

THE CORNELIUS TRUST

ACCOUNTS

31ST MARCH 2023

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THE CORNELIUS TRUST

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| ADDRESS | 4 Curlew Drive Chippenham Wiltshire SN14 6YQ |
| PATRONS | The Rt Hon the Lord MacKay of Clashfern KT The Lord Alton of Liverpool Major General A N Carlier CB OBE The Very Reverend Dr J. Harkness CB OBE QHC MA Wing Commander D R Gleed RAF Rtd |
| TRUSTEES | Lt Col JPJ Judge (Chairman) Mr R P Sheldon late RE (Secretary) Mr R J Campbell (Treasurer) LCpl P Steen (Grant Secretary) Lt Col V J Roberts RE Lt Col W Faux Sqn Ldr J Palmer MBE RAF Revd MF Chatfield RN Revd (Wg Cdr) AR Nicoll RAF The Revd M Dietz CF LCpl J Lee |
| SOLICITORS | Neale Turk Rochfort 12 Kings Ride Camberley Surrey GU15 4JG |
| CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER | 1002371 |

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT Trust deed dated 14th November 1990

THE CORNELIUS TRUST – TRUSTEES' REPORT 2022/23

AIM AND PURPOSE

The Trust seeks to support serving and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces and MOD Civil Servants, as well as their dependants, in developing and strengthening their Christian faith through attendance at camps, conferences, courses and at Christian leisure centres. We particularly seek to support and encourage those engaged in evangelism within the Military and those who wish to consider the claims of the Christian Gospel. We also provide wider benefit by assisting Christians from the Armed Forces of other countries.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In accordance with our aim the trust provides financial grants to:

- Support members of the Armed Forces and MOD Civil Service community to attend events organised by the various Military Christian Organisations (MCOs) or other Christian events for rest, recuperation, fellowship and teaching.
- Support MCOs in their provision of conferences, courses or activities.
- Support other activities aimed at propagating the Christian gospel within the Armed Forces.

Bids from junior service personnel are particularly encouraged.

CONSTITUTION AND TRUSTEES

The constitution was reviewed in January 2022. There have been no significant changes deemed necessary as the extant constitution continues to allow sufficient freedom of action to satisfy the objectives of the Trust. We have said farewell to one trustee who came to the end of their tenure during this period. This sees the number of trustees at 11 in total. We remain fortunate to have several generously long-serving trustees and office bearers who continue to give deeply valued service, although we are now seeking to actively manage the succession of our longest serving and experienced trustees. As a trust serving a predominantly 'young' constituency we are always conscious of the need to encourage and bring in new trustees, particularly those Junior Rates and Ranks from the three Services, whom we most routinely aim to support.

COMPLIANCE, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Investments

The financial year 2022/23 saw an income from our underlying investments of £47.8K, which are professionally managed on our behalf by Brewin Dolphin. The Trust also owns property in Shropshire as part of the investment portfolio which generates an income of just over £18K annually. The income, from which grants are made, has been reasonably stable (see accounts for details) and, as a result, in this financial year, we have been able to satisfy in some measure nearly all bids which have met our criteria.

As noted above, we rent out property in Badger village and Sqn Ldr Jonny Palmer continues to oversee the management of these on our behalf via a letting agency Bloore & King. The properties consist of a pair of semi-detached cottages currently split into four flats, one of which was, up until recently, rented out to long-standing tenants at significantly reduced rent in accordance with the wishes of the benefactor who donated the property to the trust in the early 1990s. This tenant has recently moved out to a more suitable property which has prompted the Trust to revisit the role of property in our portfolio. While the cottages have served us well, their age and location places a increasing maintenance burden on the Trust, not to mention the legal constraints associated with a listed property. The Trust has therefore embarked on a

comprehensive review of our property holdings to explore less restrictive property options with a lower maintenance burden. The review has also looked at options to maintain grant giving in line with inflation over medium to long term.

Grants

Grants this year have totalled over £32K. It has been encouraging to see activity return to something resembling the pre-COVID levels with some new activity also taking place. We have been able to support children's clubs in overseas garrisons and families attending Christian teaching conferences. Similarly, we continue to subsidise a Christian holiday camp for service children, military families attending summer house parties and young soldiers, sailors and airmen attending Christian festivals.

