

**LUPUS UK**

Charity No's. 1051610 & SC039682

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, IT'S  
TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBERS: 1051610 & SC039682

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TRUSTEES:  
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Mrs T Stemp (Treasurer)  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

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The Trustees present the annual report and the audited accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2015. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 13 and 14 and comply with the Charity's constitution and applicable law.

**THE CHARITY**

LUPUS UK is the National Charity for all people affected by lupus in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Its objectives are to:

- educate and support patients with lupus (in all its forms), their families and their carers, and to encourage those with the disease to be involved in managing their illness
- raise public awareness about lupus, particularly within the medical and health professions
- fund research into lupus, its causes, consequences and treatment
- fund specialist lupus nurses within the NHS.

The original Charity, British SLE Aid Group was founded in 1978 becoming LUPUS UK from 1996 with the new constitution approved on 14 October 1995. The constitution has been amended periodically since then.

**Vision** A world where people with lupus can lead full and active lives.

**Mission** To empower people by providing information about lupus and offering support, so their voices are heard and their condition diagnosed and managed effectively.

**Trustees**

The Trustees of the Charity who served during the year ended 31 December 2015 are shown on page 1. Trustees are elected by National Council, at their March and September meetings, by rotation and serve a period of three years at which point they are eligible to either stand for re-election. The National Council invites nominations for two Member Trustees in addition to the six Trustees who are National Council members.

Kevin Weston, Member Trustee, was elected Chair on 12 September 2015 taking office on 1 January 2016. Janet McComiskey was re-elected as a Member Trustee on 12 September 2015 the appointment taking effect 1 January 2016.

All of the Trustees have been involved directly in the work of the Charity prior to their election. Opportunities for training are circulated to the Trustees and to encourage best practice the Trustees each have a copy of the NCVO publication 'The Good Trustee Guide'. New Trustees are encouraged to read the Charity Commission publication 'The Essential Trustee'.

**Management** The daily management of LUPUS UK is under the control of the Director (see page 1) who is responsible for staff and the running of National Office, and reports to the Trustees.

**OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE**

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) usually referred to as lupus, is an auto-immune condition where the immune system instead of protecting the body, can attack any part of it. At present there is no known cure. The diversity and intensity of symptoms and damage to organs can make it a very difficult and potentially disabling disease to live with. Most people who have lupus require life-long medication, the side-effects of which can lead to potential problems.



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As the disease is very complex, lupus will normally be diagnosed by a consultant following the criteria recommended by the American College of Rheumatologists. It can sometimes affect one system of the body more intensely than others. If the kidneys are affected it is usually referred to as lupus nephritis. If the skin and hair are the dominant parts affected it is usually referred to as discoid lupus. Other terms may be used by clinicians to define particular aspects of the disease.

Being diagnosed with lupus can be a lonely experience as the newly diagnosed are unlikely to know anyone else with the condition. The main purposes of the Charity are to bring together, support and help people living with lupus, and their families, and to advance awareness and education of the public and particularly the medical and health professions in all aspects of the disease. There are a number of key ways in which the Charity does this, including its telephone help-line, Group meetings in various parts of the country and information in a number of formats. LUPUS UK provides funding for medical research into the causes and consequences of lupus and improved medication and also grant-funds specialist Lupus Nurses within the NHS.

#### Activities

An important part of the work of LUPUS UK is to bring people together and social media plays an increasing part in this. At the end of the year the number of followers on Facebook was 16,938 (2014: 13,866), on Twitter 5,292 (2014: 4,380) and on HealthUnlocked 9,881 (2014: 6,565). There were 393,364 visits to the LUPUS UK website during 2015. Video clips were produced during the year and featured on our website for World Lupus Day and Lupus Awareness Month.

LUPUS UK has a nationwide network of over one hundred telephone Contacts, mainly members who have lupus themselves, or others whose partner has lupus and are Carers, who offer help-line advice to enquirers. The leaflet 'Listening Ear' is available from LUPUS UK National Office and is sent to all enquirers and distributed through rheumatology and lupus clinics in order to make people aware of the service. LUPUS UK provides a training course in listening skills and supports its Contacts in this valuable work.

