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Climate Emergency UK Ltd	<b>56,000</b>	-
Vouliwatch	<b>4,783</b>	-
GES Savjetovanje d.o.o	<b>1,000</b>	-
Shift Foundation	-	50,010
Association Open Knowledge Foundation France ('OKF France')	-	4,048
Informace pro Všechny, o.s.	-	2,273
Orrudden Konsult AB	-	1,883
Liset Hamming	-	1,500
Other grants payable <£1,000	<b>6,212</b>	3,299
	<b><u>67,995</u></b>	<b><u>63,013</u></b>

No grants were paid to individuals in the current or prior period, and no support costs have been allocated to grant-making activities.

**9. Net movement in funds**

This is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amortisation	<b>34,022</b>	-
Depreciation	<b>4,901</b>	3,389
Trustees' remuneration	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	<b>367</b>	Nil
Foreign exchange gains / (losses)	-	1,428
Auditors' remuneration:		
▪ Statutory audit (including VAT)	<b>9,720</b>	9,360
▪ Other services (including VAT)	<b>720</b>	300
	<b><u>9,720</u></b>	<b><u>9,360</u></b>

Trustees' reimbursed expenses comprised payments to 3 trustees for travel costs.

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**10. Staff costs and numbers**

Staff costs were as follows:	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	<b>1,583,345</b>	1,232,511
Social security costs	<b>177,560</b>	145,665
Pension costs	<b>32,330</b>	25,936
Contractors	<b>37,242</b>	7,867
Less: capitalised product development within SocietyWorks Ltd	<b><u>(45,404)</u></b>	<u>(94,498)</u>
	<b><u>1,785,073</u></b>	<u>1,317,481</u>

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

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	No.	No.
£60,001 to £65,000	<b>3</b>	1
£65,001 to £70,000	<b>2</b>	2
£70,001 to £75,000	<b>1</b>	2
£75,001 to £80,000	<b>1</b>	-
£80,001 to £85,000	<b>1</b>	-
£85,001 to £90,000	<b>1</b>	1
£145,001 to £150,000	<b><u>1</u></b>	<u>-</u>

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 £151,064 (2021: 99,765).

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	No.	No.
Average number of employees (full-time equivalent)	<b><u>31</u></b>	<u>25</u>

Redundancy and termination payments relating to three employees amount to £35,473 for the year. Payments of £13,250 were made during the year with a further amount of £22,223 owed as of 31 March 2022.

**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 £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2021	14,844
Additions in year	20,995
Disposals in year	<u>(4,687)</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>31,152</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 April 2021	6,582
Charge for the year	4,901
On disposal	<u>(2,635)</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>8,848</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<u><u>22,304</u></u>
At 31 March 2021	<u><u>8,262</u></u>

## 13. Intangible fixed assets

	Software development £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2021	94,498
Additions in year	<u>45,404</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>139,902</u>
<b>Amortisation</b>	
At 1 April 2021	-
Charge for the year	<u>34,022</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>34,022</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<u><u>105,880</u></u>
At 31 March 2021	<u><u>94,498</u></u>

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## 14. Investments

	The group		The charity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Investment in subsidiary company	-	-	1	1

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 15).

## 15. Subsidiary undertakings

*SocietyWorks Ltd*

SocietyWorks Ltd (company number 05798215) is a wholly owned trading subsidiary of mySociety. It trades in software and IT consultancy.

	2022	Restated 2021
	£	£
Turnover	954,720	1,016,050
Cost of sales	<u>(691,410)</u>	<u>(520,188)</u>
Gross profit	263,310	495,862
Administrative expenses	<u>(242,046)</u>	<u>(150,313)</u>
Profit on ordinary activities	21,264	345,549
Corporation tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit for financial year after taxation	<u>21,264</u>	<u>345,549</u>
<i>Changes in equity</i>		
Total retained profit brought forward	2,755	2,755
Total comprehensive income for the year	21,264	345,549
Gift aid distribution to parent charity	<u>(21,264)</u>	<u>(345,549)</u>
<b>Total retained profit carried forward</b>	<u>2,755</u>	<u>2,755</u>

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Assets	459,021	709,741
Liabilities	<u>(456,265)</u>	<u>(706,985)</u>
Funds	<u>2,756</u>	<u>2,756</u>

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**16. Parent charity**

The parent charity's gross income and results for the year are disclosed as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
Gross income	<b>930,154</b>	1,295,693
Results for the year	<b><u>(252,548)</u></b>	<u>479,604</u>

**17. Debtors**

	<b>The group</b>		<b>The charity</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	2021	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	<b>185,140</b>	229,725	<b>16,000</b>	-
Accrued Income	<b>12,089</b>	3,075	-	-
Prepayments	<b>14,211</b>	4,782	<b>5,891</b>	4,782
Amounts owing by group undertakings	-	-	<b>80,093</b>	365,183
Other debtors	<b>8,851</b>	4,088	<b>8,851</b>	4,088
	<b><u>220,291</u></b>	<u>241,670</u>	<b><u>110,835</u></b>	<u>374,053</u>

