

**ANNUAL  
REPORT OF THE  
GENERAL SERVICE  
BOARD OF  
ALCOHOLICS  
ANONYMOUS  
GREAT  
BRITAIN  
2022**



# **THE PREAMBLE**

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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# **Annual Report of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Britain) Limited - 1 OCTOBER 2021 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

## **Introduction**

### **Chairperson's Introduction to Annual Report**

Once again, I am pleased to have the honour to present the Annual Report on behalf of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Great Britain.

The main purpose of the General Service Board is to support the Fellowship in its primary purpose of carrying the message of recovery from alcoholism to all who seek its help, to those who are in some way associated with people with alcohol problems, and to the public at large. The charity is also concerned with the proper governance of its affairs and the most effective use of its finances. In this, we adhere to the requirements of the Charity Commission, the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, and the Concepts for World Service. This annual report sets out to show how the charity has worked towards realising its aims during the last year.

Trustees, who have commitments to their specific Regions are also responsible for the various Board disciplines. We currently have five non-alcoholic trustees on our Board. Our Non-Alcoholic trustees provide immeasurable help in ensuring some balance to the Board and have worked hard to help inform the public about what we do without having to adhere to the constraints of personal anonymity. Their work on the various Board Subcommittees has also proven invaluable.

This year, as in the past, the Board has had some vacancies for trustees both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. Despite this, we have supported all our service disciplines and external events, with individual trustees managing the resulting increased workload.

This year for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic we were able to hold our annual Conference face to face. Thanks to the work of the Conference Steering Committee and the staff of the General Service Office this was very successful, and the business of Conference was carried out and the spirit of the Fellowship shone through. We also welcomed seven new trustees to our Board, and we also have another new trustee who has joined us and will be ratified at our Conference in April.

The Fellowship has continued to show its resilience to adapt and although some meetings remain online, the majority have returned to face to face meetings.

Our first line of contact services, the traditional telephone service, the now long-established online response service, and the online Chat Now service continues to see a large increase in contacts as more suffering alcoholics have reached out during these uncertain times.

The General Service Office has continued to deal with the large numbers of group changes that have taken place to ensure that people could find recovery wherever they were across the nations that we serve.

We celebrated our 75th year of AA in Great Britain. The Board and the Fellowship had for the past six years been working towards our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention held in Leeds in June, which was a true celebration of recovery and attend by thousands of members.

As a result of us reaching the 75th milestone, the Board alongside the agreement of some of the AA groups, agreed to allow the BBC access to our Fellowship to film a landmark documentary about AA GB, this went out on BBC 2 in December and as a result our website traffic has increased by more than 50 per cent and many suffering alcoholics have come into our meetings. This filming was carried out in accordance with our traditions.

As in previous years, to assist in the development of AA in other countries, we have contributed to the International Literature Fund and provided financial assistance from our Development Fund.

Two of our trustees attended general service conferences in Poland. The World Service Meeting, due to Covid-19 was attended online.

The Board with the help of the Fellowship was also able to hold its annual House of Commons Public Information event this year face to face along with the Welsh Parliament Event.

Amanda Stocks

Chairperson

## **GSB PERSONNEL**

The following trustees retired from the Board this year:

Erik Abbot  
Andrew Wetherell  
Norman Brown  
Maxine Wilson  
Terri Semple  
Mike Power  
Jonathan Pope  
Pat McGuire  
Sandi Aarvold

The following trustees were appointed to the Board:

John Coady  
Zelma Kesans  
Hamish McSwan  
Tim Barker  
Levey Patocs  
Charon Bourke  
Andrina Cassidy  
Dr Kieran Moriarty  
Dr Louise Foxcroft

## Report of the Trustees

The primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is to pass the message of recovery from alcoholism to those who seek help, making that information available to professionals, the media and the public. The General Service Board (GSB) of Alcoholics Anonymous Great Britain works to support the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and to raise awareness of AA's message of recovery.

Our Tradition of Self Support, underpinned by the Alcoholics Anonymous (Dispositions) Act of 1986, ensures that AA is supported solely through the voluntary contributions of members. The charity continues to achieve a stable financial position and has been able to undertake initiatives that the Fellowship of AA has requested.

Each trustee takes responsibility for a particular area of work within the Board activities, all of which are geared towards raising awareness of all that AA can offer those who seek help. The trustees stay abreast of developments and co-operate with the authorities in these professional areas by communicating on a regular basis, attending conferences and exhibitions and by developing projects for each professional body.

Our 75<sup>th</sup> Convention took place in Leeds this year in June. The Unity, Service and Recovery in the lead-up to our weekend celebration and throughout the weekend was a great example to all. Sadly, due to Covid and the financial climate, the Committee were unable to reach the target of being self-supporting financially, though I believe it would be fair to say that what was achieved was a terrific effort with around 3200 members attending. We will be providing a full report to Conference on all aspects of the weekend. From the Committee I would like to pass on our thanks to all at GSB and GSO for their support.