These activities are typical of the broad range of activities that we support across all three services including both serving and retired military families and their dependants, thus demonstrating a tangible wider public benefit. We encourage and welcome new bids, especially from those with novel ideas.

We continue to work, where possible, with other established MCOs including Military Chaplaincies, but at the same time encourage bids, large or small, from individuals and non-military organisations where they support the wider military community. We continue to work with the Armed Forces Christian Union (AFCU) and the Soldiers and Airmen Scripture Readers Association (SASRA) which provides support to members of all three services, and our grants subsidise the cost of their numerous events.

MANAGEMENT OF THE TRUST

We are fortunate to have a body of willing trustees who give freely and generously of their time and, being either serving military or ex-military, bring knowledgeable, mature and reasoned judgement to their task. The trust does not have permanent employed staff or offices; its administration is conducted on the internet using a secure well-produced and maintained Trustees' forum. This reduces cost and is time efficient. The Trust also maintains a public web site from which anyone may gain information and submit a grant application.

Trustees Committee meetings are held three times a year and are recorded in minutes as required by Charity Commission rules. Administration costs are negligible.

The accounts continue to be maintained to an extremely high standard by our treasurer Mr R J Campbell and we are well supported and advised by our Brewin Dolphin fund manager. The accounts are properly externally examined in accordance with Charity Commission rules and they are filed with this report for scrutiny as required.

Risk Analysis

The Trustees consider the principal risks affecting the charity to be:

1. A decline in the value of investments. While there may have been some decline in real terms (accounting for inflation) during the period, the performance was in line with the wider market and therefore reflective of systemic, cyclical forces rather than any weakness in the underlying portfolio. The trustees continue to minimise valuation risk by engaging portfolio managers to maintain a balanced portfolio under regular review. Brewin Dolphin reported to all trustees in January 2023.
2. Damage to property which the Trustees seek to minimise by maintaining management oversight of the properties and ensuring adequate insurance cover.

Investment Policy

Seeking to achieve a robust income yield to fulfil its charitable purposes coupled with long term capital growth as an inflationary hedge from a balanced risk portfolio.

Public Benefit

In preparing this report, and in planning future activity, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

The trustees believe that the best way to carry out our objectives, and to provide public benefit for the sector of the public targeted within our constitution, is to continue to support organisations and individuals in line with our charitable objectives.

SUMMARY

The Trust has had another good year despite continuing challenges. We optimistically look forward to 2023/24 seeing a continued increase in requests while ensuring our income from investments allows us to keep pace. We continue to encourage and welcome innovative and novel bids for support in addition to those regularly received. We remain well placed financially with sensible reserves that will continue to enable us to weather any further fluctuations in the broader economic environment and allow us to fulfil our aims and objectives in accordance with our constitution and charter - full details of which are available on our website if required at <http://www.thecorneliustrust.org>.

On behalf of the Trustees

J P J Judge
Lieutenant Colonel
Chairman of Trustees

17 Nov 23

THE CORNELIUS TRUST

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Date: Jan 2024

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Trustee and Chairman of the Trustee Council J P J Judge



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Cornelius Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1002371

Set out on pages

8-14

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

John Edwards

Date:

30 January 2024

Name:

John Edwards BSc(Econ)