**18. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year**

	<b>The group</b>		<b>The charity</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	2021	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	<b>8,845</b>	-	<b>8,845</b>	-
Accruals	<b>70,166</b>	9,180	<b>66,416</b>	6,780
Other taxation and social security	<b>106,562</b>	75,199	<b>55,566</b>	1,412
Other creditors	<b>9,913</b>	7,721	<b>9,913</b>	7,721
Deferred income (see note 19)	<b>321,426</b>	265,615	-	-
	<b><u>516,912</u></b>	<u>357,715</u>	<b><u>140,740</u></b>	<u>15,913</u>

**19. Deferred income**

	<b>The group</b>		<b>The charity</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	2021	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2021	<b>265,615</b>	212,204	-	-
Deferred during the year	<b>321,426</b>	265,615	-	-
Released during the year	<b><u>(265,615)</u></b>	<u>(212,204)</u>	-	-
At 31 March 2022	<b><u>321,426</u></b>	<u>265,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Deferred income relates to contract income invoiced by SocietyWorks Ltd in advance of provision of services.

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## 20. Analysis of group net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	22,304	<b>22,304</b>
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	105,880	<b>105,880</b>
Current assets	41,361	240,021	541,378	<b>822,760</b>
Current liabilities	(7,500)	-	(509,412)	<b>(516,912)</b>
<b>Net assets at 31 March 2022</b>	<b><u>33,861</u></b>	<b><u>240,021</u></b>	<b><u>160,150</u></b>	<b><u>434,032</u></b>
<b>Prior period comparative:</b>				
	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	8,262	<b>8,262</b>
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	94,498	<b>94,498</b>
Current assets	55,744	180,004	705,787	<b>941,535</b>
Current liabilities	-	-	(357,715)	<b>(357,715)</b>
<b>Net assets at 31 March 2021</b>	<b><u>55,744</u></b>	<b><u>180,004</u></b>	<b><u>450,832</u></b>	<b><u>686,580</u></b>

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## 21. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2022 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Adessium Foundation / Swedish Postcode Foundation	44,460	158,725	(203,185)	-	-
Alaveteli	-	25,000	-	-	25,000
BEIS	-	50,000	(50,000)	-	-
Columbia University	-	78,064	(77,835)	-	229
The Legal Education Foundation	11,284	-	(11,284)	-	-
National Endowment for Democracy Quadrature / National Lottery Community Foundation	-	37,943	(39,503)	-	(1,560)
	-	455,552	(445,360)	-	10,192
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>55,744</b>	<b>805,284</b>	<b>(827,167)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,861</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>Designated fund:</i> Reserve fund	180,004	-	-	60,017	240,021
General funds	450,832	1,058,326	(1,288,991)	(60,017)	160,150
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>630,836</b>	<b>1,058,326</b>	<b>(1,288,991)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>400,171</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>686,580</b>	<b>1,863,610</b>	<b>(2,116,158)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>434,032</b>

**Purposes of restricted funds**

**Adessium Foundation / Swedish Postcode 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.

**Alaveteli** Fund restricted to work on the open-source software for making freedom of information requests to public bodies.

**BEIS** Grant to enable the development of the council climate action plans service with a focus on the needs of councils and government stakeholders, resulting in a substantially improved service for these user groups.

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

**The Legal Education Foundation** Grant to fund collaboration with advocacy group Tower Blocks UK on an online tool to help residents address safety and maintenance concerns in their buildings.

**National Endowment for Democracy** Grant to promote learning, knowledge exchange, and collaboration among civic technology organisations to undertake effective, evidence-based, impactful work enhancing public participation, transparency, and accountability worldwide via TICTeC Surgeries and Action Labs.



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## 21. Movements in funds (continued)

**Purposes of restricted funds (continued)****Quadrature / National** Grants to accelerate local climate action through data and digital services.**Lottery Community  
Foundation****Funds in deficit**

The deficit arising on the National Endowment for Democracy restricted fund represents a recoverable overspend on the first installment of an 18-month grant.

**Purposes of designated funds****Reserve fund** A target level of unrestricted funds to enable mySociety to: cover emergency cash flow shortfalls; respond to an extraordinary event, campaign or project; or wind down the organisation in an orderly fashion should this become necessary.**Prior period comparative**

	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2021 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Adessium Foundation / Swedish Postcode Foundation	41,893	157,880	(155,313)	-	<b>44,460</b>
Columbia University	7,939	71,703	(79,642)	-	-
The Legal Education Foundation	-	90,000	(78,716)	-	<b>11,284</b>
Nesta Future News Fund	-	41,000	(41,000)	-	-
Power to Change Trust	21,598	-	(21,598)	-	-
The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	-	56,560	(56,560)	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>71,430</b>	<b>417,143</b>	<b>(432,829)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,744</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>Designated fund:</i> Reserve fund	-	-	-	180,004	<b>180,004</b>
General funds	135,546	1,549,052	(1,053,762)	(180,004)	<b>450,832</b>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>135,546</b>	<b>1,549,052</b>	<b>(1,053,762)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>630,836</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>206,976</b>	<b>1,966,195</b>	<b>(1,486,591)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>686,580</b>

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**22. Operating lease commitments**

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

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	<b>£</b>	£
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	-	360
Within 1 - 5 years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>360</u>

**23. Related party transactions**

mySociety has a wholly owned subsidiary SocietyWorks Ltd, a company limited by shares (company no. 05798215). At 31 March 2022, SocietyWorks Ltd owed mySociety £80,093 (2021: £365,183).

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