Lupus Information Days were held in Birmingham and Northern Ireland during the year and both events were filmed and may be viewed via the LUPUS UK website [www.lupusuk.org.uk](http://www.lupusuk.org.uk)

#### Funding

The charity receives no funding from Government or any of its departments. Our income is derived from a variety of sources and we receive tremendous support from various activities and events, which are often prompted by the personal interest of a family member or friend. LUPUS UK will not add anyone to its database unless they specifically ask to be included. The Charity does not pass on such personal information to any third party or use it for marketing purposes. There has been a great deal of adverse media coverage in this area during the year, which highlighted the use of call centres by some of the larger charities. The Trustees are pleased to advise that LUPUS UK does not use such organisations and has no plans to do so.

People continue to make an incredible effort in support of LUPUS UK undertaking numerous challenges such as: climbing mountains, cycling, running, swimming and parachuting out of planes. In particular we acknowledge the efforts of our London Marathon runners who once again excelled themselves, along with participants in many other runs and events. We are very appreciative of everyone who showed commitment to the Charity by participating in these activities and many others, to raise lupus awareness and funding for the Charity's Grants programme.

Lupus Awareness Month in October focuses many members and supporters on a variety of ways in which to publicise lupus and the Charity. Awareness and fundraising go together in many ways, as with Go that



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Extra Mile which continues to be popular with members, family and friends with everyone taking part and having a great time.

To raise lupus awareness within the medical profession the publication 'Lupus Diagnosis & Treatment' continues to be distributed to GPs around the country and to Medical Schools in Devon and Glasgow.

#### Information

During October LUPUS UK re-branded by adopting the colour purple and a new butterfly logo. At the same time the LUPUS UK website was reconfigured to make it accessible through hand-held devices. The whole process took over 18 months and was undertaken at minimal cost.

The LUPUS UK website [www.lupusuk.org.uk](http://www.lupusuk.org.uk) is packed with information and advice and has a link to the Eclipse – Light Sensitivity area for those with light sensitivity issues. LUPUS UK is accredited by the Information Standard that enables the Charity to display information on NHS websites and also helps the public and patients identify reliable sources of evidenced-based information. During the year a number of publications were reviewed and updated.

LUPUS UK keeps in regular contact with lupus specialists and lupus nurses who may via the LUPUS UK website link into the section 'information for medical professionals', which includes information and the procedure for grant applications. The Charity is grateful for the advice and help of its Scientific and Medical Advisory Peer Review Panel for assessing grant applications and on additional matters and the support of a number of other medical professionals. Recognising the importance of lupus awareness within both the medical profession and the wider public, one of the Charity's aims is to provide literature and information to all people with lupus via lupus and rheumatology clinics. To increase awareness the Charity is represented at various conferences, exhibitions and seminars countrywide by the Staff, Trustees and Group members; this gives us valuable introductions to medical and health professionals.

LUPUS UK works closely with the UK Juvenile SLE Cohort Study: a collaboration between over 20 paediatric hospitals around the UK, looking into the incidence, causes and treatment of lupus in children and young people of which over 550 are now enrolled on its various research projects. This will give further information about how they are affected by lupus, standards of care and best treatment.

Recognising the excellent care of lupus patients and productive research into the illness, LUPUS UK gives its Centres of Excellence award. Six hospitals have so far been recognised in this way: Queen Elizabeth/City Hospitals, Birmingham, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool, University College London Hospital, the Louise Coote Lupus Unit, Guy's & St Thomas' Hospital, London and the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath. To ensure that standards are maintained or improved each site is visited annually.

LUPUS UK continues to be an active member of LUPUS EUROPE.

#### Risk management

The LUPUS UK Risk Map is reviewed each year by the Trustees to examine the major strategic, business and operational risks that the Charity faces so that any necessary steps can be taken to review and lessen these risks. During 2015 there were some minor adjustments to the Risk Map.

It is worth noting that a high profile charity failed during 2015 and attracted a lot of criticism in the media and from other areas in part due to a lack of reserves. LUPUS UK has a robust reserves policy to ensure onward financial viability. Please see below.



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**Grant Making Policy**

During 2015 the Trustees approved Grants totalling £771,565, following recommendations of the Peer Review Panel in respect of research grant applications and at the end of 2015 the Charity's commitment to fund Grants over the next six years reached the wonderful figure of £1,468,622. However, we continue to receive more applications than we have funds available.

