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Company Registration No. 2212082 (England and Wales)

STILLBIRTH AND NEONATAL DEATH SOCIETY

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

**STILLBIRTH AND NEONATAL DEATH SOCIETY
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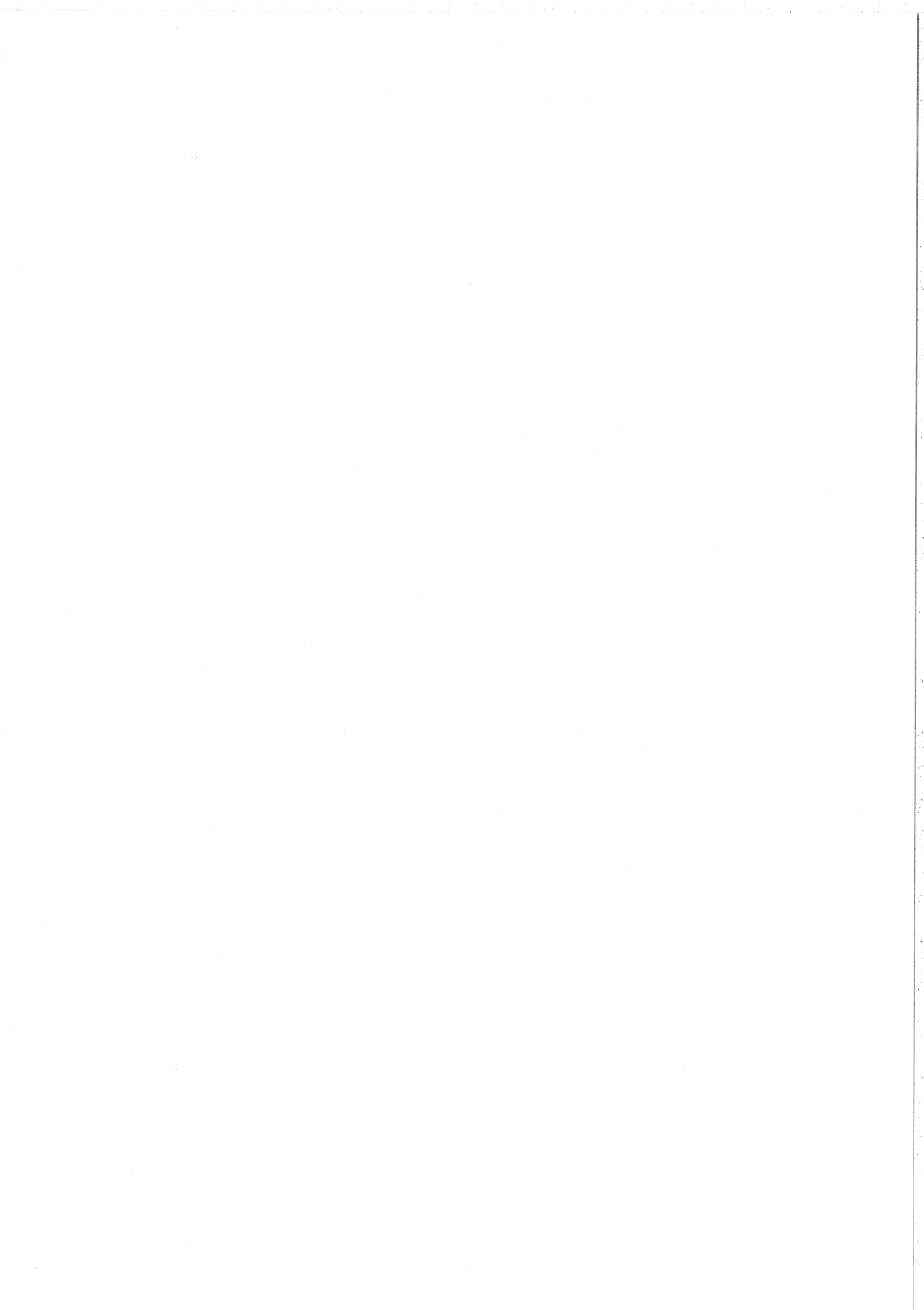
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Introduction

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity, for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and the financial statements of Sands (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society) for the year ended 31 March 2009. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2005.

