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FOR
THE BHOPAL MEDICAL APPEAL

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The BMA mission is: Caring for survivors of the world's worst industrial disaster and for people everywhere suffering from chemically caused illnesses.

The aim of the charity is to:

- Alleviate the suffering of people who were directly or indirectly affected by chemical disasters anywhere in the world and in particular, but not limited to, the city of Bhopal in India in the aftermath of the Union Carbide disaster of 3 December 1984 and other places in the world in such manner as the trustees think fit.

And in particular to:

-Support the Sambhavna clinic and other facilities in Bhopal which provide health, medical and nutritional approaches that alleviate the suffering of first and subsequent generations of gas-affected individuals and communities;

-Support research into major health and economic problems of affected communities, including the inter-generational health effects of the gas;

-Foster exchanges and relations with other individuals and communities who can benefit from, or input to, the work at Sambhavna Clinic;

-Raise awareness about the situation of communities in Bhopal and other communities suffering from the impacts of industrial pollution;

- Support efforts for adequate social, economic and environmental rehabilitation of affected communities in Bhopal, and also efforts to hold Union Carbide and owner Dow Chemical accountable for funding appropriate medical research, monitoring and long term care of victims, including those born after the 1984 disaster; and

- Build support for activities to alleviate suffering and prevent future disasters.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities.

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Grantmaking

The charity supports organisations in Bhopal which provide health and other support to those suffering as a result of the 1984 disaster. The charity does not consider or acknowledge unsolicited applications, but invites applications from relevant organisations in Bhopal, and others seeking to alleviate the suffering of communities exposed to chemical hazards. The procedure requires a short application indicating the work for which funding is requested along with the latest annual report and financial statements of the applicant. Once an application has been received, the grants panel will meet to review the request and make a decision, or request additional information, within four weeks. A short report of activities is requested at the end of the grant period, or at intervals during the grant period.

An estimated 120,000-150,000 survivors of the disaster are still chronically ill. Over 23,000 have died of exposure-related illnesses and more are dying still. Tens of thousands of children born after the disaster suffer from growth problems and far too many teenage women suffer from menstrual disorders. Tuberculosis is several times more prevalent in the gas-affected population and cancers of the lung, throat, mouth and abdomen are running at ten times national rates. The failure of the official system of health care contributes to the medical disaster in Bhopal. Government-sponsored research and monitoring of the long-term health effects of Union Carbide's gases was abandoned in 1994 and has been only partially and unsatisfactorily revived in recent years. Official research agencies have since reportedly lost nearly 80% of their original cohort, undermining long-term health monitoring. So far, no treatment protocols for symptom complexes associated with toxic exposure have been established and symptomatic treatment remains the mainstay of the medical response. The indiscriminate prescription of steroids, antibiotics and psychotropic drugs compounds the damage caused by gas exposure.

Sambhavna Trust

The BMA has a long-standing commitment to support the work of the Bhopal People's Health and Documentation Centre, run by the Sambhavna Trust in Bhopal. The Sambhavna Trust is a charity, whose trustees include eminent doctors, scientists, writers and social workers. Sambhavna has shown that it is possible to evolve simple, safe, effective, ethical and participatory ways of treatment monitoring and research for the survivors. Survivors are offered free medical care through modern medicine, ayurveda (an indigenous system of medicine based on herbs) and yoga. The staff numbers approximately 60 (among whom over 20 are survivors themselves) and includes: five physicians; an ophthalmologist; two yoga and two Panchakarma therapists; and a group of community health workers who carry out surveys, health education and community organisation for better health. Over 100 community volunteers also work with Sambhavna staff to improve public health measures within 20 communities and are thus effectively dealing with diagnostic, preventive and curative aspects of diseases and conditions such as TB, Malaria, Cervical and breast cancer, Anaemia, Menstrual irregularities and others. Sambhavna is small compared to the magnitude and complexity of the disaster, but its clinic provides efficacious treatment to many survivors, supporting them through health initiatives in communities close to the site of the old Union Carbide factory.

The BMA was unable to contribute to the running costs of the Sambhavna Trust in 2020 (2019 - £314,002) due to a temporary change in the Trust's FCRA status. The BMA will continue to build reserves sufficient to meet future grant requests by the Trust given the considered expectation that the Trust's FCRA certificate will be renewed in the near future.

Chingari Trust

This all-woman trust was begun by two award-winning women, themselves gas-affected. It works with women survivors of the disaster and with children suffering from health conditions such as congenital malformations and brain damage to hearing impairment. In 2008 it began a new initiative to provide a community-based rehabilitation centre for children born with disabilities to parents affected by gas and water-contamination in order to support the growth and development of these children. Chingari has found that the number of children with varied disabilities has been increasing exponentially in the gas and water-contaminated areas of Bhopal. In 2011 the work of the Rehabilitation Centre expanded significantly and Chingari is now providing a specialist centre with services targeted to meet the needs of children with different disabilities. The Centre is now able to treat approximately 190 children per day. In 2012, Chingari began a nutritional programme to ensure that all children attending the centre receive at least one square meal per day. It is creating awareness of the rights of disabled, training community based workers and promoting inclusive education for children who are currently unable or unlikely to access education.

The BMA contributed £143,141 to the running costs of Chingari Trust in 2020 (2019 - £139,224).

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Activities, Specific Objectives and Achievements

The charity undertakes a programme of raising awareness and building up funds to achieve its objectives of supporting organisations in Bhopal. These activities focus particularly on publicising needs in Bhopal and building up a large and loyal group of supporters.

Because work supported by the charity addresses a historical disaster, raising awareness of ongoing and contemporary issues in Bhopal communities is especially critical to the charity's aims and objectives. To this end, a significant part of the charity's overall investment in fundraising is utilised in public communications. Performance is measured according to both immediate and medium-term return on investment, recruitment of new supporters and impact upon general public awareness of the issues presented.

Many of the charity's other activities derive direct benefit from this general public awareness. The charity works to increase direct communication with members of the public in the form of exhibitions, public talks, engagement with supportive organisations and local events work. This activity aims to build on existing awareness, fundraise and recruit new supporters at minimal cost to the charity.

