

Charity Registration No. SC009443

ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Mark Sanderson MCIPD
Martin Lang
Hilary Hill BSc(Hons)
Rosaleen Dempsey
Daniel Hill
Will Fellows
Joanne Bennett

Charity number

SC009443

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Brian P Sandham ACA
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established as an Unincorporated Association by its constitution on 30 November 1978. The Charity was registered in Scotland on 6 October 1987 under number SC009443.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mark Sanderson MCIPD

Robin Spinks BA(Hons) DCG (Resigned 16 February 2013)

Martin Lang

Hilary Hill BSc(Hons)

Lorna Stacey BSc (Hons) (Resigned 16 February 2013)

Rosaleen Dempsey

Daniel Hill

Will Fellows

Joanne Bennett

Potential trustees are identified through our networks or opportunities are advertised following identification of the skills & experience needed within the current board. Selected trustees are usually co-opted during the year and proposed for appointment by the members at the following AGM.

All of our trustees continued their commitment to the organisation during the year. We are grateful to Daniel Hill, Hilary Hill, Martin Lang, Rosie Dempsey, Will Fellows, Jo Bennett and Mark Sanderson for their continued support.

We are pleased to have attracted Roselle Potts and Akeel Bari to become trustees. We have encouraged their steady and increased involvement with the organisation and have now co-opted them (October 2013) to the board. They will formally be proposed for election as trustees at the next AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to:

- Provide information about albinism.
- Raise positive awareness of the condition.
- Arrange opportunities for people to meet and for support.
- Encourage the sharing of experiences.

The services we offer include:

- Twice yearly magazine, Albinism Life.
- Website resource.
- Local support and events through Contact Persons.
- Telephone or email support on 01282 771900 or at info@albinism.org.uk
- Conference every two years or so.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Highlights of a busy year

As well as continuing to deliver our core services e.g. magazine, online resources and helpline we had a very busy year especially with events and albinism in the news.

In May 2012 we held a Connect Albinism event in Belfast thanks to Rosie Dempsey. We also challenged the misrepresentation of albinism through a character in the children's film 'Pirates in an Adventure with Scientists', the 'Albino Pirate'.

June saw our Dublin BBQ (thanks to Treasa O'Callaghan) and Family Day and our usual London BBQ event and we announced our plans for our first ever mini-conference in Dundalk, Ireland in September.

In July our Chair (Mark Sanderson) and his family appeared in an awareness raising article in the Guardian. We were pleased to note that member Sara Krishan, a Para-triathlete had the privilege of taking part in the Paralympic torch relay.

9-13 July saw our first Albinism Awareness Week. We had over 300 Facebook views and a good level of media coverage especially in the Nottingham press thanks to the Bennett family. The week also kick-started fundraising for our next family weekend conference & leisure weekend in October 2013.

In September we held our Five Shires family day thanks to Will & Sarah Fellows. This month also saw our first mini-conference in Ireland which was very well attended. This gave us the confidence to begin building our profile in Ireland.

In January 2013 we spoke up about albinism issues raised through Channel 4's Undateables. February saw another well attended event in Nottingham run by Joanne Bennett. Also this month our Chair and his partner Lorna were interviewed about their experiences of living life with albinism on Radio 4's Saturday Live.

Towards the end of the year we recognised our international moral responsibilities by supporting the showing of the film 'In the Shadow of the Sun', highlighting issues for people with albinism in parts of Africa, as part of Human Rights Watch's film festival. We held our first family day in Cork, Ireland thanks to Georgina Brennan.

Achievements and performance

Albinism online

Our online resources continue to prove popular. Latest figures show:

- Website hits were 461,000 in the year
- Our Understanding Albinism factsheet was downloaded 4,000 times
- We have 1020 Facebook Likes
- Our Twitter followers number 365

By far the biggest referrers to our website are Positive Exposure, Facebook and RNIB although we got quite a few through media coverage in the Guardian, Daily Mail and BBC R4 Saturday Live this year, showing that our media efforts help raise awareness of our work.

European links

We were pleased to be invited to be involved in and support the first meeting of European Days of Albinism, a weekend event which brought together a number of organisations representing people with albinism across Europe and those involved in albinism research. This was a good collaboration helping share experiences between support organisations and guiding the albinism research programme. Another event is anticipated in 2014.

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Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Fundraising

We continue to receive a steady flow of income from community fundraising by members and supporters. This year they raised £3,947 which included 1,000 Euros from the Community Foundation for Ireland towards our mini-conference in Dundalk. Thank you to everyone who supports us in this way. It really is invaluable. Sadly successful funding bids to such as grant making trusts are increasingly scarce.

Plans for the future

We look forward to the year ahead which will be dominated by planning and delivery of our next family conference & leisure weekend, Inspired by Albinism, in October 2013. We also plan a second mini-conference in Dublin in 2014.