Objects of the charity

The objects of Sands are: -

- 1.1 to promote the emotional, psychological and physical well-being of parents, their families and friends, when a baby dies in utero, at birth or soon after birth, by:
 - 1.1.1 the provision of support and information to those so bereaved and their carers; and
 - 1.1.2 by working collaboratively with health and social care professionals to improve and enhance professional practice with bereaved parents; and
- 1.2 to promote research and the implementation of best practice that will help identify the causes and reduce the incidence of the death of a baby in utero, at birth or soon after birth, and to publish the results of such research.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Background

Thirty years ago the devastating impact of the death of a baby on the mother and father was neither understood nor acknowledged. For parents it felt as if their baby had not existed and did not matter.

Sands was established in 1978 to change that perception and to redress the lack of care by offering support directly to anyone affected by the death of a baby and by working closely with health professionals to change the way in which bereaved parents were supported in maternity units.

The way in which parents and families are cared for and supported has substantially changed since that time and yet the tragic reality is that large numbers of families continue to be devastated by the death of a baby. Incredibly in the UK today, in spite of medical advances, 17 babies a day are stillborn or die within the first twenty eight days of life.

As a result, whilst bereavement support and working in collaboration with health professionals is at the core of everything that Sands does, we are increasingly doing more to try to ensure that there are fewer bereaved parents to support.

Review of Activities from 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009

The following report sets out the core activities and key service developments undertaken by Sands in respect of each of the above objects. For simplicity those objects are referred to below under the following headings: (A) support anyone affected by the death of a baby; (B) work in partnership with health professionals to ensure that

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bereaved parents and their families receive the best possible care; (C) promote and fund research that could help to reduce the loss of babies' lives.

A. Support anyone affected by the death of a baby

We offer support for anyone who is affected by the death of a baby through the following key services: -

A.1 Helpline Service

Last year, a total of 4,857 parents, health professionals, family and friends accessed the Helpline Service via telephone and email, 48% of whom were bereaved parents and a further 26% were health professionals.

Approximately 60% of those contacting the Helpline Service were provided with the details of local Groups and their befrienders and with information packs which includes Sands newsletter and an appropriate selection of support leaflets.

A.2 UK-wide network of 92 local Groups

Sands Groups are run by and for bereaved parents, offering a range of local services.

The services include; supporting parents and their families through trained befrienders; working with local hospitals to improve care and provide facilities such as a special room; holding memorial services; and creating a garden in memory of their babies.

Over 65% of the Sands Groups are now actively involved in seven regional/national Networks covering Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, East, North, South and West England. The Networks enable Groups to offer mutual support, share good practice and develop a more coordinated approach to implementing Sands aims within their region/country. Sands intends to appoint a paid coordinator in each of the Networks during the next five to seven years. The first of these posts will be piloted in Northern Ireland.

Sands places a high priority on the level and quality of the befriender service provided by the Groups. During the past year Sands delivered 8 befriender training days in Birmingham, Carlisle, Havant, Ipswich, Plymouth, Portadown, Swanley and Worcester. As a result, a total of 74 bereaved parents successfully completed the training and are authorised to act as befrienders on behalf of Sands within their local Groups.

In addition, Sands delivered a new advanced befriender training day which is designed to enable current befrienders to further develop their befriending skills and explore any challenging situations they may have experienced. The day was held in Derby and was attended by 15 of Sands more experienced befrienders.

A.3 Information and Publications

Sands provides a comprehensive quarterly newsletter and a wide-ranging website which includes sections for parents, health professionals and Sands Groups. Our publications include support leaflets, information sheets and books which reflect the many practical and emotional aspects of baby loss.

Judith Schott and Alix Henley, authors of the Sands Guidelines for Professionals have now begun the process of revising and extending our whole range of support literature. The first of these leaflets will be ready for publication towards the end of 2009.

In addition to Sands support literature, Sands has now published eight books as part of its commitment to offer a range of different perspectives and stories of bereavement. Three of those books are written by bereaved mums, three by bereaved dads, (one of which is a play) and two are written specifically for children. Sands has

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committed to publish a further four books during 2009/2010, which includes an anthology of poetry and a book which is for long ago bereaved parents.