Ahead of the financial year, trustees evaluate the charity's overall financial performance, assess risks, review audited accounts and budget requests from supported organisations, set targets for the next 12 months and agree forecasts. Management accounts are assessed on a monthly basis and quarterly performance reviewed at trustee meetings. Trustees also decide upon medium and longer-term goals that inform strategic development of the charity's activities. For much of this year the Covid-19 pandemic had a pronounced impact upon the charity's ability to engage with the public. As per directions provided by the World Health Organization, The Bhopal Medical Appeal took the decision that staff would begin working remotely from Monday, March 16th. Nevertheless, the charity's activities included:

Advertising activities

Advertisements placed in the national and specialist press are written in a carefully informative manner by a knowledgeable and experienced consultant. The approach aims to convey detailed information about the history and current situation and needs in Bhopal, and the work being undertaken by the organisations supported by the BMA. This ensures that our role in raising awareness and concern goes hand-in-hand with fundraising activities.

Historically, income generated by national print press advertisements was sufficient to provide a large proportion of the charity's income and meet its expenditure in supporting organisations in Bhopal. The large decline in circulation figures over the last decade, as well as the large increase in expenditure in Bhopal, has reduced the direct fundraising importance of advertising but not its strategic importance to the charity's aims and objectives. The vast majority of the charity's exceedingly loyal group of existing supporters were drawn to the charity through print advertising.

In 2020 a one-page advertisement was carried in the Guardian (circulation of approximately 250,000). Outreach was extended through inserting fundraising and awareness raising inserts in a wide range of targeted publications including: Resurgence, Tablet, Catholic Herald, The Friend, Ethical Consumer, and Earth Matters.

Responses are assessed and adjustments in advertising and outreach made on the basis of both the level of donations and numbers of new donors reached. In 2020, national press advertising over the first half of the year generated an off-the-page return of £18,065 from 243 respondents, of which 164 were new to the charity. Post-campaign monitoring analyses data to reveal the revenue raised in donations and the breakdown between new and existing donors. True return on investment is measured over a number of years, though the charity typically expects off-the-page returns to be greater than the initial investment. The results demonstrate the continuing value of print advertising, even within a general context of decreasing print readership.

Supporter development

The charity works to maintain a personal link with its supporters, particularly those who wish to raise funds to contribute and heighten awareness of the problems. Many supporters raise funds on a regular basis, and others undertake great trials and testing activities to contribute to the work of the charity. The BMA always endeavours to stay in touch with supporters to thank them for their effort and commitment to the charity and to encourage further fundraising activities in the future.

Supporter mailings

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In 2020 the BMA mailed a booklet to supporters detailing a successful community program on Covid-19. Mailed in the winter, the booklet details how the 1984 gas disaster left behind multiple co-morbidities that make survivors at least five times more vulnerable to Covid-19. The booklet presents an action plan designed to monitor and suppress the spread of the virus. The plan has been developed in Bhopal by Sambhavna and Chingari but is able to be adapted by communities everywhere to protect themselves against Covid-19. Lacking the natural defences to fight the coronavirus, the personal safety of people in Bhopal depended on collective action. The method in the plan, the booklet demonstrates, is common sense based on best practice. It is meticulously organised but the magic is not in this or that idea or method. The magic is the people, it's the strong bond of trust between volunteers and people in the community they serve. In the 15 communities where the plan was at work, the first nine months saw just three cases and no deaths.

The mailing raised £88,955 in donations and approximately £2,659 in regular annual gifts from direct debits and standing orders. In addition to physical mailings, the BMA also produces an e-newsletter containing updates on the charity's work and general developments concerning Bhopal which is emailed to around 5,800 supporters each month.

Database development

The BMA finance officer liaises closely with the donor relations manager in order to continually improve the accuracy, flexibility and reporting capability of the database. In 2013, the BMA recruited a database fundraiser in order to develop strategic approaches to utilising the database. Responses to the summer 2015 mailing, which strategically targeted 'lapsed' supporters, enabled the charity to streamline the database, thereby saving on postage and printing costs in future direct mailings.

At the end of 2020, the database recorded that the BMA has registered approximately 22,952 supporters, with approximately 200 contacting the BMA for the first time in 2020.

Website

The charity's website has an in-house editor and is regularly updated with news stories, blogs and current information. The site generally receives an upsurge in visitors during times of public appeals or when news concerning Bhopal breaks in print or digital media. The BMA uses blogs, social media and networking sites such as Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and Flickr to reach a wider audience and encourage new supporters. Several of these social media platforms receive a substantial increase in interest and activity during the Bhopal anniversary period. In 2020, the BMA undertook to redesign the existing website. The new website will offer a simpler, clearer and more visual interface, with better overall accessibility to new and existing content. Content has been substantially added to throughout 2020, and the charity will finalise the redesign of the website in 2021.

Legacies

In Spring of 2011, the BMA wrote to supporters, introducing the idea of making a legacy commitment in the future. A number of supporters received follow up calls. The overall response was very positive, and led to a number of immediate donations, though it was anticipated that the true benefits of the legacy mailing would only be seen over time. The BMA received legacies totalling £87,238 in 2020.

In Memoriam Gifts

Generous gifts have also been sent to the charity 'in memoriam'. These are often given by a close relative of the deceased person in lieu of flowers at a funeral. Joseph Waring organised a collection for the BMA in lieu of flowers in memory of David Cluley, which raised £40. Graham Wadforth donated £250 on behalf of his late mother Edna Wadforth, a supporter of the charity. Jean Daruvala donated £50 in memory of Sarosh Daruvala. £300 was donated in memoriam of David Secker. Jane Ruhland donated £25 in memory of Anne Ruhland, who she said "felt very strongly about the injustice of the Bhopal poison gas cloud and the death and injury of so many innocent people". Caroline Barton sent £10 in memoriam of her father, GW Ridyard, a supporter of the charity. D Margett donated £100 in memory of his wife Valerie Margett, a supporter of the charity. Douglas Smyth donated £50 in honor of his friend Asif, whose father and mother both died of injuries due to the Bhopal disaster. Douglas met Asif during a visit to Bhopal in 2018.