AA Service News has showcased the new AA branding requested by Committee 2, Conference 2019. The publication is a radical departure from the former AA Service News that has been produced over a considerable time. We hope you like it. AA Service News continues to be published quarterly, carrying details of Conference Questions, Parliamentary events across the UK, and news of other notable service events. Your articles on AA service, and now your pictures, are always warmly welcomed. During the pandemic, AA Service News was produced in a digital only format and has continued in this vein. The publication is emailed to those individuals, groups, intergroups and regions with a generic AA email address. As always, AA Service News is placed on the AAGB website, and in AA website Document Library. Many thanks to all contributors.

Archives: The main piece of work by the Archive sub-committee in 2022 was organizing and mounting the archive exhibition at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention in June in Leeds Museum. We mounted a display of high-quality reproductions of photographs, documents, and pictures on roller banners, together with explanatory texts concerning them. We were also able to show videos from the AA Archive on a two-hour loop programme, including the excellent historical video 'The Journey of Discovery', a video prepared by the Leeds intergroup concerning the development of AA in Leeds and 'Gratitude in Action', the video created especially for the 75 Anniversary Convention, which were seen by most visitors to the exhibition. We did not keep a tally estimated 600 visitors. In September the Archives Network in York was attended by about 20 archivists discussing the value of oral recordings who agreed that the sub-committee should construct a protocol to guide this practice. We also discussed the need to maintain regional and intergroup archives and the importance of encouraging new archivists to take over from those who wish to retire from the post. Finally,

to note (i) the appointment of Martin B as Fellowship Archivist, with a revised mandate following the transfer of the Fellowship Archives from GSO to the Borthwick Institute; (ii) the resignation of James Neill from his position as AA Archivist at the Borthwick Institute, which will require the appointment of a new archivist in 2023.

The Armed Services Sub Committee met five times this year three online and two at GSO. The sub-committee continues in its primary role to support ASLOs and RASLOs. The sub-committee continues to maintain the Armed Services 12 step list which is now on Google document and is available for telephone responders. The sub-committee would like to update the existing relevant Armed Services literature and is actively seeking armed service members to contribute to this. Members of the sub-committee with the assistance of volunteers ran a drop-in room at the 75th convention where several members expressed an interest in contributing to the new literature and or getting involved in the service structure.

Employment: To offer regular support, encouragement and enthusiasm to all Regional Liaison Officers, or their representatives, our active committee would welcome additional members. A 'Flyer' inviting applications for sub-committee membership was distributed at Conference 2022 and the 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration. An article will appear in the Spring edition of AA Service News suggesting the journey of service and experience in Employment offered by our Fellowship in preparation for sub-committee membership. Our quarterly sub-committee meetings are held face-to-face by choice; we continue to meet briefly on Zoom each month to update and support each other. At the 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration, we continuously serviced our 'Employment' room presentation; interesting interactions were being received. Our June annual workshop for Regional Employment Liaison Officers was pleased to invite and welcome several representatives from regions as well as the few Employment Liaison Officers in service. This gave very encouraging active and diverse sharing of employment experience. Preceded by a rehearsal a few days earlier, our Employment Liaison Seminar on Zoom in October encouraged national delegates, offered a diverse agenda, and received appraisal from participants. At the request of Midlands Region in August we presented a workshop to raise enthusiasm for serving as an Employment Liaison Officer. The Plymouth Intergroup invited us to present an Employment Workshop at their September Assembly - with follow-up Shares at later dates. Our review of Employment Literature is underway Our Terms of Reference are updated. Our team maintains stimulating enthusiasm.

FRSC-First Response Sub Committee was set up on a trial basis, for one year, by combining NTSC-National Telephone Sub Committee, ORS- Online Response Sub Committee, formerly part of ECSC-Electronics Communication Sub Committee, and Chat Now also formerly part of ECSC-Electronics Communication Sub Committee. After the trial period and discussion, the Board reverted to the original NTSC and form a new sub-committee combining ORS and Chat Now to form the FROSC- First Response Online Sub Committee. The National Telephone Sub Committee each week receives over 2400 calls to the national helpline number plus an increasing number of calls to local helpline numbers that are easily accessible from the AA GB website. The NTSC manages the 0800 number and currently we have a major focus on the structure of the National Helpline. We have also provided a training document to RTLOs and TLOs and are currently working on finalising a safeguarding document. Chat Now receives, on average, over 1000 messages a month. These messages are usually answered within 5 seconds, and very few if any get missed. ORS receives and answers emails from individuals looking for help but isn't yet ready to call or chat with members.

Health: 2022 continued to be a challenging year for Regional and Intergroup Health Liaison Officers as the pandemic impact on access to hospitals and GP surgeries has taken a long



time to change. The successful Open Meeting Workshops have continued throughout the country, reaching trainee doctors and nurses, carrying the message of AA and recovery. The Health Sub Committee has continued to support the HLOs through the website and at the annual RHLO meeting in November. Intergroup HLOs were also able to attend this online and valuable experiences on how to re-engage with the medical profession were shared. The HSC has updated Chapter 6 of the AA Service Handbook, and this will be presented at Conference 2023. A new pamphlet "A Guide for the Health Liaison Officer" has been produced and this will be available in 2023.