A.4 Sands Forum and Message Boards

The Sands Forum is a widely used facility for anyone affected by the death of a baby to communicate to others whose babies have died and to find mutual support. The Forum also offers users the opportunity to create their own diaries and books of remembrance.

B. Working in partnership with health professionals to ensure that bereaved parents receive the best possible care

Sands works closely with health professionals to improve the care provided to parents and families at a national level, and at a local level through its network of Groups.

Since the publication and launch of the third edition of the Sands Guidelines in June 2007, there has been a high level of demand from NHS Trusts for training based on the Guidelines. A total of 22 training days were delivered during 2008/09 in Northern Ireland (6), Scotland (4), Wales (2), London (3), Lincolnshire (3), Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Hampshire and Hertfordshire.

Because of the demand for the Sands Guidelines Training Programme a facilitator training day was held in London which means that Sands now has a team of 21 trained facilitators who can deliver the Guidelines training.

The challenge for Sands is to ensure that the practical advice and information contained in the Guidelines are assimilated and that a new benchmark for good practice when caring for parents who have a childbearing loss is established and sustained within NHS Trusts.

Sands is increasingly being regarded as a leading provider in bereavement care internationally, not only for parents but also for health care professionals. As a result, we were invited to Malaysia and Italy to present our Guidelines Training for Professionals. The opportunity to work in both these countries arose due to our co-hosting of the International Stillbirth Alliance conference in Birmingham in 2007. Both the University of Kebangsaan Medical Centre in Kuala Lumpur and *Cialapo*, a recently formed parent support organisation in Florence, asked us to provide a two day programme with a combination of Sands Guidelines Training and guidance on setting up Parent Support Groups.

The following are some comments from the training:

'I had the knowledge but not the guidance and I feel so much more confident now'

'I have a better understanding of the trauma to parents after Perinatal loss.'

C. Promoting research to reduce the loss of babies' deaths

Following the preparatory work undertaken last year, Sands launched its Why 17? Campaign in June 2008. The principal aims of that campaign are to:-

1. Focus public awareness on why, tragically, 17 babies a day in the UK are stillborn or die within the first twenty eight days of life;
2. Develop and deliver key messaging on prevention for parents and health professionals;

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3. Raise funds to enable Sands to identify and fund key research which could provide further information on why some babies are dying.

An integral part of the campaign was the development of a report which encapsulates what Sands has learnt from its close involvement with the International Stillbirth Alliance and from a wide range of meetings with many of the leading clinical and research specialists in the UK.

On 4th March 2009 Sands launched its "Saving Babies Lives Report 2009" at a packed reception in the House of Commons, which was hosted by Anne Milton MP, Shadow Health Minister, and attended by MPs and Peers, Sands parents, health professionals, Department of Health representatives, scientists and researchers. Sixty-four MPs attended, including Ann Keen MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health Services, several key Shadow Health Ministers and members of the Health Select Committee.

Since the launch three important developments have emerged. They are:-

1. Agreement with the Department of Health to collaborate on a one-day workshop to which leading researchers and clinicians are being invited and which focuses on the development of a national strategy to reduce stillbirths.
2. A collaboration with Wellbeing of Women, the research fundraising arm of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, on a sustainable programme of peer reviewed research.
3. The establishment of a Clinical Studies Group for Stillbirth under the auspices of the National Reproductive Health Research Network.

Further progress on these developments and on the launch of the "Saving Babies' Lives Report" in Wales, Scotland and Ireland will be summarized in next year's Trustees Report.

The 4th International Stillbirth Alliance Conference was held in Oslo, Norway in November 2008, co-sponsored by the Norwegian SIDS and Stillbirth Society. Representatives from Sands UK attended the conference. The key message of the conference was for the ISA to facilitate increasing international political awareness of stillbirth.