Glastonbury Festival

In 2019 the charity continued its engagement with Glastonbury Festivals, sending our largest team (to date) of 130 volunteer recyclers/litter-pickers to help clean up the site every morning, over a 4-day period. Additional donations (£1,810) during the festival raised the total funds gained to £16,945. The 2020 pandemic caused the cancellation of the festival until further notice. The BMA aims to continue its engagement in 2022.

Running for Bhopal

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The charity has regularly benefited from supporters taking on the challenge of sponsored running. The BMA aims to ensure that fundraising runs remain regular events, consolidating or increasing the numbers of runners each year where possible. However the 2020 pandemic caused the cancellation of the Brighton Marathon until September 2021 notice. Many other running events were also impacted.

Shareholder resolutions

In the Autumn of 2013, the BMA worked in an advisory capacity with shareholders and investors of Dow Chemical and their advocates with the aim of raising concerns about the overall impact of Bhopal before the company's Annual General Meeting in 2014. The work revealed the impact of the Olympics campaign upon Dow Chemical, whose corporate brand rating has fallen 300% over the preceding five years. It was also revealed that Dow had lost, by its own reckoning, at least \$300 million through lost investment opportunities in India due to Bhopal campaigners. Arguing implausibly that Bhopal had had no "financial, operational or reputational impact" upon it, Dow successfully excluded the resolution from the proxy of its 2014 AGM, a move publicly criticised by co-filers Amnesty and Calvert Investments. The BMA continued to work in an advisory capacity with shareholders and investors of Dow Chemical to assist on a proposed shareholder resolution for the 2015 Dow Chemical AGM. However, once more Dow Chemical successfully argued for the resolution to be excluded from the proxy for its 2015 AGM. In response to a plan of merger announced by both companies in late 2015, in 2016 the BMA also supported efforts to inform shareholders and investors of both Dow Chemical and DuPont Nemours of pending liabilities deriving from the Bhopal disaster.

In 2017 the charity continued to advise shareholders and investors in DowDuPont in preparation of shareholder resolutions intended to be brought before the inaugural DowDuPont AGM. The work resulted in the presentation of three separate resolutions referencing Bhopal at the company's inaugural AGM, held in Chicago on Wednesday, April 25th, 2018. Voting demonstrated that DowDuPont shareowners holding almost \$50 billion worth of shares agreed that Company management is mishandling Bhopal. The basis of one proposal was that asset attachments orders and international injunctions - pending within civil and criminal cases on Bhopal - provided an imminent threat to DowDuPont. A full 38% of total shareholdings backed this proposal, which argued that that special meetings to address substantive issues could be called with a 10% vote share. The charity aims to continue with this advisory work in the future.

BMA Events

On the 2nd December, the charity hosted its first ever live webinar, entitled 'Bhopal's Endless Disaster in the Time of Covid-19', focusing on the plight of Bhopal gas survivors today. Speaking during the webinar were health workers operating on the front line in gas-affected neighbourhoods, as well as medical and technical experts. Viewers learned about the 1984 Bhopal Gas Disaster's unremitting impacts, why survivors are left gravely at-risk to the Covid-19 pandemic, and how their selfless efforts to protect each other by means of a demanding and dangerous 'community shield' program carries important lessons for every community.

The webinar was hosted by Bridget Hanna, a medical anthropologist and research specialist who studied the health impacts of the disaster for her doctoral degree. Joe Jackson, Managing Director of Keltbray Remediation, spoke about the ongoing toxic contamination at the site and a possible roadmap to remediation. Dr. Dr Sanjay Shrivastava of the Sambhavna clinic, spoke about long-term health impact of the disaster on survivors and common health conditions resulting from exposure. Matrushi Shetty, Director of Programs and Strategy at the Lung Cares Foundation, spoke about the high vulnerability of Bhopal gas survivors to Covid-19 due to gas exposure and suggested some steps that might be taken to help protect their health. Our final talk was from Tabassum Ara, Community Health Worker at Sambhavna, who spoke about the creation of the Community Shield Campaign, the steps being taken to safeguard survivors, and the current figures for infections and deaths in the areas where the work is taking place. A huge thank you to Bridget, all of our speakers, and everyone who joined us from around the world for making it such a special, informative event.

An exhibition of Bhopal photography to be held at Westminster Hall, postponed due to a clash with the General Election shutting down Parliamentary buildings in November 2020, was rescheduled for April 2020. The event was subsequently postponed due to the pandemic. The charity aims to revive the event in 2022.

Yoga For Bhopal

In spring 2016, supporter, yoga practitioner and author Meaghan Delahunt initiated an event in Edinburgh called Yoga for Bhopal in honour of the Sambhavna Clinic's yoga treatment programme, which has proven the health benefits of yoga for people suffering chronic diseases as a result of exposure to toxic chemicals. The charity supports the initiative's evolution with administrative and online promotional work.

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The Yoga for Bhopal programme continued again in 2020. The charity supplied yoga practitioners with a range of support materials including a pack of flyers, posters and promotion via the website, social media and monthly newsletter. In January Heather Williams sent a cheque for £150 for her December yoga event. Helen Clay of the Sheffield Iyengar Yoga Centre planned a yoga workshop to raise money for Sambhavna on International Women's Day, March 8th 2020, but the event was impacted by the pandemic. From September 21st-27th the charity held a 'Yoga for Bhopal Week'. Meaghan Delahunt, founder of Yoga for Bhopal, kindly provided a Yoga Nidra recording for use by supporters of the charity. Organiser Danny Cusack, instructor Marion Gilsean and the Red River Yoga studio in Navan, Ireland, held a Yoga for Bhopal Week Fundraiser on September 20th which raised €125. Neela Masani, the founder of Yoga Shanta in Sussex, also kindly provided us with a special Yoga Nidra audio recording. Neela also ran an online yoga nidra session as a fundraiser for Yoga for Bhopal Week. The session was a great success, raising more than £290 in total. A Yoga for Bhopal Zoom Workshop on October 16th held by Peter Blackaby, author of the book Intelligent Yoga, raised a incredible £1,600 for the Bhopal clinics!