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

5 Sandalwood Road

Westbury Wiltshire

BA13 3UP

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st MARCH 2023

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds £ | 2023 Restricted Funds £ | Total £ | Unrestricted Funds £ | 2022 Restricted Funds £ | Total £ |
|---|------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Income and endowments | | | | | | | |
| Donations | | 24 | - | 24 | 155 | - | 155 |
| Tax reclaimable | | | - | - | 37 | - | 37 |
| Bank interest | | 420 | - | 420 | 109 | - | 109 |
| Investment income | | 48,390 | - | 48,390 | 37,881 | - | 37,881 |
| Rental income | 2 | 20,100 | - | 20,100 | 19,930 | - | 19,930 |
| Miscellaneous income | | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Insurance Recovered | | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total income | | 68,934 | - | 68,934 | 58,112 | - | 58,112 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| Costs of raising funds: | | | | | | | |
| Investment Management Costs | | 11,235 | | 11,235 | 11,760 | | 11,760 |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | | | | | | | |
| Operating expenses | 3 | 13,650 | - | 13,650 | 3,749 | - | 3,749 |
| Grants | | 31,951 | | 31,951 | 37,314 | | 37,314 |
| Capital Grants | | - | | - | - | | - |
| Administration | 4 | 2,880 | - | 2,880 | 2,568 | - | 2,568 |
| Trustees Expenses | 5 | 25 | | 25 | 480 | | 480 |
| Cost of grant making | | 48,506 | - | 48,506 | 44,111 | - | 44,111 |
| Total Expenditure | | 59,741 | - | 59,741 | 55,871 | - | 55,871 |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | | | | | | | |
| Realised gain/(Loss) on sale of investments | | (3,600) | - | (3,600) | 39,354 | - | 39,354 |
| Unrealised gain/(Loss) on revaluation of Cottages | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unrealised (loss)/gains on investment assets | | (50,286) | - | (50,286) | 65,197 | - | 65,197 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | (44,693) | | (44,693) | 106,792 | | 106,792 |
| Transfers Between Funds | | (2,000) | 2,000 | - | (2,000) | 2,000 | - |
| Net movement in funds | | (46,693) | 2,000 | (44,693) | 104,792 | 2,000 | 106,792 |
| Fund balances brought forward | | 2,693,642 | 12,000 | 2,705,642 | 2,588,850 | 10,000 | 2,598,850 |
| Total fund balances carried forward | | 2,646,949 | 14,000 | 2,660,949 | 2,693,642 | 12,000 | 2,705,642 |

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BALANCE SHEET

For the year ended 31st MARCH 2023

| | Note | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|
| | | £ | £ |
| INVESTMENTS | 8 | 2,560,149 | 2,647,427 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Debtors & Prepayments | 9 | 1,975 | 16,970 |
| | | 1,975 | 16,970 |
| Cash at bank | | 23,652 | 14,203 |
| - Thatch Account | | 50,991 | 1,750 |
| - Royal Bank of Scotland | | 25,690 | 25,432 |
| - Monmouthshire | | - | - |
| - Cash | | - | - |
| | | 100,333 | 41,385 |
| | | 2,662,457 | 2,705,782 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Creditors | | | |
| Accruals | | 1,368 | |
| Independent Examiners Fee | | 140 | 140 |
| Payments on account | | - | - |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 1,508 | 140 |
| Net Assets | | 2,660,949 | 2,705,642 |
| FUNDS | 10 | | |
| <u>Restricted Funds</u> | | | |
| Thatch Major Repairs | | 14,000 | 12,000 |
| <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | | | |
| General Funds | | 2,646,949 | 2,693,642 |
| | | 2,660,949 | 2,705,642 |

Approved on behalf of the Trustees

Date

RJ Campbell

Treasurer

THE CORNELIUS TRUST**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****For the year ended 31st MARCH 2023****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice SORP. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. With respect to the next reporting period, 2019-20, the most significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the Trust are the level of investment return and the performance of investment markets (see the investment policy and performance and risk management sections of the trustees' annual report for more information).
- (b) The freehold property is revalued every five years and was revalued by the trustees in the year to 31st March 2022 and is now shown at market value at the time of valuation. The property repairs have been charged in full to Income and Expenditure account.
- (c) The Project Related Investment Property, Unit 24 Shrivenham Hundred Business Park, is held so as to make it available for Military Christian Organisations to use in the course of their charitable activities which are consistent with the objectives of The Cornelius Trust. The property is held at cost.
- (d) Income, including deposits, is credited to the Income and Expenditure account at the time of receipt and includes the recovery of tax deducted at source.
- (e) The trust has taken advantage of the exemption in the Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from producing a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small reporting entity.