In March 2009, Sands facilitated the bereavement programme at the 5th International Stillbirth Alliance Conference in South Africa with Sands Australia and Sands Antigua and Barbuda. The aims of the conference were to focus on audit and prevention strategies for stillbirth and neonatal death as well as the provision of bereavement care in developing countries. There were international delegates from Australia to Uganda with many African, European and American hospitals and universities represented.

Other activities and events

In April 2008 we strengthened our links with other Sands groups and stillbirth researchers internationally. As well as attending the conference of the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand (PSANZ) in Queensland, representatives of Sands UK took part in a 3 day meeting in Brisbane with Sands members from Australia and New Zealand.

150 people attended our annual open day and service in June at the Sands Garden in the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, near Lichfield. The day also included a moving memorial service which concluded in the Garden with the release of balloons, the laying of new stones and floral tributes.

The 2008 Annual General Meeting and Members' Conference took place in Lincoln on October 4th. Nearly 100 delegates were warmly welcomed by hosts Lincoln Sands.

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The Members' Conference focused on progressing Sands 3 aims: Support, Improving Care and Promoting Research and included three guest speakers: Judith Schott – Sands Advisor, Di Sykes – a midwife from United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust and Dr Robert Wilson from West Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust.

On 12 December 2008, over 900 people attended our Lights of Love services in Nottingham, Northern Ireland, Wales and London. The service in London was the sixth to be held in the candlelit church of St Paul's on Knightsbridge while the services in Portadown and in Llandrindod Wells, Powys, marked the third of these events to be held in Northern Ireland and Wales. The East and West networks co hosted a service in Nottingham at the beautiful St Peter's church in the heart of the city. In the words of one of our members:

'It was a truly lovely evening, even though I didn't stop crying. I loved everything from the choir, soloist, poems and readings, candles and tree. It created lovely memories just for Phoebe and Olivia.'

Central to all the evenings were the Lights of Love Christmas trees, covered in cards with messages dedicated to a baby or another loved one. The services provided a poignant reminder that at Christmas, with so much emphasis on children and on families sharing happy times together, the death of a baby or another loved one can seem especially hard to bear.

In addition to the numerous parents' friends and families doing individual and group fundraising, there were a number of larger corporate fundraising events, including Minnie Smedley's First Birthday Party held on 30 May 2008 in Middlesbrough with many Formula One celebrities present and the second Jude Brady Memorial Event on 13 June 2008 in Suffolk. In November 2008 Eden Financial – an institutional equities broking and wealth management firm based in London - held their 2nd Charity Day with Sands once again being chosen as one of their named charities. Celebrities attending included Sienna Miller, Gayle Porter and Jason Leonard.

Financial Review

Excluding legacies Sands income has continued to show substantial growth with an almost 70% increase on the previous year to just under £1.2million. The growth is principally due to the continuing hard work undertaken by our small fundraising team to attract more parents, family and friends to fundraise for Sands and to continue to increase the level of assistance provided to them. Resource expenditure was £165K less than income in the year at just over £1million. A substantial portion (£500K) of the major legacy left to Sands in 2007 by Barbara Price is being designated to the fulfilment of Sands third aim which is to promote improvements in antenatal care and fund research which could help to reduce the loss of babies' lives.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Jeanne Nicholls, *Chair* (resigned 3rd October 2009)
Steven Guy, *Chair* (resigned 4th October 2008)
Steve Hale, *Treasurer and Vice Chair*
Mario Di Clemente (resigned 26 October 2008)
Kate Anker
Andrew Scott
Shirley Gittoes
Sheryl McMahon

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At the 2009 AGM on 3rd October 2009 the following appointments were made:

Henry King, *Trustee*
Colin Pidgeon, *Trustee*

At the Board meeting on the same day the following were elected

Steve Hale, *Chair*
Kate Anker, *Vice Chair*
Henry King, *Treasurer*

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Trustees are elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Additionally, Trustees can be co-opted by the existing Board of Trustees. These appointments are then approved by the members at the next Annual General Meeting.

Reserves Policy

At present free reserves (i.e. excluding the value of fixed assets and designated funds) are at a level of just over five months running costs which is therefore still below the level required (6 months) to ensure continuity of services in the event of a loss or delay of funding and to maintain the ability to meet unforeseen costs.