Literature: In 2022 the Literature Sub Committee presented Conference with revisions to the following pamphlets: 'Business Meetings, the Group Conscience and Group Conscience Meetings' and 'Sponsorship: Your Questions Answered', a table topper and wallet card 'Safeguarding in AA' as well as a new version of the 'Younger People in AA' (primarily revised by the Young Peoples Sub Committee). All were approved by Conference. Handbook chapters were approved (Archives and Employment, both by the relevant sub-committees), as were several revisions following the sub-committees in-depth review of past Conference decisions. As requested by Conference, we have already been able to progress with a review of both handbooks for 'gender-neutral' language, and created table topper and wallet cards on medication, using previously approved Conference wording. Following Conferences in 2021 and 2022 that discussed sponsorship into service and literature revisions, this year we are presenting a pamphlet on the topic, using recounted experience from several members. Additionally, Conference 2023 committees will review: **1)** a refreshed Health chapter in the Service Handbook, created by that sub-committee, and the following items for the Structure Handbook: **2)** revised wording on 'location of Conference', **3)** an expanded section on 'Regional Assembly', **4)** a revised section on conventions to provide clarity requested at Conference 2022, and **5)** an expanded section on 'GSB and Committees', although this may be further revised following a question to be debated by another Conference committee. We are working on several projects for future Conference approval, including an AAGB leaflet on Mental Health and AA.

Northern National Convention: The Northern National Convention was held in March 2022 at The Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool with an attendance of 883. This was the first Northern National Convention in three years and was a resounding success. Over the year the committee have met regularly, and their AGM was held in Blackpool in September. Arrangements are in hand for the next Convention, which is to be held 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The 65<sup>th</sup> Scottish National Convention was held at Stirling Court Hotel from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. After initial challenges due to Covid 19 restrictions, the Convention went ahead and was a sell-out at capacity of 350. Online registration was used on the dedicated SNC website. The convention took its regular form of meetings being hosted by each region, with a Young Persons and Old timers meeting, the Saturday night meeting was open including an Al-anon speaker and rounded off with a sobriety countdown. Al-anon also had their own meeting room and meetings were well attended. A calculation worked out that 3000 years of sobriety were present over the weekend. The conservatory at the Hotel was given over to invited service disciplines, Roundabout, Health, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary convention, Prisons and Probation/CJS, Armed services, Archives, and a literature table. The Committee met in person and online throughout the year and continues to do so. The planned 66<sup>th</sup> Scottish National Convention is to be held at a new venue due to increased demand for space and a change of business plan for the previous venue. The Queens Hall, Dunoon has a capacity in the main hall for 450 and the 66<sup>th</sup> Scottish National Convention will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

The Welsh National Convention was held in person at the Metropole Hotel Llandrindnod Wells on the 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022 with 143 attendees. The Convention included a Welsh speaking tabletop session with simultaneous translation. Come and go meetings, entertainment and A Sobriety tree The feedback was positive. The dates for 2023 are the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June.

PI and E Comms: Following the amalgamation of the PI and Communication committee in July of 2021 and changes taking place in E Comms and the Telephone Sub Committees. It was agreed that E Comms would form part of a new PI and E Comms Sub Committee. Activities this year include supporting the production of the BBC documentary marking the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AA GB. The programme was broadcast nationwide in December of 2022. Another major project is the creation of a new AA website in response to questions for conference 2022. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in 2023 and we hope to demo the look of the new website at this year's conference. Two liaison meetings were held one in August for Electronic Communication Liaison Officers and another in September for Public Information Liaison Officers. Consideration will be given whether these meetings may be amalgamated. We continue to deal with a wide range of media inquiries; media activity was particularly busy in December as a result of the interest generated by the documentary.

Prisons: Many contacts within prisons were lost during the pandemic but things are now starting to recover slowly. Our Prison Liaison Officers have been working hard to re-establish these. There are still problems with the vetting process which needs to be renewed but we are getting there thanks to the perseverance of our Liaison Officers. A Zonal meeting was held in Bristol in November. This provided support and encouragement for our Prison Sponsors. We will be holding a joint Seminar with Probation/Criminal Justice on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2023 at the Park Inn York. One of the speakers in attendance there will be representatives from HMP prison and probations service to explain the vetting/clearance process. The Prison subcommittee has been working well together although it is small, and we would welcome new members. I would like to give a big thank you to all members helping to run AA meetings within the Prisons along with those involved in the Prison Postal Service.