On behalf of the board of trustees

Mark Sanderson

Mark Sanderson Mcipd

Trustee

Dated: 28 November 2013

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2013, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Dated: 28 November 2013

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

	Notes	2013 £	2012 £
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Donations and legacies	2	6,730	6,070
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	450	-
Total incoming resources		7,180	6,070
Resources expended	4		
Charitable activities			
Provision of information, support and fellowship		6,584	6,707
Governance costs		799	779
Total resources expended		7,383	7,486
Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds		(203)	(1,416)
Fund balances at 1 April 2012		740	2,156
Fund balances at 31 March 2013		537	740

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2013

	Notes	2013 £	£	2012 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		2,388		2,724	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(780)</u>		<u>(780)</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities			1,608		1,944
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10		<u>(1,071)</u>		<u>(1,204)</u>
Net assets			<u>537</u>		<u>740</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			<u>537</u>		<u>740</u>
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The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 28 November 2013

Mark Sanderson MCIPD
Trustee

Martin Lang
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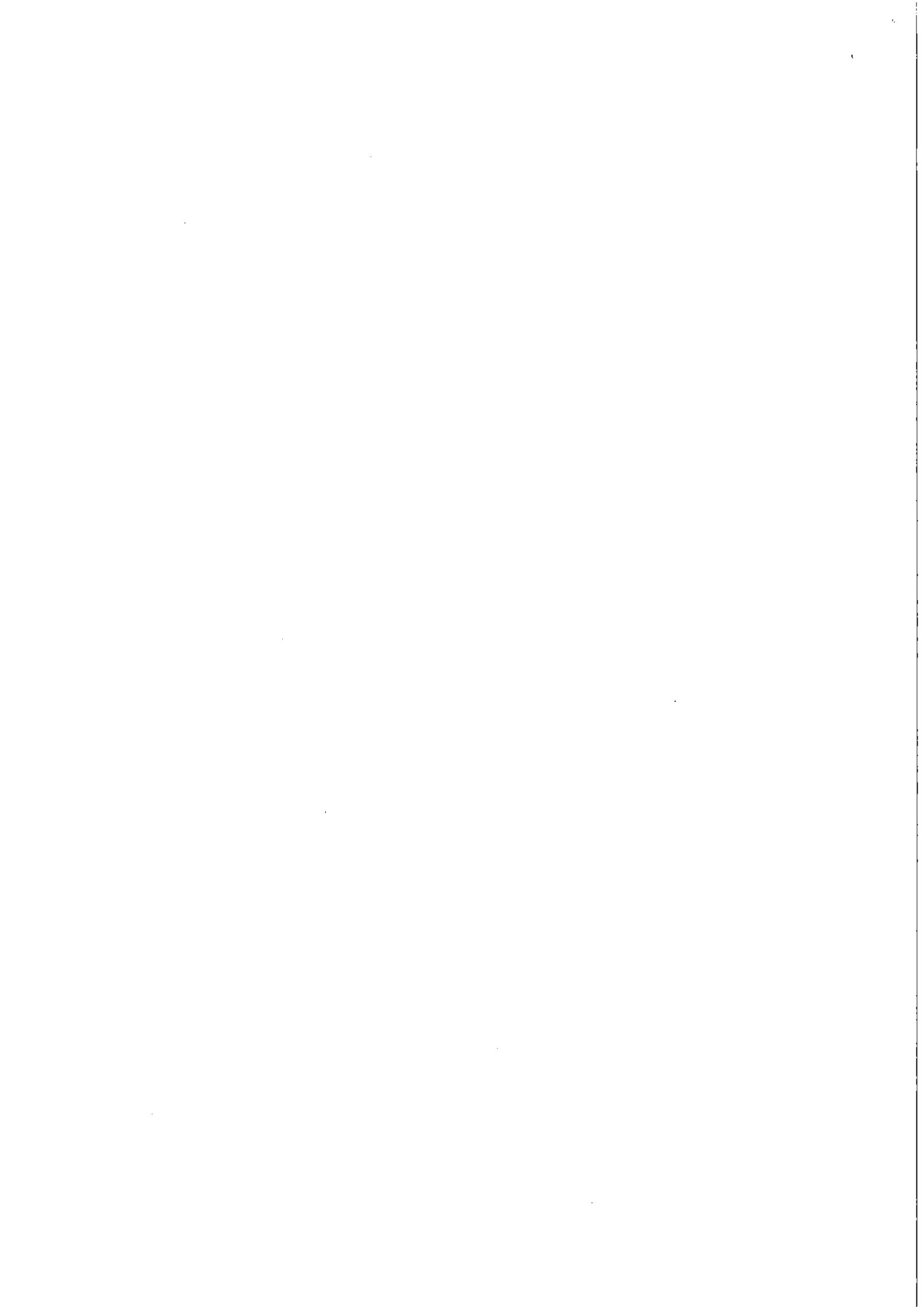
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

Life memberships received are accounted for over their span of twenty years.

Fixtures, fittings & equipment 25% reducing balance

2 Donations and legacies

	2013 £	2012 £
Donations and gifts	<u>6,730</u>	<u>6,070</u>
Donations and gifts		
Unrestricted funds:		
Subscriptions	2,783	2,056
Donations	3,947	4,014
	<u>6,730</u>	<u>6,070</u>

3 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2013 £	2012 £
Sales of literature, merchandise and training	<u>450</u>	<u>-</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

4 Total resources expended	2013	2012
	£	£
Charitable activities		
<u>Provision of information, support and fellowship</u>		
Activities undertaken directly	6,584	6,707
Governance costs	799	779
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	7,383	7,486
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5 Activities undertaken directly	2013	2012
	£	£
Other costs relating to provision of information, support and fellowship comprise:		
Donations and gifts	15	433
Secretarial and stationery costs	683	1,178
Magazine expenses	1,558	2,290
Regional events expenses	1,158	729
Computer expenses	466	131
Meeting expenses	335	339
Literature, merchandise and exhibition stands	695	788
Telephone	218	201
Travel	1,201	362
Bank charges and interest	216	216
Safe child	39	40
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	6,584	6,707
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6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Five trustees were reimbursed a total of £547 for expenses (2012: 4 trustees were reimbursed a total of £392).

7 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity during the year under review.

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2013 £	2012 £
Accruals	<u>780</u>	<u>780</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2013 £	2012 £
Deferred income	<u>1,071</u>	<u>1,204</u>