Risk Management:

The Trustees consider risk as part of their (bi-monthly) meetings and are confident that systems are in place to mitigate the impact of key risks.

Lothian Sands

Lothian Sands, an unincorporated charity registered in Scotland (No.SCO24375) have similar objectives, but have separate management and legal status. There were no material transactions during the year or balances at the year end between Sands and Lothian Sands.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the directors has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditors are aware of such information.

Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that H.W. Fisher & Company be re-appointed as auditors of the company was passed at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees


Steve Hale
Chair of Trustees
Dated: 14 December 2009

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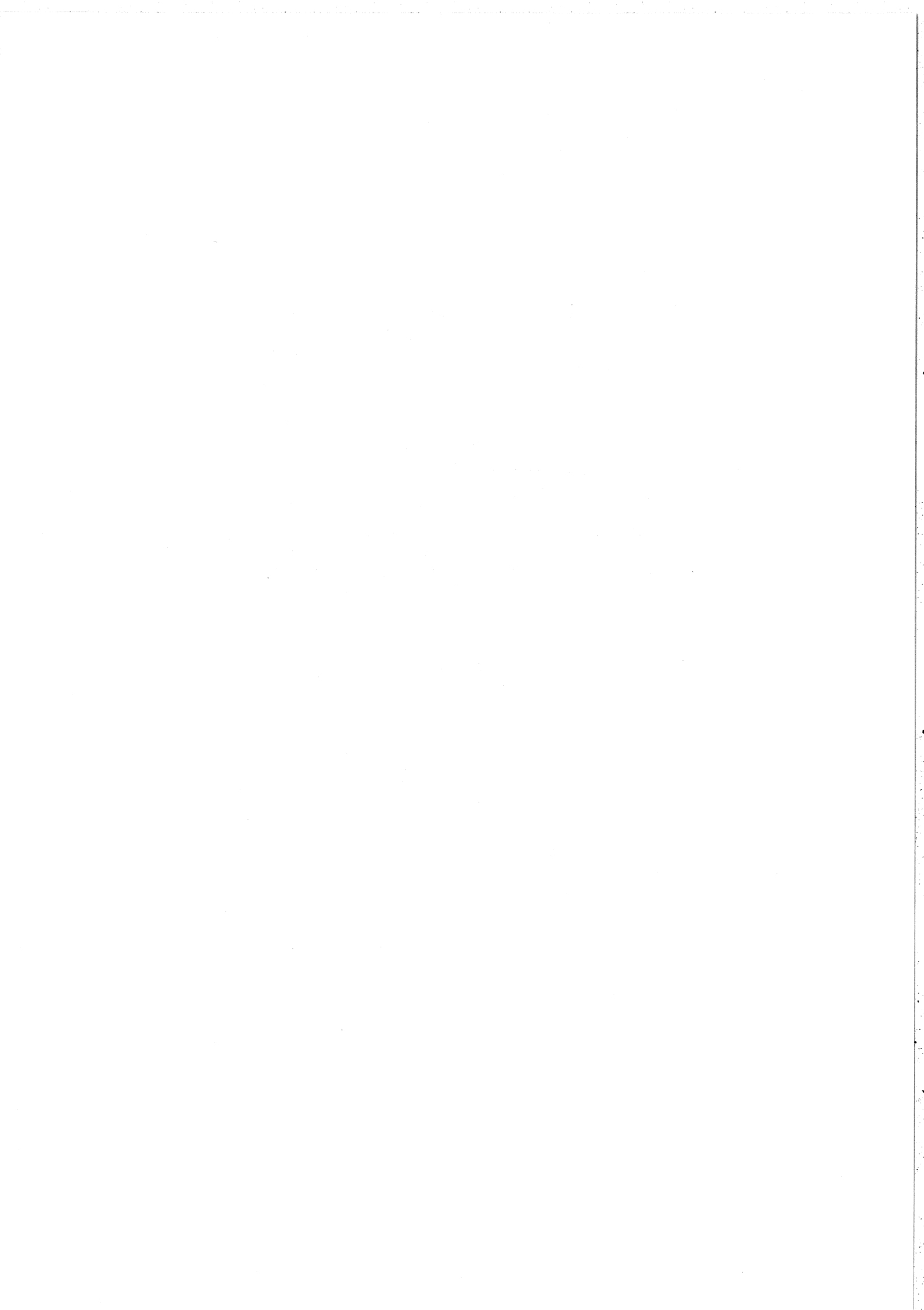
The trustees, who are also the directors of Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. 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.