Probation / Criminal Justice Service Liaison Officers (LO's) have been making progress, post covid lockdowns, recent figures show that 515 Alcoholics Anonymous Groups in GB now offer the 'chit' system. Service work locally is increasing with enthusiastic members encouraging cooperation with the professional community. Amendments to the Service Handbook were agreed at Conference and have now been published. The Probation Sub Committee, (currently joined with Prisons) has reviewed and updated the Starter Pack for Liaison Officers and updated Probation/CJS sections on the website with our Webmaster's assistance. A new generic contact email address has been put in place, to avoid confusion and increase effectiveness, providing a central point for members and outside agencies to contact the sub-committee. Service roadshows took place at the Scottish National Convention in May and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention in June with LO's and sub-committee members providing great service and encouraging participation. Presentations were given online at the request of Plymouth Intergroup in June and HMPPS for their Approved Premises Managers in September, this latter has initiated a cooperative project to increase and reinvigorate connections on a local and national basis raising awareness of AA services. Regional and Intergroup Service at the Glasgow Alcohol Court has necessitated the formation of a committee to continue this valuable initiative and a successful presentation to Justices of the Peace took place in October. The annual Regional Liaison Officers meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> September / 1<sup>st</sup> October and was very well attended. Two joint Sub Committee meetings took place during the year, one online and the second in person. One joint zonal

meeting took place in Bristol with Prisons in November with enthusiastic participation from the local Intergroups and Regions. Probation literature is being reviewed following requests from LO's and the probation members are actively working on this. A Joint Seminar with Prisons is booked to take place on 30th June/1st July 2023 and the Chief Probation Officer has been invited to speak.

Roundabout: I attended several zoom meetings, before Conference 2022, with Terri, Roundabout Trustee, to introduce me to the Roundabout Sub-committee. I then attended the Roundabout Workshop in Pitlochry on 26/27 March 2022 where I met Cath, Editor, Ian, Link Officer and Dilys and Moira, proof readers, in person. We had an induction/training session, and many good points were raised to be included in the Roundabout magazine. We also discussed how to encourage members to subscribe to Roundabout. Online meetings were held with the sub-committee in April and May. Discussions took place at the Scottish Convention held on 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May in Stirling Court Hotel, University of Sterling and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention which was held in Leeds in June 2022. The sub-committee attended both Conventions and members' shares were recorded to be written up for the Roundabout magazine. People came forward to sign up for Roundabout subscriptions. 100 surveys were taken to Sterling and Leeds. Roundabout was invited to the one-day Convention in Dundee on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Iain, Roundabout Link Officer, and I attended. The Banner and Survey were used at this convention. Moira attended the Cumbernauld One Day Convention on October 15<sup>th</sup> to assist at the Roundabout Display, Cath attended the Fort William Convention in November. The Roundabout Sub Committee are delighted that Stephen, the Fellowship Calendar and Diary Editor, will liaise with us. The Regional/Intergroup Liaison officers meeting is to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in Glasgow.

Safeguarding: In 2018 Conference tasked the Board to provide guidance for our Fellowship. Over the past three years, we have carried out this task with the involvement of our Board, regions, intergroups and our Lawyers who acted in an advisory capacity. The concluding guidance, whilst not definitive, is now in Section 5 of the Fellowships Structure Handbook. We are already seeing that the Fellowship is getting the benefit of this work and we hope that it serves us well over the coming years. There has also been a lot of work carried out by our sub-committees regarding Safeguarding specifically in the areas of Telephone helpline, Chat Now and Online Response.

Share: This has been a busy year for SHARE. The team worked very hard to make the SHARE VIP Room at the 75<sup>th</sup> Convention an interesting space, creating bookmarks, wallet cards and history banners, as well as a PowerPoint presentation. Our Editor was on hand the whole weekend to welcome visitors, answer questions and encourage submissions. It was a tremendous success and as a result, all vacant positions in the SHARE Sub Committee were filled. We have had two virtual meetings this year, and one physical Share Liaison Officers meeting at GSO. There was very low attendance by regional SHARE liaison officers and so we opened it up as a hybrid meeting, inviting intergroup liaison officers to join online. There was plenty of discussion about how to spark more interest in the SHARE service position at regions and intergroups. We have decided to continue with this inclusive type of meeting moving forward. Our Editor, who has been very busy getting to grips with the new style, gave us a preview of how the magazine would look from January 2023. Although it is still very much our beloved 'meeting between meetings' the new look is fresh and attractive, it's definitely a welcome change. My gratitude and admiration go out to everyone on the team for their hard work and commitment to meeting all deadlines and producing a wonderful magazine, particularly our Editor who, alongside everything else, has also managed to train three new editorial readers and take on the duties of assistant Editor.

The Survey Sub Committee has been a very small working group for most of 2022 but has just recently welcomed a new member onto the committee which means the committee currently has four members and the trustee Chair. The committee are still looking to recruit two more members who have some experience in delivering surveys or just a keen interest in the survey and how it can benefit the fellowship. The committee has been working hard on an info-graphic based leaflet to report some of the results of the 2020 Survey. This leaflet has taken some time to get off the ground, but the results should be ready to use for PI purposes in the new year. The committee have also been busy putting together a timeline of work for the 2025 Survey that includes four phases of the process that will begin in 2023/24 with deciding on content of the questionnaire and survey design to the final reporting and dissemination of the results in 2026. The timeline and the leaflet should be complete in the next few months and then the work will begin to put the questionnaire together.