Our thanks to all those who organised and participated in these inspiring events for their passion and enthusiasm. The charity intends to support more yoga-based events in the future.

Volunteers

The charity wishes to thank the volunteers who helped in generous and imaginative ways to raise awareness and funds for the BMA during 2020, even at times at the height of the pandemic. We are extremely proud and appreciative of all endeavours to help fund our work in Bhopal.

In January, long-term supporter and volunteer **Ian Jarvis**, a bodywork therapist, spent time working at the Chingari Rehabilitation Centre with physiotherapy staff. Ian reported in his own words: "I have been working all the time to date at Chingari, the clinic for children with congenital disabilities of any sort. In the Physiotherapy room are three physiotherapists, Sanjay, Huma and Rishi plus another working with the Occupational Therapists in another room. There is a similar number at the other clinic which is located quite close by. I have worked alongside Sanjay and his team before, I think in 2015. I see myself as a support to them, especially on busy days or when someone is taking a day or two break. Thus my workload is varied and I can never be certain which children I will work with. I most enjoy working with the older boys, I might call them 'young men' but there is mental capacity to consider as well, with whom I do hands-on therapy and supported exercises."

Ian worked with three of these 'young men', Abdullah, Manan and Khalid, reporting of the experience "It's unlikely that any of these three had the benefit of treatment as a baby. Chingari was founded only 15 years ago in 2004 and at that time there was a stigma around having a child with disability and often they would have been kept in the home all the time. That is one huge positive influence that Chingari has had with immeasurable social benefits. One thing I am appreciating with children is that you have to be inventive and flexible. Children have moods, just like all of us, and if he or she doesn't want to do an exercise 'today' it cannot be forced. There are a few hyper-active children and one child was wriggling so much we had to do completely inventive things which would also help his tissue and joints - and quickly, to keep him engaged. I needed to do this also with Khalid to ease his spine. There is no way I can lift him nor instruct him in an exercise so I quickly thought of a way I could give some movement that might help to release some at least of the stiffness. These then are just three of the many and varied examples of the long-term effects of that disaster back in 1984. None of these children was alive in 1984 and none had any responsibility for what happened yet they have been condemned to a life limited by it, or at least affected by it every day of their lives." Our gratitude to Ian for his care and dedication to those attending both Sambhavna and Chingari in Bhopal. More of Ian's reports can be seen and read on his 'Bhopal Today' social media channels.

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Fiona Case has been a supporter of the Bhopal Medical Appeal charity ever since it began in 1994. In addition to running regular fundraisers for the charity, along with her husband Michael, Fiona is also our coordinator for the litter picking team at the Glastonbury festival each year, raising thousands of pounds for the charity annually. Together with her magnificent family and friends, and the support of Glastonbury Festival, Fiona has been responsible for raising the astonishing total of £142,000! Across all of the years Fiona has been supporting Sambhavna and Chingari she had never seen them with her own eyes. In her own words, "I had never been to Bhopal for financial reasons as well as ethical - if I'd had the money wouldn't it be better to give it to the charity?" But in 2019, during a significant birthday, Fiona's husband Michael persuaded family and friends to donate to a fund for Fiona to travel to Bhopal for the first time. And so Fiona spent the end of 2019 and the beginning of 2020 in Bhopal, visiting both clinics and being part of New Year celebrations with staff and children at Chingari. Reflecting on her trip, Fiona says, "The one lesson I have learned from Bhopal is that hope, kindness and generosity are more important than anything else in the world. My sincere thanks again to everyone who has supported the people of Bhopal over the years, and who gave me the glorious opportunity of seeing the results myself." We are delighted that Fiona has at last been able to see the work her truly extraordinary support has made possible. It is difficult to put into words our gratitude for Fiona's passionate commitment to the Bhopal survivors, which shows no sign of tiring. Fiona donated money leftover from her trip to the charity, and in September raised over £200 during a Pilton 'Jumble Trail' event, taking her contribution over the year past £1,000. Our thanks can never be enough.

In January, **Quaker groups in Ludlow and St Albans** held collections for the charity, raising £466 in total. On February 22nd **Dominic Welham**, a GCSE student from Bootham School in York, undertook a 25-mile cycle ride with friend Rob from Helmsley to Whitby to raise money for the clinics in Bhopal. Dominic set a fundraising target of £500. He easily surpassed his goal, raising more than double that amount! Dominic kindly wrote about the experience for us in his own words: 'The idea for this started last year, when Tim Edwards of the Bhopal Medical Appeal spoke at my school. What he showed us really affected me, the fact that one failure could destroy the lives of families and generations to come. I decided I wanted to take action and try to help some of the victims of this disaster, so I planned a charity bike ride, from Helmsley to Whitby with one of my good friends Rob. We would set off from Helmsley at 10:30 and hopefully get to Whitby at around 1 o'clock. We had 3 stops, each at 10 mile intervals: Kirkbymoorside, Horcum Hole and Blue Bank. Over the course of the ride we went through lots of different weathers: sun, rain, 20 mph wind and hail. The wind and hail was a nasty combination, especially when we were cycling in the open moors. I'm really glad I managed to finish the ride and we've raised nearly £1000 which is incredible and I really hope it can help with the efforts to bring health to all who suffered.' An enormous thank you to Dominic and Rob for raising an incredible £1,022 for the clinics in Bhopal, as well as to the staff at Bootham, and everybody who supported their efforts.

We are once again humbled and amazed at the efforts of one of our longest serving supporters, **Olivia Dell**, who continues to raise funds through making and selling peg dolls and kits, which are very popular. In March, just prior to the first lockdown, **Janice Coutu** of Bideford, Devon, donated the proceeds of a fundraising raffle held for the charity.