**STILLBIRTH AND NEONATAL DEATH SOCIETY
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

TO THE MEMBERS OF STILLBIRTH AND NEONATAL DEATH SOCIETY

We have audited the accounts of Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society for the year ended 31 March 2009 set out on pages 9 to 18. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 charitable company and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As described on page 7, the trustees, who are also the directors of Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and whether the information given in the Trustees' Report is consistent with those accounts.

We also report to you if, in our opinion, the charity has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding trustees' remuneration and transactions with the charity is not disclosed.

We read the Trustees' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of opinion

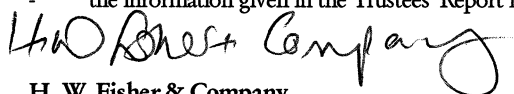
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the accounts give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2009, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Trustees' Report is consistent with the accounts.



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Dated: 20/1/10

STILLBIRTH AND NEONATAL DEATH SOCIETY
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2009 £	Total 2008 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>						
Voluntary Income	2	284,986	-	190,103	475,089	1,093,563
Activities for generating funds		536,288	-	104,233	640,521	360,181
Investment income	3	29,225	-	-	29,225	15,846
		850,499	-	294,336	1,144,835	1,469,590
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	32,844	-	4,000	36,844	37,309
Total incoming resources		883,343	-	298,336	1,181,679	1,506,899
<u>Resources expended</u>						
Costs of generating funds						
Fundraising and publicity costs	5	212,018	-	17,441	229,459	137,884
Charitable activities						
Bereavement support		476,690	-	125,421	602,111	450,191
Improving care		9,459	-	1,065	10,524	57,128
Research		157,123	-	-	157,123	73,989
Total charitable expenditure		643,272	-	126,486	769,758	575,094
Governance costs		17,528	-	-	17,528	15,885
Total resources expended		872,818	-	143,927	1,016,745	728,863
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		10,525	-	154,409	164,934	778,036
Fund balances at 1 April 2008		489,692	500,000	281,945	1,271,637	493,601
Fund balances at 31 March 2009		500,217	500,000	436,354	1,436,571	1,271,637

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 1985.

**STILLBIRTH AND NEONATAL DEATH SOCIETY
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BALANCE SHEET**

AS AT 31 MARCH 2009

	Notes	2009 £	£	2008 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		53,771		28,131
Current assets					
Stocks	10	37,974		31,381	
Debtors	11	37,227		19,929	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,362,454		1,210,904	
		<u>1,437,655</u>		<u>1,262,214</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(54,855)</u>		<u>(18,708)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,382,800</u>		<u>1,243,506</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>1,436,571</u></u>		<u><u>1,271,637</u></u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14		436,354		281,945
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	15		500,000		500,000
- SANDS		378,130		371,565	
- Groups		122,087		118,127	
Other charitable funds			500,217		489,692
			<u>1,436,571</u>		<u>1,271,637</u>

The accounts were approved by the Board on 14th December 2009


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Steve Hale (Chair)
Chair of Trustees

STILLBIRTH AND NEONATAL DEATH SOCIETY (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity. 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 Companies Act 1985.

1.2 Incoming resources

Grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier date of when they are received or when they are receivable, unless they relate to a specified future period, in which case they are deferred. Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as they are received. Earned income is accounted for as it is receivable. Donations in kind are recognised at their fair value, with an equivalent charge made to resources expended. Donated fixed assets are recognised at their fair value and capitalised and depreciated, as below. Where a group has not indicated any restricted income and the group's annual income or reserves at the balance sheet date are below £500 then all the funds are deemed to be unrestricted. Where groups have reserves or income between £500 and £1000, 50% is deemed to be restricted and 50% unrestricted. Where a group's reserves or income exceeds £1000, these are groups who will have been actively fundraising for specific projects and therefore 75% of funds are deemed to be restricted and 25% unrestricted.