Scottish Parliament event is booked to go ahead on 1st February 2023, following two years of this event being rescheduled, we are delighted it is finally going ahead. The theme is Alcoholics Anonymous Awareness, and we have four confirmed AA speakers and one of our Non-Alcoholic Trustee's, Mr Tom Fox. The emphasis will include the different ways that members came to AA from differing backgrounds and our speakers experience will give wonderful examples of this. An address from our Sponsoring MSP will be followed by our speakers and a question-and-answer session. The committee comprises 2 Regional delegates from ideally all 5 Scottish Regions, and we are still looking for delegates from 1 Region. The committee decided a more structured approach would benefit the event and has agreed on terms of rotation and record keeping. Administrative assistance is provided by the Northern Service office, and we are grateful for our workers there's support. We would invite all members to suggest invitees through their Regional Delegates or directly to the committee for our next event. We look forward to reporting further after the event.

The Westminster Parliamentary Event Committee delivered a very well attended face to face event in the Atlee Suite in Portcullis House on 12 May 2022, sponsored and hosted by Labour MP for Liverpool, Dan Carden. Two non-alcoholic professional speakers spoke highly of what AA had to offer. The AA speakers shared their experience strength and hope and talked about how AA is addressing diversity and reaching out to make the fellowship more welcoming and open to people of all different cultures and background. For 2023 the event will be held in Portcullis House on Tuesday 16 May 2023, with Steve Brine, Conservative MP for Winchester the sponsor. The Fellowship is urged to get in touch with their health and professional contacts and to invite their colleagues who would benefit from hearing more about AA. This year, like every year, the emphasis is on getting professionals and people who come into contact with the still suffering alcoholic and who don't know much about AA to come along to hear what AA has to offer. This is not an event for AA members or even the people we already work with in our PI initiatives although we rely heavily on them to encourage their contacts and colleagues to attend.

Welsh Assembly: The Annual Presentation at the Senedd took place on Wednesday 26th October 2022. It was sponsored by Peredur Owen Griffith MS, of Plaid Cymru went very well indeed and the numbers were up on last year with a good turnout of Professionals, four Politicians and a member of Senedd Staff.

The Young People Sub Committee had another busy year. They hosted a 'room' at the 75<sup>th</sup> Convention in Leeds in June 2022, held two very well-attended Young Peoples meetings and an exhibition of the history of young people in AA. Both the meetings and the exhibition

were held at the St Georges Conference Centre, one of the other sites for the 75<sup>th</sup> Convention. The committee held a seminar in September 2022 in York which was very well attended by enthusiastic RYPLOs as well as intergroup YPLOs. There were speakers from AA and someone from the University of York student union who has worked with AA in the past and talked about where the needs were from his perspective. There were several inspiring AA speakers sharing their experience of bringing the message to young people in AA. The committee had two members rotate out this year and gained three new members. The recruitment of the new members was mainly down to the enthusiasm for the work that came about from the seminar. The committee decided to hold a roadshow in Cardiff, having heard the fantastic report of the success of the road show in held in Leeds in November 2021, with Leeds going from a city with virtually no young people's meetings to several meetings across the city and other activities going on. The committee chose Cardiff as it looked like there were very few young people's meetings according to the online meeting finder on the AA website. The roadshow will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in April 2023.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Introduction**

We have lived through another year of great uncertainty, with the pandemic, recovery from it, cost of living crisis and strikes. However, the Fellowship has continued to show its strength and gratitude with generous contributions throughout the whole of the 2021-22 Financial Year. The General Service Board would once again like to **thank you all most sincerely** for your generosity despite these undoubted additional pressures.

### **General Service Office Including Northern Service Office (NSO) and Southern Service Office (SSO)**

All three offices have continued to operate with a full complement of staff. The Staff have continued to split their time working from home and in the offices. This arrangement has continued to work well.

### **Investments**

Our investments continue to be managed by Churches, Charities & Local Authorities (CCLA) ethical fund. It is one of the top performers in the charity sector.

During the year the charity received an income of **£37,899** from our investments.

### **Literature**

Income from the sale of literature amounted to **£703,715**. This represents an increase from the previous year's total of **£457,315**. This is a welcome step in the right direction.

The literature costs realised **£249,195** compared to **£172,484** in 2020-21.

Our Total Income for the year is **£1,852,346**.

Our Total Expenditure for the year is **(£1,823,469)**.

Our Net Income for 2021-22 before gains on investments is **£28,877**.