Also in March, **Hannah Hudson** and her mother Dominique had been planning to walk the entire length of Hadrian's Wall to raise money for the charity. Unfortunately, the pandemic prevented them from travelling to Cumbria. Instead of shelving the fundraiser they came up with a new plan. Hannah said this about it: 'The Test Way is a local, long-distance walk that follows the River Test through Hampshire into Berkshire for a distance of 44 miles. Starting Wednesday, 1st of April, and for as long as current guidelines and rules allow, we'll walk a section of this route each day, until we've done the whole length, first in one direction and then back again. This means we'll cover the same distance we would have walked along the Hadrian's Wall trail (88 miles). Current UK government guidelines allow members of the same family group to leave their home and undertake one form of exercise together each day, such as a walk. We will keep the required 2 m/6 ft distance from other walkers we meet along the pathways and take all the required and prescribed precautions!'

In July as lockdown restrictions eased **Linda Clift** donated £406 raised through a studio clearance sale at an antique textile dealers. In November **Heidemar Nel** of Wellingborough collected £365 for the charity in relation to **John McCann's** retirement. Later the same month, photographer **Silvia Alessi** donated £145 she received in prize money for her 2017 'Skin Project' in India, during which Silvia was hosted by families connected to Chingari.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all volunteers, in whatever role. It is by hundreds and thousands of small gestures of support and contributions that first free medical care for Bhopal survivors has been established and sustained for over a quarter century.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial review

Income from donations and legacies and other trading activities amounted to £568,352 in 2020 (2019 - £488,758), which represents an increase of £79,594 on the previous year. The increase reflects continuing strong responses to public advertising and direct mailings. The BMA received legacies of £87,238 during the year (2019 - £39,550). Investment income for the year decreased to £6 from £135, resulting in total income of £568,358 (2019 - £488,893). This represents an overall increase of 16.3% (2019 - increase of 3.8%). The BMA was able to make no grant to Sambhavna Trust in 2020 (2019 - £314,002), a decrease of £314,002, or 100% on 2019, due to temporary changes in Sambhavna's FCRA status in India. A grant of £143,141 (2019 - £139,224) was made to Chingari Trust in 2020, an increase of £3,917, or 2.8% over 2019. The charity also made other grants of £49,013.

An important objective of the BMA is to ensure that accurate information is disseminated widely in the UK and elsewhere about the social, economic and health problems still encountered by survivors and future generations. Our awareness and educational work is critical to ensure ongoing support for work in Bhopal and approximately £51,128 (2019 - £94,320) was dedicated to this during 2020, which covers staff costs, advertising, publications and some campaign activities. This amounted to a decrease of 54% on 2019's expenditure.

Financial position

The balance sheet shows total funds of (£336,280) (2019 - (£493,548)). While reserves fall far short of the balance required per the reserves policy as noted above, the trustees acknowledge that the balance is arrived at after making full provision for the main grants payable to Sambhavna Clinic and Chingari Trust for the coming year and cash balances at the year end amounted to £139,092 (2019 - £59,439).

As mentioned below, the principal risk facing the charitable company is its ability to generate sufficient income to cover expenditure incurred in fulfilling its objectives. The impact upon the charity of less favourable foreign exchange rates following the referendum on European Union membership has been compounded by a growth in the size of grants tendered to supported organisations in India and, as a result, the charitable company's reserves diminished since the beginning of 2016.

Grant requirements of supported organisations, which have generally risen each year according to inflation, are being actively reviewed on an on-going basis. A more detailed monitoring and evaluation of efficiency and appropriateness in use of funds has been developed. In order to support growth in the size of grants tendered to supported organisations over the last six years, the trustees have overseen a reduction of staffing levels and a reduction of operational overheads, both of which are subject to regular review.

Reductions in operational spending have not negatively impacted upon the charitable company's ability to generate income in prior years. Activities across 2011/12 significantly developed public awareness of its work and engagement with its own supporters. In 2012, the charitable company began a programme to consolidate this enhanced public profile, involving deeper public education and outreach, committed giving appeals, relationship fundraising and Trust and Foundation partnerships. Consequently, in 2013 and 2014 the charitable company generated increased levels of income sufficient to meet the generally increased expenditure upon grants. In both 2015 and 2016, the charity further reduced fundraising and awareness raising costs while again increasing expenditure upon grants. Consequently, the percentage of the charitable company's overall expenditure directed to medical relief continues to increase, year on year.

In 2017, a small increase in expenditure on awareness and educational work resulted in an increase in income from these activities. In 2018 an overall reduction in income led trustees to carefully reassess operational expenditure and income related activities. As a result trustees took the decision to restructure the charity's operations going forward, reducing UK staff and office costs while refocusing on core income generating activities. The implementation of this operational reconfiguration over the course of 2019 saw significantly reduced expenditure on the charity's UK office in 2020, as the costs of salaries reduced by 53% compared to 2019, while the charitable company's income was maintained and increased sufficiently to meet grant commitments. Trustees will at regular intervals continue to give careful consideration to further adjusting the levels of expenditure intended for the charity's activities.

The trustees have therefore reviewed the cash position of the charitable company and cash forecasts at the date of signing the accounts and are satisfied that the charitable company will be able to meet all of its financial commitments. As a consequence the trustees believe that the charitable company is well placed to manage its financial risks successfully and that the charitable company has adequate reserves to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

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Investment policy and objectives

As it is currently the trustees' intention to apply all funds within a relatively short time scale, the charity does not at present make investments which would expose the capital sums to risk. Funds held for the purpose of making grants are placed in deposit accounts which yield interest at rates commensurate with current market rates.

Reserves policy

As explained above the charity carries out a diverse range of activities, some of which comprise short-term and externally funded projects whilst others comprise long-term projects requiring significant ongoing financial commitment and investment.

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves, i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets, designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed. The trustees consider that, given the nature of the charity's work, the charity should aim to hold free reserves equivalent to the cost of running the Sambhavna Clinic and Chingari Trust for up to 9 months and for up to 6 months of expenditure for salaries and organisational costs of the UK office.

This would enable both the Clinic and the Trust to continue to provide free services and treatments to their registered users for another 9 months if for any reason the charity closed down. Additionally, it would allow them the time and resources to explore other sources of funding without immediately affecting ongoing patient care. Currently those combined costs are £382,163 (2019 - £387,896). The trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls in incoming resources due to the timing differences in income flows, adequate working capital to over core costs, and will allow the charity to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst specific action plans are implemented. Though aspirational, the free reserves requirement is regularly monitored and reviewed.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 24 May 2006. It was granted charitable registration in the UK on 9 January 2007. Legal responsibility for the management and stewardship is vested in the board of trustees.