1.3 Resources expended

Fundraising and publicity costs comprise the costs incurred in producing materials for promotional purposes and in raising funds. Governance costs are those which do not directly relate to charitable activities, and include the costs of audit and statutory compliance. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of the staff time spent on those activities. Income and expenditure are stated net of VAT. The charity has a partial exemption for VAT and is not able to reclaim VAT on all its indirect charitable costs. Irrecoverable VAT is written off against charitable activities.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold property	5% reducing balance
Computer equipment	50% reducing balance
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	33% reducing balance

The depreciation basis has been revised in respect of computer equipment, fixtures, fittings and equipment to provide a more accurate reflection of the use of the assets.

1.5 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.6 Stock

Stocks of publications and promotional items are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.7 Pensions

The Charity makes payments on behalf of its employees to the Sands Stakeholder Pension Scheme. The pension costs charged in the accounts represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

1.8 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Relevant expenditure is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of central costs. Some income received by Sands groups is restricted and these funds are not available for use by UK Office. Unrestricted funds are donations or other incoming resources received or generated by UK Office or Sands Groups for the charity's general purposes. Transfers between restricted funds and unrestricted funds are where permitted by the donor. Transfers between unrestricted and designated funds are at the discretion of the trustees.

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2 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2009 £	Total 2008 £
Donations and gifts	257,615	190,103	447,718	271,468
Legacies receivable	15,371	-	15,371	807,782
Grants receivable for core activities	12,000	-	12,000	14,313
	<u>284,986</u>	<u>190,103</u>	<u>475,089</u>	<u>1,093,563</u>

Donations and gifts

Restricted funds:

Funds received by UK Office	47,423	446
Funds received by Sands Groups	142,680	96,492
	<u>190,103</u>	<u>96,938</u>

3 Investment income

	2009 £	2008 £
Interest receivable	29,225	15,846
	<u>29,225</u>	<u>15,846</u>

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4 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2009 £	Total 2008 £
Support	32,844	4,000	36,844	33,309
Improving care	-	-	-	4,000
	<u>32,844</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>36,844</u>	<u>37,309</u>

Included within income relating to support are the following grants:

S16B Scottish Executive - Core	-	4,000
S64 Department of Health - Bereavement Support	4,000	-
	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>

Included within income relating to improving care are the following:

S16B Scottish Executive - Project	-	4,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,000</u>

Income from support includes the sale of publications and materials.

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5 Total resources expended

	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Other costs £	Total 2009 £	Total 2008 £
Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising and publicity costs	79,975	-	149,484	229,459	137,884
Charitable activities					
<u>Bereavement support</u>					
Activities undertaken directly	245,219	27,382	329,510	602,111	450,191
<u>Improving care</u>					
Activities undertaken directly	9,459	-	1,065	10,524	57,128
<u>Research</u>					
Activities undertaken directly	70,890	-	86,233	157,123	73,989
	325,568	27,382	416,808	769,758	575,094
Governance costs	-	-	17,528	17,528	15,885
	405,543	27,382	583,820	1,016,745	728,863

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £5,100 (2008- £5,100) for audit fees and £nil (2008- £2,371) for other services.

Included in other Fundraising costs of £149,484 are Why17 events of £17,441, marketing costs of £26,930 and Christmas cards: £12,951.

Included in other Bereavement Support costs of £329,510 are befriender training: approximately £9,000, Newsletter costs: £14,582, SANDS group costs: £128,792.

Other Research costs of £86,233 includes all costs incurred in the development and implementation of the Why17? Campaign and the launch of the "Saving Babies Lives" report at the House of Commons and SANDS participation in the International Stillbirth Alliance conferences in South Africa and Norway.

6 Governance costs

	2009 £	2008 £
Other governance costs comprise:		
Legal and professional	6,145	2,200
Audit & accountancy	5,100	7,471
Annual General Meeting and Annual Report	6,283	6,214
	17,528	15,885

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7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but all were reimbursed travelling and telephone expenses totalling £5,370 (2008: £4,554).