The Trustees are very pleased to report that from 1992 to the end of 2015 LUPUS UK and its predecessor has committed Research and Specialist Lupus Nurse funding of over £7.3 million. This is a tremendous achievement for which we are so grateful to our supporters, who have made it possible.

The Charity invites applications for the funding of research projects and specialist lupus nurses. Applications for research funding are reviewed against specific criteria and research objectives by the Peer Review Panel, who make their recommendations to the Trustees.

As LUPUS UK does not have sufficient funding available for large-scale research projects; it will continue to support applications that focus on the following:

- smaller pilot studies, which may lead to applications to major funders for large-scale research trials
- enabling grants for basic science support, which would enable larger projects by providing essential data for large grant applications
- medical meetings that would facilitate improvements to the understanding of the causes, prevention and treatment of lupus and its research.

LUPUS UK is a partner of the National Institute for Health Research.

The Charity funds specialist nurses within the NHS and seeks a commitment that these posts will become permanently funded by the particular Hospital Trusts at the end of the five year funding period. Eleven Specialist Lupus Nurses are currently being funded or funding has been agreed.

LUPUS UK is prudently run and Research and other Grants are only approved by the Trustees if funds are already held. Once the commitment has been announced the funding is placed in special reserve. Like most other charities LUPUS UK has been affected by the current economic climate and the Trustees have taken account of this with regard to future budgets and will ensure that the Charity tailors its commitments to its resources.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS**

The state of the Charity's affairs at 31st December 2015, with comparative information for the previous year, is shown in the accompanying financial statements.

Total funds received during the year were £920,747 against £917,115 in the previous year. Voluntary income (Donations received, Membership and Gift Aid) was down by £47,676 on the previous year. Investment income (Interest and Dividends) was down £5,378, due to the lower level of interest received. Charitable Activities (Fundraising) were up by £58,476 on the previous year and income from charitable activities (Sales) was down by £1,790.

The costs of generating funds were up overall (see notes 3 and 4). The costs of generating Voluntary Income and Fundraising costs were up by £13,769 with Charitable Activities - Support and Administration costs up by £6,614 (see note 5). Grants attributable for the year were up by £340,975, to £771,565.

Overall there is a deficit of income over expenditure of £340,737 for the year before including a surplus on



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the investments. This is due to the high level of grants approved during the year. The value of the investments at 31st December 2015 stood at £244,653 and a surplus of £7,033 has been accounted for (see note 8). The financial markets continue to be turbulent but we would anticipate the value to rise in the coming years as the investments are of a long term nature.

**Reserves policy**

The Charity's reserves at 31st December 2015 were £351,185 (2014: £684,889). LUPUS UK needs reserves to maintain its current activities and provide funding committed for longer term projects to progress them to completion, as well as enabling the Trustees to meet their day to day responsibilities and ensure that the Charity can continue to operate as a going concern. The Trustees have considered their policy in respect of the level of their reserves and aim to retain a minimum sum in the region of one year's expenditure, which will be held on deposit at the best available rate. Reserves as at 31 December 2015 meet this policy.

**Investment management**

The Investment Portfolio is controlled by Rathbones Investment Management Ltd, and quarterly valuations are forwarded together with various reports. Our investments increased in value by £7,033 (see note 8), during 2015. Dividends received for the year were £2,685 and interest for the year of £6,615 (see note 2).

**PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The Charity continues to work closely with the medical profession to raise awareness of the illness to all patients. Membership of the Charity is open to all who are interested in supporting its work, whether they have lupus or not. Enquiries about the condition are regularly received from the general public; the Charity makes information and advice available freely to everyone.

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 planning future activities.

In order to maximise its effectiveness, LUPUS UK is actively involved with umbrella organisations such as National Voices and the Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Alliance (ARMA).

**VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT**

The National Council of LUPUS UK is made up of the Trustees, a representative from each of the Regional Groups (which are managed by a volunteer committee of individuals, who are mostly lupus patients) and Regional Co-ordinators, who are also lupus patients. In total, and in addition to the nationwide network of telephone Contacts who offer a listening ear, around 250 people with lupus and a smaller number of other supporters conduct the affairs of the Charity at local and national levels across the usual range of the Charity's educational, social and fund-raising activities.