On 2 April 2013, Bhopal Medical Appeal also registered itself with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and was given the Scottish Charity Registration Number SCO43904.

In 2020 the charity requested to be removed from the Scottish Charity Register. This was confirmed on 15 October 2020.

Governance

The board of trustees guides the implementation of the BMA's activities in raising awareness, fundraising and providing grants to organisations to fulfil its mission. It is guided by its constitution and decisions made at regular trustee meetings. An Organisational Guide sets the framework for the ways of achieving objectives, administrative and employment procedures, expected ethics and values, and the standards of outputs. Board sub-committees provide guidance between meetings, and trustees communicate regularly between meetings.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The board of trustees, which currently has 5 members, met three times in 2020. Decision making and oversight was also maintained via supportive sub-committees. The board convenes trustee sub-committees under three groupings: (a) Organisational; (b) Communications; and (c) Finance. Ad hoc support for staff and activities is established when required.

The Senior Management Team prepares a brief of the issues and decisions to be discussed at trustee meetings. In cases where a decision is required between meetings, information is circulated to all members of the board with a time frame for feedback. Issues may be first discussed within the Management sub-committee or other appropriate sub-committee before circulation to the full board. Trustees are committed to making decisions by consensus; if different views remain after open discussions have taken place, a majority decision may be taken.

The charity's Senior Management Team comprises the Operations Manager and Managing Trustee. The Senior Management Team report regularly to the Chair on the financial and operational performance of the charity. The activities carried out by consultants are agreed by the board and regular reports on progress are required. Reports are submitted to the Senior Management Team and/or trustees as appropriate.

In addition to the Senior Management Team, the charity employs a Finance Officer, a Charity Officer and a Fundraising Support Officer. It contracts one other for work on communications & fundraising.

In line with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association Tim Edwards (Trustee) is contracted as Managing Trustee.

Induction and training of new trustees

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Bhopal Medical Appeal aims to recruit trustees who have a connection to the welfare of the Bhopal survivors or other victims of industrial disasters, or a detailed knowledge of the situation in Bhopal, as well as members who will bring specific expertise (media, financial, legal, management, health). Board members may be re-elected and the Bhopal Medical Appeal aims to retain expertise beyond one three-year term of office. When recruiting, the Chair will provide a short biography of potential members for discussion by the board, and with their agreement will then approach these individuals and discuss the organisational needs, followed by a written invitation and details about board obligations.

The following trustees were in office throughout the period and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements:

Induction and training of trustees

Trustees are provided with information and guidance on their role and responsibilities under Charity Commission regulations. The Bhopal Medical Appeal has developed an Organisational Guide which sets out in detail the responsibilities of trustees and employees. This document has been approved by the board of trustees and assists them in their role.

Key management personnel

The trustees consider that they alone comprise the key management of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

Ordinarily none of the trustees are remunerated in respect of their services as trustees of the charity. Only out of pocket expenditure incurred by the trustees in relation to their role as trustees of the charity are reimbursed where claimed.

One trustee also acts as the Managing Trustee of the charity and is remunerated for this role. This is permissible under the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the charity. The role and level of remuneration are proposed by the Trustee Management Committee, and subsequently discussed and approved by the board of trustees in the absence of the Managing Trustee. The level of remuneration is reflective of the knowledge, experience and particular skill set required for the role and is based upon fee rates set for prior expert consultants, rather than identified market rates, which range considerably higher. Performance is subject to regular review by the Trustee Management Committee.

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Working with other organisations

The charity works with organisations that are campaigning for justice for survivors of the Bhopal gas disaster and in particular the International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal. To further its goals, and to raise awareness of the need for research, health and support activities in Bhopal, the charity works with other relevant international, national or local organisations that will promote awareness and action to meet its objectives. In 2019 it worked with two national chapters of Amnesty International on awareness raising of ongoing litigation and human rights issues pertaining to Bhopal.

Patrons and advisers

The BMA is grateful for the support of its patrons, whose support helps to significantly raise our profile and draw attention to on-going needs in Bhopal. Jon Snow, presenter of Channel 4 News, took on this role in 2009. Michael Eavis, founder of the Glastonbury Festival, agreed to become a patron in 2010 and Navin Shah, elected member of the London Assembly for Brent and Harrow, agreed to become a patron in 2013.

We are indebted to the writer Indra Sinha for his years of dedication to this charity, his guidance and wisdom and, of course, his creative excellence which continues to inspire the BMA's communications work.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and established systems to mitigate these risks. Principal risks and the strategies to manage them are below:

Financial

The principal risk facing the charitable company is its ability to generate sufficient income to cover expenditure incurred in fulfilling its objectives. This is described in more detail under 'financial position' above.

As a charity which raises funds for activities in Bhopal and other areas affected by chemical hazards, the trustees have considered a number of risks and taken the following actions:

-Sound accounting practices have been established and the BMA employs an accountant of sound and appropriate accounting expertise. The independent examiner was appointed based on their experience of working with charities. Good practices are followed in managing donations received from supporters.

-As a fund-raising and grant-giving charity the BMA can hold significant funds for disbursement. Care has been taken to invest these funds without risk and with an ethical bank and regular attention is paid to receiving the best return within these limits.

-As a charity which undertakes activities and awareness to raise funds, every effort is being made to increase the proportion of funds raised for its grant-giving purposes from the awareness-raising and fund-raising activities. Budgets are reviewed regularly and activities undertaken are assessed for their return on investment.

- As a charity which raises awareness of the problems facing survivors in Bhopal and elsewhere, trustees regularly review the balance of expenditure between awareness raising and its grant-giving obligations.

- As a charity which channels significant amounts of funding through foreign exchange services, attention is given to sourcing the best possible value for the charity. Because of the marked impact of the Brexit vote upon the valuation of sterling, the charity carefully optimises the timing of currency transfers overseas is investigating currency hedging options.