2 OTHER INCOME

| RENTAL INCOME | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Thatch Rental Income | 20,100 | 19,830 |
| Unit 24 Rental Income | | 100 |
| | <u>20,100</u> | <u>19,930</u> |

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For the year ended 31st MARCH 2023

| | 2023 | | 2022 | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| 3 Operating expenses | | | | |
| Insurance | 1,638 | | 1,659 | |
| Maintenance | 12,012 | | 1,990 | |
| Major Thatch Improvements | - | | - | |
| Council Tax | | | | |
| Heat, light and water | - | | - | |
| Miscellaneous | | | 100 | |
| | | 13,650 | | 3,749 |
| 4 Administration | | | | |
| Post and stationery | | | | |
| Professional fees | 40 | | 40 | |
| Thatch (Admin & Repairs) | | | | |
| Thatch (Professional Fees) | 2,700 | | 2,383 | |
| Audit and accountancy | 140 | | 140 | |
| Publicity | | | | |
| Telephone | - | | - | |
| Bank Charges | | | 5 | |
| Trustee Training | | | | |
| Travel and subsistence | | | | |
| | | 2,880 | | 2,568 |
| 5 Trustees Expenses | | | | |
| Administration | 25 | | | |
| Travel | | | 301 | |
| Other | | | 179 | |
| | | 25 | | 480 |

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NOTES (continued) TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st MARCH 2023

| 6 | INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REMUNERATION | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| | Independent Examiners Fee | 140 | 140 |
| | | <u><u> </u></u> | <u><u> </u></u> |
| | | | |
| 7 | EMPLOYEES | 2023 | 2022 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Total emoluments | - | - |
| | | <u><u> </u></u> | <u><u> </u></u> |
| | Average number of employees | Nil | |
| | No employee earned more than £40,000 in the year. | | |

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NOTES (continued) TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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| 8 INVESTMENTS | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|--------------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Quoted investments | | |
| Carrying Market value at beginning of year | 1,685,540 | 1,615,245 |
| Purchased in the year | 217,553 | 431,055 |
| Disposals in the year | (200,207) | (425,957) |
| Add /(deduct) net gain/(Loss) on revaluation | (50,286) | 65,197 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Carrying Market value at end of year | 1,652,600 | 1,685,540 |
| Cash held with investments | 44,535 | 38,496 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Market Value as at 31 March | 1,697,135 | 1,724,036 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Historic cost of investments at year end | 1,286,272 | 1,205,373 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Freehold Tenanted Cottages | | |
| Carrying Market value at beginning of year | 640,000 | 640,000 |
| Improvements | - | - |
| Add /(deduct) net gain/(Loss) on revaluation | - | - |
| Carrying Market value at end of year | 640,000 | 640,000 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Project Related Investment | | |
| Unit 24 Shrivenham Hundred | | |
| Carrying Market value at beginning of year | 223,014 | 223,014 |
| Purchase | - | - |
| Add /(deduct) net gain/(Loss) on revaluation | - | - |
| Carrying Market value at end of year | 223,014 | 223,014 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Investments (market value) | 2,560,149 | 2,587,050 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Analysis of Investments | Market Value | |
| UK | 519,490 | |
| Overseas | 1,133,110 | |
| Total | 1,652,600 | |
| Investments Over 4% | | |
| Vanguard Investment Series | 175,639 | 10.35% |
| Ishares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD | 166,499 | 9.81% |
| Fidelity Ucits ICA US Qual | 109,296 | 6.44% |
| Fil Inv Svcs (UK) IDX Pacific ExP Inc | 78,876 | 4.65% |
| Fidelity European Values | 75,825 | 4.47% |

THE CORNELIUS TRUST**NOTES (continued) TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
For the year ended 31st MARCH 2023

| | | | | |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 9 | DEBTORS | 2023 | | 2022 |
| | | £ | | £ |
| | Income tax repayable | - | | |
| | Loan | | | 8000 |
| | Debtors | | | 3,986 |
| | Prepayments and accrued income | 1,975 | | 4,984 |
| | | <hr/> £ 1,975 <hr/> | | <hr/> £ 16,970 <hr/> |
| 10 | FUNDS | General Funds | Restricted Funds | Total |
| | | £ | £ | £ |
| | Balance at 1 April 2022 | 2,693,642 | 12,000 | 2,705,642 |
| | Net movement in Funds | (46,693) | 2,000 | (44,693) |
| | | <hr/> | | <hr/> |
| | Balance at 31 March 2023 | 2,646,949 | 14,000 | 2,660,949 |

The Restricted funds represent a provision for repairs on the Freehold Tenanted Cottages thatched roof.

11 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

No Trustee received any remuneration from the Trust during the year.
Three trustees received reimbursement of necessary expenditure during the year.