The Trustees would like to record their thanks to those members who commit their time and energy to the charity in a variety of ways, particularly those who assist in the running of its local Groups, especially the Group Chairs and Regional Co-ordinators. We welcome offers of help from those willing to work with and support the Charity in this way.

The Trustees recognise the commitment and dedication of our many volunteers and are very grateful to all who take on these various roles.

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**DONATIONS**

The Charity greatly appreciates the many people, companies, trusts and other organisations who have made valued donations in support of people with lupus during the year.

***Tina Stemp***

Tina Stemp  
Honorary Treasurer and Authorised Trustee

Date *7 May 2016*

***Kevin Weston***

Kevin Weston  
Chair

Date *7 May 2016*



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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015**

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The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice).

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

observe methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

prepared 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 accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Tina Stemp

Treasurer

**Tina Stemp**

Date

7 May 2016

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LUPUS UK FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

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## **Independent Auditor's Report to the trustees of Lupus UK**

We have audited the financial statements of Lupus UK for the year ended 31 December 2015 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of the Charities Act 2011, section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 8, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view.

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2015, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).



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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 and Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

*Hillier Hopkins LLP*

Hillier Hopkins LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor

51 Clarendon Road  
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Date: *17 MAY 2016*

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

2014

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	TOTAL FUNDS £	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	472,686	-	472,686	520,362
Charitable activities	415,069	1,499	416,568	358,092
Investments <b>2</b>	9,300	-	9,300	14,678
Other trading activities	22,193	-	22,193	23,983
<b>Total</b>	<b>919,248</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>920,747</b>	<b>917,115</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Cost of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary income <b>3</b>	43,725	-	43,725	46,922
Fundraising costs <b>4</b>	163,945	-	163,945	146,979
Charitable activities <b>5</b>	1,053,814	-	1,053,814	706,080
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,261,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,261,484</b>	<b>899,981</b>
Net income/(expenditure)	(342,236)	1,499	(340,737)	17,134
Other recognised gains/(losses):				
Gains/(losses) on investment assets <b>8</b>	7,033	-	7,033	(2,636)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(335,203)</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>(333,704)</b>	<b>14,498</b>
Fund balances January 2015	634,541	50,348	684,889	670,391
Fund balances December 2015 <b>13</b>	<b>299,338</b>	<b>51,847</b>	<b>351,185</b>	<b>684,889</b>



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

2014

	Note	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	TOTAL FUNDS £	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>7</b>	1,515	-	1,515	1,254
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>8</b>	244,653	-	244,653	237,620
		246,168		246,168	238,874
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stock	<b>9</b>	24,372	-	24,372	27,288
Debtors	<b>10</b>	35,683	-	35,683	9,798
Cash at bank and in hand		1,440,306	51,847	1,492,153	1,694,433
Cash at bank and in hand held by Regional Groups		57,996		57,996	59,876
		1,558,357	51,847	1,610,204	1,791,395
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>11</b>	686,172	-	686,172	742,043
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		872,185	51,847	924,032	1,049,352
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		1,118,353	51,847	1,170,200	1,288,226
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>12</b>	819,015	-	819,015	603,337
		299,338	51,847	351,185	684,889
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>					
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>13</b>	299,338	51,847	351,185	684,889

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on: 7.1.15/2016

Tina Stemp  
Authorised Trustee

**Tina Stemp**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER, 2015****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES****1.1 Basis of preparation of the financial statements**

The financial statements are prepared on the accruals basis and under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments, which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting Standards and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015 FRSSE) effective 1 January 2015, and applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.

**1.2 Incoming Resources**

Voluntary income and donations are included in incoming resources when they are receivable, except when the donors specify that they must be used in future accounting periods or donors conditions have not been fulfilled, then the income is deferred. The income and fundraising ventures are shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs. Grants are treated as income irrespective of the source of the grant.

**1.3 Resources Expended**

Resources expended are included in the statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of the disallowable portion of VAT.

Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities, has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the conditions attaching to the grant is fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

**1.4 Stock**

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**1.5 Tangible Fixed Assets**

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off each asset over its expected useful economic life as follows:

Furniture, fittings & equipment      33.3% straight line basis.

**1.6 Investments**

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.