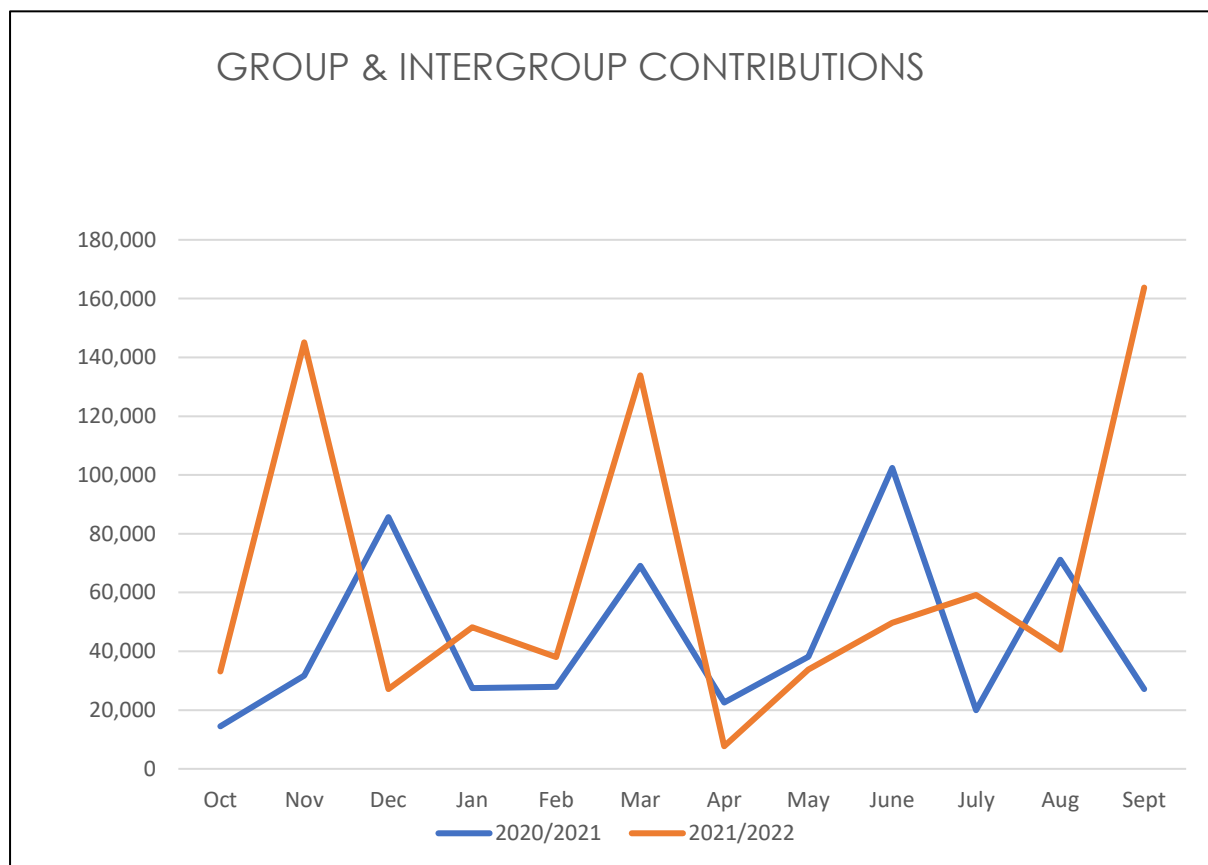
Our Net Loss on Investments is **(£-81,974)**.

Therefore, our Net Income is **(£-53,097)**.

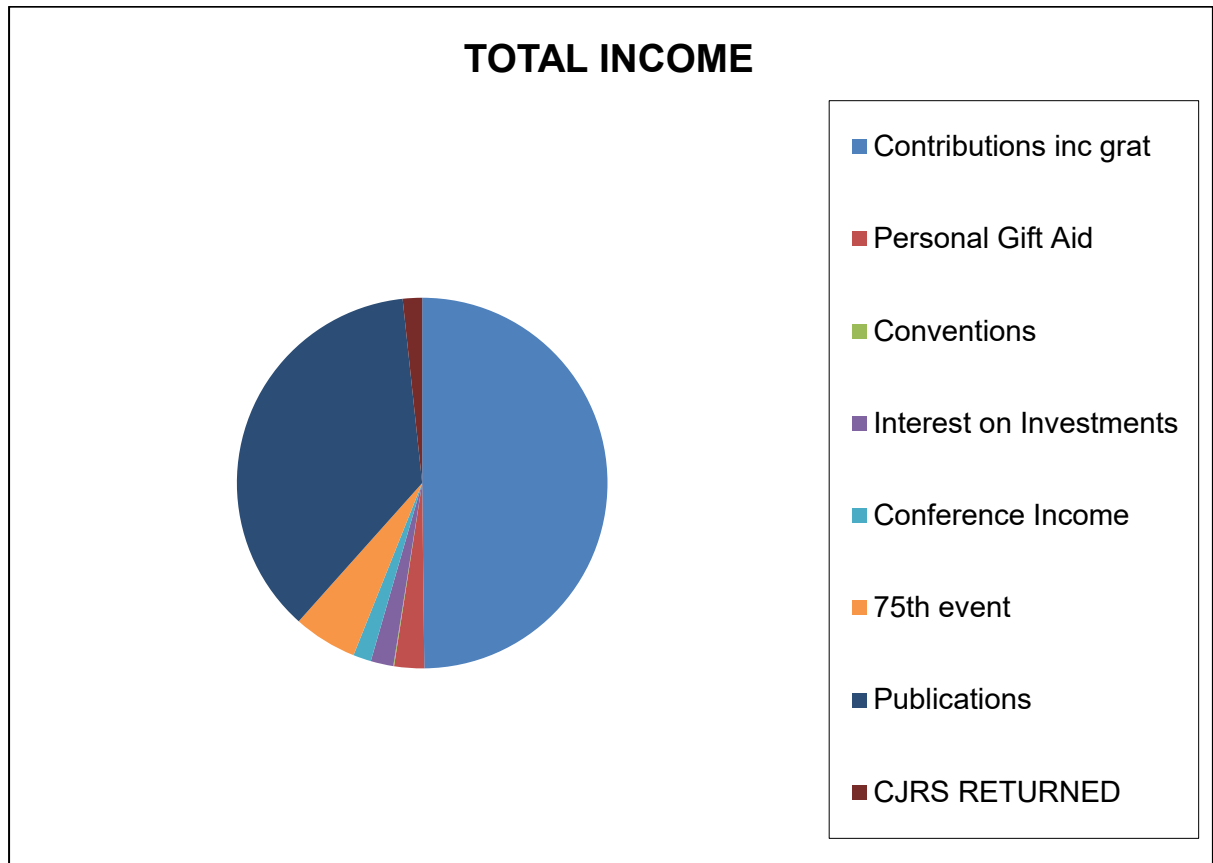
This gives us a Prudent Reserve for 2022-23 of **£2,279,336 which is back to pre-pandemic levels, against net unrestricted funds of £2,337,694** (total unrestricted funds – stocks and tangible fixed assets), **leaving a surplus of £58,358.**