The wife of the current Chair of Trustees (Steve Hale), is employed part time to work on group development (gross pay £22,754). Her employment commenced prior to his appointment as a trustee. The husband of current Trustee Shirley Gittoes is the managing director of T S Gittoes Ltd which Shirley is an employee and company secretary of. The company has supplied clothing merchandise to Sands. During the financial year the charges to Sands for merchandise supplied by T S Gittoes Ltd was £1,886 net.

8 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2009 Number	2008 Number
Helpline - Full time	1	1
Helpline - Part time	5	5
Groups - Part time	2	2
Improving care - Part time	2	2
Research - Part time	2	1
Fundraising and communications - Full time	3	1
Fundraising and communications - Part time	1	3
Media and Public Relations - Part time	3	2
Management and administration - Full time	3	2
Management and administration - Part time	2	2
	24	21
	24	21

Employment costs

	2009 £	2008 £
Wages and salaries	369,404	261,142
Social security costs	34,106	22,636
Other pension costs	2,033	2,076
	405,543	285,854
	405,543	285,854

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Sands Garden & Memorials	Computer equipment	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2008	36,342	31,096	18,400	85,838
Additions	-	31,099	21,923	53,022
Disposals	-	(31,096)	(18,400)	(49,496)
At 31 March 2009	36,342	31,099	21,923	89,364
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2008	11,569	28,812	17,326	57,707
On disposals	-	(31,096)	(18,400)	(49,496)
Charge for the year	1,239	17,834	8,309	27,382
At 31 March 2009	12,808	15,550	7,235	35,593
Net book value				
At 31 March 2009	<u>23,534</u>	<u>15,549</u>	<u>14,688</u>	<u>53,771</u>
At 31 March 2008	<u>24,773</u>	<u>2,284</u>	<u>1,074</u>	<u>28,131</u>

10 Stocks

	2009	2008
	£	£
Publications and leaflets	<u>37,974</u>	<u>31,381</u>

11 Debtors

	2009	2008
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>37,227</u>	<u>19,929</u>

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12	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2009	2008
		£	£
	Trade creditors	39,716	8,060
	Taxes and social security costs	6,647	5,360
	Accruals	8,492	5,288
		<u>54,855</u>	<u>18,708</u>

13 Pension and other post-retirement benefit commitments
Defined contribution

	2009	2008
	£	£
Contributions payable by the company for the year	2,033	2,076
	<u>2,033</u>	<u>2,076</u>

14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2008	Movement in funds		Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2009
	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	£	£
Bereavement support (SANDS groups)	267,718	227,998	(108,317)	(88,296)	299,103
Bereavement support	12,800	4,304	(17,104)	-	-
Research	1,427	66,034	(18,506)	88,296	137,251
	<u>281,945</u>	<u>298,336</u>	<u>(143,927)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>436,354</u>

Sands has a UK network of 97 active self help groups (92 in the United Kingdom and 5 overseas), run by bereaved parents. Each Sands group is self financing and raises funds to cover the costs of its own activities, including day to day support of bereaved parents and for larger projects, such as memorials or improved services at local hospitals. A sum of £88,296 was committed by the Tunbridge Wells Sands Group to fund research (£60,000) and the launch of the Sands "Saving Babies' Lives Report" at the Houses of Parliament on 4th March 2009 (£28,296).

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15 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2008	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 March 2009
	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	£
Research fund	500,000	-	-	500,000
	500,000	-	-	500,000

The Research fund has been established for the implementation of the work undertaken to fulfil SAND's third aim as described in the Trustees Report.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2009 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	53,771	-	-	53,771
Current assets	501,301	500,000	436,354	1,437,655
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(54,855)	-	-	(54,855)
	500,217	500,000	436,354	1,436,571

17 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 March 2009 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings	
	2009	2008
	£	£
Expiry date:		
Within one year	78,000	50,100

18 Related parties

Lothian Sands, an unincorporated charity registered in Scotland (No.SCO24375) have similar objectives, but have separate management and legal status. There were no material transactions during the year or balances at the year end between Sands and Lothian Sands.

