

SAFE SOULMATES COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

Company limited by guarantee

**Company Registration Number:
11425800 (England and Wales)**

Unaudited statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

Period of accounts

Start date: 1 July 2021

End date: 31 December 2022

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Directors' report period ended 31 December 2022

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the period ended 31 December 2022

Principal activities of the company

The principal activity of the not for profit company continued to be that of providing a friendship and dating organisation for adults with additional needs. We bring together people with autism, learning disabilities, anxiety or other conditions that make socialising hard. Together we encourage people to build trusted friendships, have opportunities to socialise and, if a romantic connection is made, we support this development in a positive way. Our aims are to improve people's lives by keeping them safe and end loneliness and isolation. Over the last year we have welcomed 125 Safe Soulmates, hosted over 100 social events and chaperoned 40 one-to-one friendship and romantic introductions.

Directors

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from
1 July 2021 to 31 December 2022

Victoria Baddeley
Christine O'Neil

The director shown below has held office during the period of
1 July 2021 to 10 November 2021

Stacey Lee

The directors shown below have held office during the period of
20 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Sanjay Kumar
William Mollison
Sue Platt
Jill Threfall
Jennifer Dean

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions in part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

This report was approved by the board of directors on
11 September 2023

And signed on behalf of the board by:
Name: Victoria Baddeley
Status: Director

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Profit And Loss Account for the Period Ended 31 December 2022

	<i>18 months to 31 December 2022</i>	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Turnover:	139,828	67,836
Gross profit(or loss):	<u>139,828</u>	<u>67,836</u>
Administrative expenses:	(129,763)	(67,836)
Operating profit(or loss):	<u>10,065</u>	<u>0</u>
Profit(or loss) before tax:	<u>10,065</u>	<u>0</u>
Tax:	(1,913)	
Profit(or loss) for the financial year:	<u>8,152</u>	<u>0</u>

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Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>18 months to 31 December 2022</i>	<i>2021</i>
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand:		42,486	11,098
Total current assets:		<u>42,486</u>	<u>11,098</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:	3	(34,330)	(11,094)
Net current assets (liabilities):		<u>8,156</u>	<u>4</u>
Total assets less current liabilities:		<u>8,156</u>	<u>4</u>
Total net assets (liabilities):		<u>8,156</u>	<u>4</u>
Members' funds			
Profit and loss account:		8,156	4
Total members' funds:		<u>8,156</u>	<u>4</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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For the year ending 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

**This report was approved by the board of directors on 11 September 2023
and signed on behalf of the board by:**

Name: Victoria Baddeley
Status: Director

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Period Ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting policies

Basis of measurement and preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 1A (Small Entities) of Financial Reporting Standard 102

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2. Employees

	<i>18 months to 31 December 2022</i>	<i>2021</i>
Average number of employees during the period	6	2

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3. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year note

	<i>18 months to 31 December 2022</i>	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Trade creditors	136	
Taxation and social security	4,184	1,589
Other creditors	30,010	9,505
Total	<u>34,330</u>	<u>11,094</u>

COMMUNITY INTEREST ANNUAL REPORT

SAFE SOULMATES COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

Company Number: 11425800 (England and Wales)

Year Ending: 31 December 2022

Company activities and impact

The overarching purpose of Safe Soulmates is to end loneliness for neurodivergent and disabled adults (most Soulmates are autistic and/or are adults with learning disabilities). We do this in collaboration with the Soulmates, the steering group and the board, by hosting small and large events (in person and on zoom); by connecting people in whatsapp groups; by encouraging Soulmates to check in with each other and by checking in ourselves with those soulmates who are really struggling; we also chaperone friendship and date matches if there is a romantic or friendship connection; Safe Soul mates is a safe community where people feel a sense of belonging. 'Mate crime' and 'hate crime' for disabled and neurodivergent adults is commonplace for those seeking friendships and relationships online and in-person; we have heard many stories of this kind of abuse. 'Mate crime' is terminology used to describe the act of befriending someone and then financially abusing them; perpetrators take advantage of the person's perceived vulnerability. To counter this, when joining Safe Soulmates, people are interviewed, complete paperwork and we ask for 2 character references (one professional and one from a family friend) and we see photo ID. This way we know that everyone who joins us is who they say they are. We charge £10 a month if people can afford it and nothing if they can't. By June 2022, we had helped, guided and facilitated small and large social events and parties for 180 Soulmates, as well as signposted to other services if needed. By June 2022 and now fully out of any COVID restrictions, but dealing with the psychological fallout for many people, we were hosting at least 3 in person social events a week and continued with 5 online socials a week; the online provision remains vital to some people and the in person provision a welcome relief after a year of online socialising (at least 10 zooms a week between March 2020 and March 2021). The need for what we do is very clear, not only do we help to guard against abuse, we also help people to connect with others with whom they can feel comfortable, guarding against loneliness, which can increase mortality rates by a staggering 45%, a higher percentage than the risk from obesity and smoking. In November 2021 we recruited our first non-executive board to work alongside the steering group and staff. By June 2022, as well as funding to employ the co-founders, Safe Soulmates had also received funding to employ an online presenter, who improved our online delivery (funded by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation); we also recruited a member of staff via the government Kick Starter scheme to improve our social media content and a Volunteer Coordinator funded by the Fore. By June 2022, we had also received funding from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police Crime Commissioner and Aviva crowdfunding, to recruit social facilitators to deliver social events in Peterborough. We also received generous donations from parents and funding from Cambridgeshire County Council, which enabled us to further develop the service in Ely and Huntingdon and Cambridge. We had received help from 10 volunteers, assisting us deliver in person and online services as well as to assist in guiding the strategic direction of the organisation. Soul mates were regularly leading and being supported to lead online and in person social events, and the Soulmates who had been with us for some time, were starting to arrange their own social meet ups away from the general provision, as well as with us. We had become a 'safety net' where people could check in and know that we would help in their social life and wider lives, if needed. We also noticed a need to help people to host their birthday parties, which we assist Soulmates to organise, alongside the core delivery of events and social meet ups. We have had many relationships start and end, some have needed more support than others; some have worked out with one recently leading to a couple living together and becoming engaged, they met on Zoom during lockdown. Some have not worked out, but have ended in friendship and we have had to help people negotiate difficult friendship situations too. In short, we have helped people to navigate the sometimes amazing and sometimes tricky aspects of friendships and relationships.

Consultation with stakeholders

By June 2022, we had commissioned and published our first evaluation report, which we distributed to professionals, funders and parent/carers, to highlight our work. Within the report are results from surveys, case studies and testimonials and a link to a video of soul mates talking about the impact that being part of the Safe Soul mates' community has had on their lives. The evaluation of the service is a work in progress and we continue to adapt and improve the service, by gaining feedback via surveys, focus groups, testimonials, videos, artwork and music.

Directors' remuneration

The total amount paid or receivable by directors in respect of qualifying services was £70,988. There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for director's loss of office, which require to be disclosed.

Transfer of assets

No transfer of assets other than for full consideration

This report was approved by the board of directors on
11 September 2023

And signed on behalf of the board by:

Name: Victoria Baddeley

Status: Director

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