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1.7 Fund accounting

Generally funds are unrestricted which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise restricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for a particular purpose.

Restricted funds are those which are only to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets the criteria is charged to the fund, together with an equitable allocation of management and support costs.

1.8 Taxation

The charity's surpluses are derived from, and are applied towards, the maintenance of charitable activities and as such are not subject to taxation.

1.9 Operating Leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	£	£
<b>2 VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>		
Donations	262,397	298,518
Legacies	94,791	113,590
Membership Income	61,930	60,182
Gift Aid Income	53,568	48,072
	<u>472,686</u>	<u>520,362</u>

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	£	£
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
Listed investment income	2,685	3,894
Bank interest	6,615	10,784
	<u>9,300</u>	<u>14,678</u>

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	£	£
<b>3 COST OF VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>	<u>43,725</u>	<u>46,922</u>

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	£	£
<b>4 FUNDRAISING COSTS</b>		
Cost of goods sold	16,374	18,355
Fundraising costs:		
Staff salaries and national insurance (note 6)(30%)	57,908	54,704
Fundraising and publicity costs	79,614	63,930
Printing, stationery and postage (30%)	10,049	9,990
	<u>163,945</u>	<u>146,979</u>

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	£	£
<b>5 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Support Costs</b>		
Rent, rates, service charge and insurance	45,076	43,083
Staff salaries and national insurance (note 6) (70%)	135,119	127,644
Printing, stationery and postage (70%)	23,447	23,311
Telephone	1,143	1,576
Electricity (Light & Heat)	1,516	2,736
National Office Overheads	10,778	13,229
Depreciation	1,070	2,715
Professional fees	6,856	4,809
"News & Views" magazine	47,051	38,610
Member Survey Costs	5,997	13,726
Audit Fee	4,196	4,051
	<u>282,249</u>	<u>275,490</u>
Research and Welfare Grants (Details below)	771,565	430,590
	<u>1,053,814</u>	<u>706,080</u>



## Research and Welfare Grants

	Paid 2015	1 Year	Future Commitments
	£	£	
Sister S Brown, RNHRD, Bath (New)	23,726	33,217	52,198
Dr N Erb Lupus Nurse Russells Hall Hospital	22,479		
Dr F Hall Addenbrooke's Specialist Lupus Nurse	47,527	23,235	
Lupus Nurse East of Scotland	22,336	24,836	
Dr Y Ioannou UCLH Transition Coordinator		12,573	45,022
Prof C Gordon Birmingham SLICC Research Nurse	47,680	21,717	54,292
West Scotland Lupus Nurse	21,634	22,832	76,293
Prof M Beresford 0.6wte Clinical Psychologist	33,722	34,781	
Dr N Hopkinson Spec Lupus Nurse Christchurch	12,401		
Dr R Al-Jayyousi Specialist Lupus Nurse Leicester	9,030	27,090	158,064
Dr Y Ahmad, Spec Lupus Nurse, North Wales		47,568	186,959
Prof M Beresford Inst Child Care, Liverpool	33,334		
Prof D Isenberg UCL-SLICC	10,000	10,000	15,000
Dr Y Ioannou UCLH, SLE Patients with APS	10,388		
Dr's Walker & Price Hull Uni Transitions to Illness	66	2,596	
Dr E Jury UCL Cardiovascular Risk with SLE. iNKT role.	24,430		
Dr F Rees QMC, Nottingham, Epidemiology of SLE	21,636		
Prof C Gordon Birmingham Metabolomics sle study	17,980	35,962	17,980
Prof Beresford Liverpool Children's Hospital	10,000		
Dr E Jury UCL immunopathogenesis jsle target lipids	13,828	14,188	14,188
Dr H Cohen UCLH extension of RAPS trial	34,896		
Dr I Todd Uni Nottingham new drugs for old	54,181		
Prof A Rahman UCL CVR in patients with sle	27,319	13,171	
Dr J Ioannou UCL investigating cardiac injury in sle & apl	31,837	10,612	
Dr N Basu, Uni Aberdeen Unravelling sle fatigue		23,368	11,684
Dr H Cohen UCLH C resistance in APL	13,453	26,907	13,454
Prof I Bruce Uni Manchester/MRI SLE/BILAG	20,262	41,297	63,979
Dr A Zayat, Uni Leeds/NIHR USEFUL/ultrasound	7,229	28,916	21,687
Dr B Parker Uni Manchester endothelial microparticle		49,597	
Prof A Rahman UCL Monocytes & Cardio Disease		34,185	34,184
Dr I Giles UCL Pregnancy & Factor (F)Xa		49,806	
Prof M Beresford Uni Liverpool LUK & BPSU Study		41,153	54,031
Dr S van Leuven Guy's Endothelial Permeability		20,000	
Peer Review Panel Expenses	311		
Sister S Brown (Lupus Nurse Network Group)	725		
Welfare Grants	1,288		
Paid during 2015	<b>573,698</b>	<b>649,607</b>	<b>819,015</b>
Opening commitments at 1 January 2015	- 1,270,754		
Commitment at 31 December 2015	1,468,621		
<b>TOTAL CHARGE FOR 2015</b>	<b>771,565</b>		