The above figures are detailed in the following pages of this Annual Report. It is extremely heartening to note that despite the challenges that we have all faced during the last three years, the Charity remains in a stable position. **However, a note of caution.** With resumption of activities to pre pandemic levels, our surplus over and above Warranty 2 has now been fully deployed on primary purpose work. To ensure that proper planning and resources for this work across the whole of AAGB can carry on normally, please continue the steady flow of your surplus funds through the service structure when you can.

Once again, the Board would like to thank you for your ongoing generosity.



**WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM (ALL FUNDS) 2021/2022**



Contributions  
Income & Gift  
Aid

**£ 954,990**

Publications

**£ 703,715**

Investments

**£ 37,899**

Other  
Income

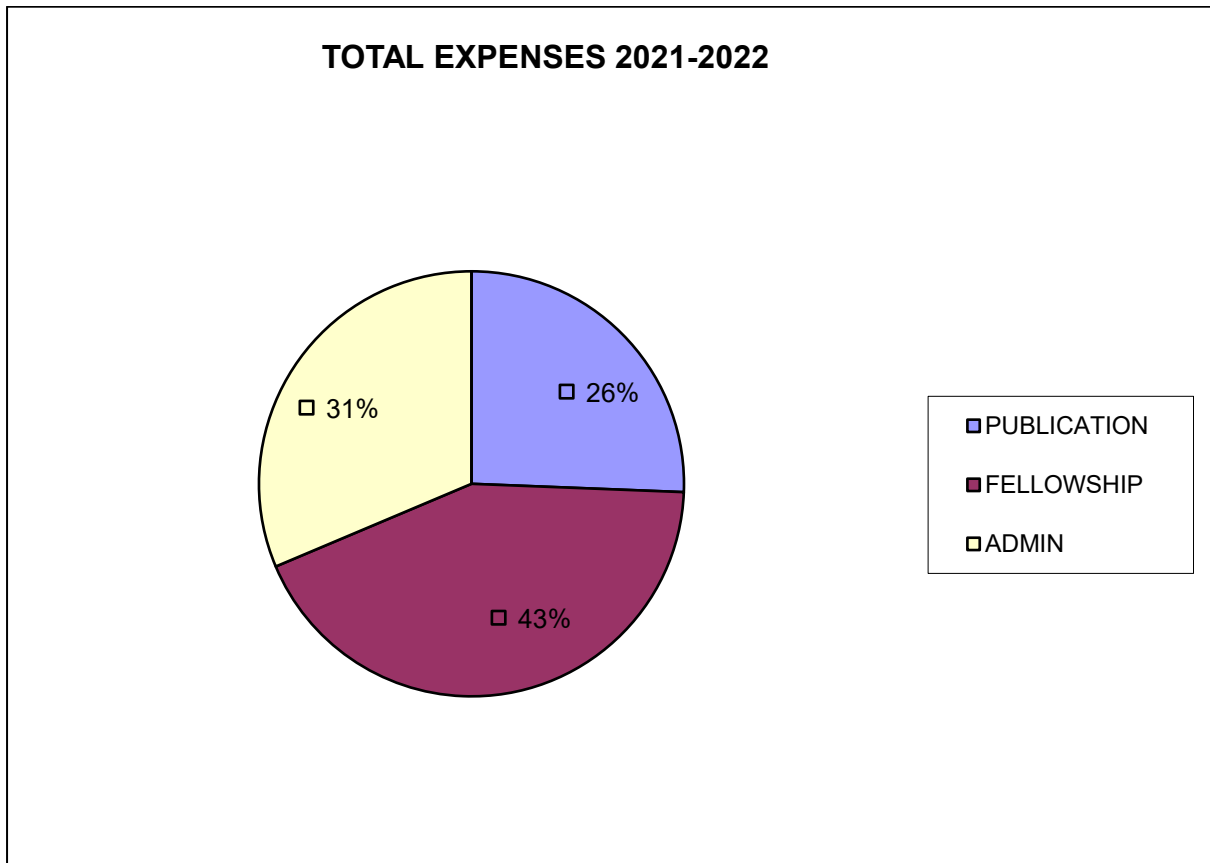
**£ 125,670**

Conference

**£ 30,072**

Total income all Funds: **£ 1,852,346**

**WHERE THE MONEY GOES (ALL FUNDS) 2021/2022**



Publications

**£ 467,255**

Fellowship Services

**£ 784,366**

Administration

**£ 571,849**

Total Expenditure all Funds: **£ 1,823,469**



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022 BALANCE SHEET**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2022 Total Funds £</b>	<b>2021 Total Funds £</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible Assets	3,436		3,436	3,526
Investments	1,104,391		1,104,319	1,186,293
	<u>1,107,755</u>		<u>1,107,755</u>	<u>1,189,819</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Stocks	256,245		256,245	193,792
Debtors	103,245		103,245	99,700
Cash at Bank	1,173,521	126,511	1,300,032	1,435,853
	<u>1,533,011</u>	<u>126,511</u>	<u>1,659,522</u>	<u>1,729,345</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>				
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(43,391)</u>		<u>(43,391)</u>	<u>(142,181)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>				
Less Current Liabilities	<u>1,616,161</u>		<u>1,616,131</u>	<u>1,587,164</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				
	<u>2,597,375</u>	<u>126,511</u>	<u>2,723,886</u>	<u>2,776,983</u>
<b>2022 FUNDS</b>				
Unrestricted Funds	2,597,375		2,597,375	2,651,748
Restricted Funds	126,511		126,511	125,235
	<u>2,723,886</u>		<u>2,723,886</u>	<u>2,776,983</u>

This information has the approval of the auditors and audited by HPH Accountants and delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

**STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCORPORATING INCOME & EXPENDITURE**  
**ACCOUNT) for YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
<b>INCOME RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Income &amp; Endowments from</b>				
Donations & Legacies	1,143,061		1,143,061	827,005
Other Trading Activities	703,715		703,315	457,315
Investment Income	37,889		37,889	33,667