Governance and management

The risks of oversight and poor management have been addressed by holding regular trustee meetings and establishing board sub-committees to provide time for more detailed consideration of responsibilities and matters that arise. In particular, in 2008 a management sub-committee was established consisting of the Chair and two other trustees. Other sub-committees ensure that trustees can play a role between meetings in oversight and support. Staff have regular meetings with the Managing Trustee, Co-Chairs and other trustees.

Employment and consultants

The risks of not fulfilling good employment practice, and of employees or consultants not meeting expectations, have been considered. The contract of employment which employees sign was drawn up with guidance from a Human Resources consultant. Detailed job descriptions are provided to establish responsibilities and expectations. Trustees will seek advice from an employment law firm where necessary. Consultants engaged by the charity must sign a contract which details their tasks and timelines. Progress on these are reviewed at regular intervals by the Staff Management Committee. The risks of loss of key personnel have also been considered, and a process of succession planning has been implemented.

Operational

The risks of establishing good operational practices in a charity have been considered. An Organisational Guide provides assistance and guidance on the running of the charity and was reviewed and updated in 2015. The trustee sub-committees on finance, management and communications, as well as regular email communication, provide a structure for more detailed consideration of the day-to-day business of the charity than would be possible in trustee meetings alone.

Reputational

The risks of attracting poor publicity have been considered, and the trustees closely guard the production of material, including through a communications sub-committee. Outreach material is developed by a highly experienced consultant, and we are fortunate in having additional expertise to guide on fund-raising material. We engaged advice from a specialist law company when appropriate. These consultations assure trustees that all of the BMA's activities conform with charitable law, that its publications comply with libel laws and that any possible libel action may be vigorously and successfully rejected as all comments by the BMA in published materials have been made in the public interest.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Laws and regulations

The trustees are mindful of the need to comply with all legislation and regulations regarding charity governance. We receive regular updates from a legal firm on changes in charity law and their guidance is brought to the attention of trustees at their meetings. In managing its database of supporters, the Data Protection Act is fully observed. To meet the requirements of General Data Protection Regulations (2017), in advance the charity sought professional advice, reviewed and adapted all relevant practises for full compliance, appointed a data protection officer and published its privacy policy online. The charity is registered with the UK Fundraising Regulator and actively applies its Code of Fundraising Practise to its work in order to ensure best practise is followed throughout all fundraising.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
05826888 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1117526

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Bhopal Medical Appeal for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on31/10/21..... and signed on its behalf by:


.....
T P Edwards - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE BHOPAL MEDICAL APPEAL**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Bhopal Medical Appeal ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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



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Date: 14 November 2021.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	555,462	-	555,462	450,752
Charitable activities					
Awareness	5	-	-	-	2,250
Other trading activities	3	5,521	-	5,521	35,648
Investment income	4	6	-	6	135
Other income		7,369	-	7,369	108
Total		<u>568,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>568,358</u>	<u>488,893</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	86,680	-	86,680	104,240
Charitable activities					
Awareness	7	51,128	-	51,128	94,320
Health,medical,nutritional,community relations and research		192,154	-	192,154	453,227
Other		81,128	-	81,128	89,657
Total		<u>411,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>411,090</u>	<u>741,444</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>157,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,268</u>	<u>(252,551)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>(493,548)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(493,548)</u>	<u>(240,997)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>(336,280)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(336,280)</u></u>	<u><u>(493,548)</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE BHOPAL MEDICAL APPEAL (REGISTERED NUMBER: 05826888)

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	-	-	-	440
Investments	15	12,686	-	12,686	12,686
		<u>12,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,686</u>	<u>13,126</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	71,479	-	71,479	38,337
Cash at bank and in hand		139,092	-	139,092	59,439
		<u>210,571</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>210,571</u>	<u>97,776</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(559,537)	-	(559,537)	(604,450)
		<u>(559,537)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(559,537)</u>	<u>(604,450)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(348,966)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(348,966)</u>	<u>(506,674)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(336,280)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(336,280)</u>	<u>(493,548)</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(336,280)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(336,280)</u>	<u>(493,548)</u>
FUNDS	18				
Unrestricted funds				<u>(336,280)</u>	<u>(493,548)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>(336,280)</u>	<u>(493,548)</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 DECEMBER 2020

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on31/10/21..... and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
T P Edwards - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	79,647	(90,873)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>79,647</u>	<u>(90,873)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		-	(12,686)
Interest received		6	135
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>6</u>	<u>(12,551)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		79,653	(103,424)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			
		<u>59,439</u>	<u>162,863</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			
		<u><u>139,092</u></u>	<u><u>59,439</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	157,268	(252,551)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	440	440
Interest received	(6)	(135)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(33,142)	30,023
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(44,913)	131,350
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>79,647</u>	<u>(90,873)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.20 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.20 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	59,439	79,653	139,092
	<u>59,439</u>	<u>79,653</u>	<u>139,092</u>
Total	<u>59,439</u>	<u>79,653</u>	<u>139,092</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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

The trustees/directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees have taken advantage of the various sources of Government support during the COVID-19 pandemic and consider that it will not have a significant impact on the company's ability to continue trading. Income from trading activities is expected to reduce due to the lockdown conditions and steps are being taken to make cost savings. The trustees regard any impact to be short term rather than affecting the company's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received. Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor or funder has specified that the income is to be expended in a future accounting period.

Donations

Donations are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacies

Legacies are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity.

Entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title of the asset having being transferred to the charity.

Gifts in kind

Donated goods are recognised at fair value unless it is impractical to measure this reliably in which case a derived value, being the cost of the item to the donor, is used. An equivalent amount is included as expenditure except where the donated good is a fixed asset in which case the corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the charity's accounting policies.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) volunteer time is not recognised.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Income

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.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs.

All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

The classification between activities is as follows:

- Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising voluntary income for the charity. This includes the cost of advertisements, mailings, event costs and similar.
- Expenditure on charitable activities comprise expenditure on the charity's primary charitable purposes, principally in connection with raising awareness of the Bhopal disaster and providing grant support to alleviate the suffering of people who were directly or indirectly affected by the disaster.