<b>6 EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff Costs:		
Wages and salaries	178,756	169,008
Social security costs	14,271	13,341
	<u>193,027</u>	<u>182,349</u>

The average number of employees,  
by function, was:

	No.	No.
Fundraising	2.5	2.5
Support	<u>4.5</u>	<u>4.5</u>
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

None of the Trustees received any remuneration for their services.

No employee earned over £60,000 in either year.

Expenses incurred by the Trustees for travel, accommodation and subsistence totalled £12,262 (2014: £14,568) were reimbursed by the charity.

## **7 FIXED ASSETS**

### **Office Furniture and Equipment £**

Cost	
1st January 2015	49,397
Disposals	- 444
Additions	<u>1,331</u>
31st December 2015	<u>50,284</u>
Depreciation	
1st January 2015	48,143
Disposals	- 444
Charge for the year	<u>1,070</u>
31st December 2015	<u>48,769</u>
Net Book Amount	
31st December 2015	<u>1,515</u>
31st December 2014	<u>1,254</u>



	2015	18 2014
	£	£
<b>8 INVESTMENTS</b>		
Carried forward from previous year	237,620	240,256
Add: Additions at cost	48,362	
Less: Disposals at carrying value	- 19,340 -	30,718
Add/deduct net gain/(loss) on revaluation	- 21,989	28,082
	<u>244,653</u>	<u>237,620</u>

<b>Disposals during year</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>price as at 31-Dec-14</b>	<b>Total price 31-Dec-13</b>
Aberforth Smaller Co's Trust	600	10.7200	6,432
Legal and General Group PLC	3,900	2.4860	9,695
Pearson PLC	270	11.9000	3,213
			<u>19,340</u>

	2015	2014
	£	£
Investments held as follows:		
Securities listed on UK Stock Exchange	146,637	137,485
Cash	1,922	29,462
UK Fixed interest	30,627	11,519
Overseas Equities	65,467	59,154
Overseas High Yield Bonds	0	-
	<u>244,653</u>	<u>237,620</u>

<b>MATERIAL INVESTMENTS</b>	2015	2014
	£	£
Rathbone Unit Trust Management fixed interest	11,275	11,519
Croda International PLC	21,294	18,634
Unilever PLC	12,877	11,563
Findlay Park	16,969	15,837
Edinburgh Dragon Trust	-	12,291
Mercantile Investment	14,608	11,560
Prudential PLC	12,248	11,936
Ishares PLC	13,830	13,318
Herald Inv Trust	13,415	-
RPC Group Plc	13,328	-

Investments are held in a managed fund administered by Rathbone Investment Management Limited.





**14 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND AT 31ST DECEMBER 2015**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Tangible fixed assets	1,515		1,515
Investments	244,653		244,653
Stock	24,372		24,372
Debtors and prepayments	35,683		35,683
Cash at bank and in hand	1,498,302	51,847	1,550,149
Creditors due within one year	- 686,172		- 686,172
Creditors due after one year	- 819,015		- 819,015
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>299,338</u></b>	<b><u>51,847</u></b>	<b><u>351,185</u></b>

**15 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

At 31st December 2015 the charity had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	<b>2015 Land and Buildings £</b>	<b>2014 Land and Buildings £</b>
Expiry Date:		
Greater than five years	<u>25,850</u>	<u>25,850</u>