Government Grant Income	(32,329)		(32,329)	6,492
<b>Total Income</b>	1,852,346		1,852,346	1,324,479
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
Raising Funds	811,285		811,285	430,300
Charitable Activities	1,012,184		1,012,184	755,196
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	1,823,469		1,823,469	1,185,496
Net Gains on Investments	(81,974)		(81,975)	121,358
Net income / (Expenditure)	(53,097)		(53,097)	260,341
<b>RECONCILIATION of FUNDS</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	2,651,748	125,235	2,776,983	2,516,642
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	2,597,375	126,511	2,723,886	2,776,983

## CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities

### NOTES to the FINACIAL STATEMENTS for the YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

<b>DONATION &amp; LEGACIES</b>	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Fellowship Contributions	983,742	785,790
Gift Aid	50,026	40,442
Convention Contributions	1,355	773
Conference Contributions	107,938	-
	<u>1,143,061</u>	<u>827,005</u>

<b>OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Sales of Literature	703,715	457,315

Literature is sold at surplus to assist in support of the Primary Purpose

<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Fixed Asset Income	33,975	33,618
Deposit Account Income	3,924	48
	<u>37,899</u>	<u>33,667</u>

<b>EXPENDITURE – RAISING FUNDS</b>	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Purchase of Literature	249,195	172,484
Staff Costs	61,368	53,768
Premises Costs	36,902	34,364
Office Expenses	89,659	76,706
Public Information & Publication Costs	33,272	35,719
Conference Costs	228,014	48
Website	18,342	5,529
Irrecoverable VAT	54,835	29,827
Archives Project	14,393	465
Financial Expenses	15,982	15,401
General Expenses	8,456	6,039
	<u>811,285</u>	<u>430,300</u>

<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITES – OTHER FELLOWSHIP SERVICES</b>	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Staff Costs	319,113	279,597
Premises Costs	70,149	69,434
Office Expenses	35,672	32,510
General Expenses	82,853	17,109
	<u>507,787</u>	<u>398,650</u>

**Governance Costs**Trustee Expenses  
Professional Expenses

<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
53,039	14,004
70,029	32,522
<u>123,068</u>	<u>46,526</u>

**MANAGEMENT COSTS**Staff Costs  
Premises Costs  
Office Expenses  
Financial Expenses  
General Expenses

<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
233,198	204,321
54,528	52,513
40,570	35,687
65	78
52,968	17,421
<u>381,329</u>	<u>310,020</u>



## The Twelve Traditions

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centres may employ special workers.
9. AA as such, ought never be organised; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never to be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.



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