Allocation of support costs

The majority of costs are directly attributable to specific activities. Certain central support costs such as office rent and expenditure, website and IT support, and similar are included as support costs. Such support costs are allocated to the above expenditure headings in the same ratio as the direct costs.

Governance costs (which comprise the costs associated with the public accountability of the charity (including audit costs) and costs in respect to its compliance with regulation and good practice) are also included as part of the support costs and allocated to the above expenditure headings in the same manner.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £500 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and depreciated at the following annual rates in order to write them off over their estimated useful lives:

Computer and similar equipment: 25% per annum based on cost

Other tangible fixed assets which have been fully depreciated are written out of the financial statements as their market value is considered to be negligible.

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation Tax purposes. Accordingly the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short term deposits. Cash placed on deposit for more than one year is disclosed as a fixed asset investment.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

Leased assets

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term

Fixed asset investments and realised gains and losses

Investments are a form of basic instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES		2020	2019
		£	£
Donations		412,140	341,002
Gift aid		53,034	57,700
Legacies		87,238	39,550
Trusts		3,050	12,500
		<u>555,462</u>	<u>450,752</u>
3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		2020	2019
		£	£
Events		<u>5,521</u>	<u>35,648</u>
4. INVESTMENT INCOME		2020	2019
		£	£
Deposit account interest		<u>6</u>	<u>135</u>
5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		2020	2019
		£	£
Grants	Activity Awareness	<u>-</u>	<u>2,250</u>
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:			
		2020	2019
		£	£
IHL Trust		<u>-</u>	<u>2,250</u>
6. RAISING FUNDS			
Raising donations and legacies		2020	2019
		£	£
Staff costs		14,192	18,513
Direct costs		62,138	68,512
Support costs		10,350	17,215
		<u>86,680</u>	<u>104,240</u>

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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 8) £	Grant funding of activities (see note 9) £	Totals £
Awareness	51,128	-	51,128
Health,medical,nutritional,community relations and research	-	192,154	192,154
	<u>51,128</u>	<u>192,154</u>	<u>243,282</u>

8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs	7,484	40,924
Direct costs	37,539	38,191
Support costs	6,105	15,205
	<u>51,128</u>	<u>94,320</u>

9. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2020 £	2019 £
Health,medical,nutritional,community relations and research	<u>192,154</u>	<u>453,227</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
The Sambhavna Trust	-	314,003
The Chingari Trust	143,141	139,224
Other grants	49,013	-
	<u>192,154</u>	<u>453,227</u>

The charity makes grants to institutions in accordance with its grant-making policy as set out in the trustees report.

10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020 £	2019 £
Depreciation - owned assets	440	440
Independent examination	2,280	2,280
Operating leases - rent	6,076	7,500
	<u>9,806</u>	<u>10,220</u>

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11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year, Tim Edwards, one of the trustees, was paid fees of £37,819 (2019: £34,667) in his capacity of managing trustee.

This is permissible under the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the charity.

Trustees' expenses

There were no reimbursed expenses to the trustees during the year (2019: £1,682 to 5 trustees).

12. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	58,945	124,894
Pension costs	2,325	7,955
Social security costs	<u>4,532</u>	<u>6,646</u>
	<u>65,802</u>	<u>139,495</u>

No employees earned £60,000 per annum (2019: none) or more (including taxable benefits but excluding employer contributions during the year).

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on a full-time equivalent basis, analysed by function, was as follows:

	2020	2019
	number	number
Administrator	1.0	0.7
Finance officer	0.5	0.7
Administration officer	0.6	0.5
Campaign manager	-	0.6
Fundraiser and events	<u>-</u>	<u>0.4</u>
	<u>2.1</u>	<u>2.9</u>

In addition to the above, an amount of time, the value of which is impossible to quantify for the purposes of these financial statements, is donated by many volunteers throughout the year.

The trustees consider that they alone comprise the key management of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. Details of remuneration paid to the trustees is detailed in note 11.

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13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2019)

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	450,752	-	450,752
Charitable activities			
Awareness	-	2,250	2,250
Other trading activities	35,648	-	35,648
Investment income	135	-	135
Other income	108	-	108
Total	486,643	2,250	488,893
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	104,240	-	104,240
Charitable activities			
Awareness	92,070	2,250	94,320
Health,medical,nutritional,community relations and research	452,997	230	453,227
Other	89,657	-	89,657
Total	738,964	2,480	741,444
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(252,321)	(230)	(252,551)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	(241,227)	230	(240,997)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	(493,548)	-	(493,548)

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14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	1,760
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2020	1,320
Charge for year	440
At 31 December 2020	1,760
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2020	-
At 31 December 2019	440

15. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	12,686
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2020	12,686
At 31 December 2019	12,686

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Legacies receivable	34,500	10,000
Other debtors	8,309	467
Gift aid	25,518	24,718
Prepayments	3,152	3,152
	<u>71,479</u>	<u>38,337</u>

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17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	764	432
Social security and other taxes	1,169	1,040
Accrued grants	555,957	586,136
Accruals and deferred income	1,647	16,842
	<u>559,537</u>	<u>604,450</u>

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(493,548)	157,268	(336,280)
	<u>(493,548)</u>	<u>157,268</u>	<u>(336,280)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(493,548)</u>	<u>157,268</u>	<u>(336,280)</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	568,358	(411,090)	157,268
	<u>568,358</u>	<u>(411,090)</u>	<u>157,268</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>568,358</u>	<u>(411,090)</u>	<u>157,268</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.19
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(241,227)	(252,321)	(493,548)
Restricted funds			
Sambhavna restricted funding	230	(230)	-
	<u>(240,997)</u>	<u>(252,551)</u>	<u>(493,548)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(240,997)</u>	<u>(252,551)</u>	<u>(493,548)</u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	486,643	(738,964)	(252,321)
Restricted funds			
Sambhavna restricted funding	-	(230)	(230)
IHL Trust - grant for medical work while exploring other ways of supporting the broader campaign for justice and dignity.	2,250	(2,250)	-
	<u>2,250</u>	<u>(2,480)</u>	<u>(230)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>488,893</u>	<u>(741,444)</u>	<u>(252,551)</u>

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.