

Rotary Club of St Helens Trust Fund

Trustees' Report for year ended 30th June 2023

In the interests of expediency, the 99th Rotary Year for our Club was shared between two Presidents, Paul from 1 7 2022, and Simon from 1 1 2023. As a result, both Presidents served terms of 18 months each, with President Simon leading the Club towards its Centenary Year.

One of President Paul's most lasting initiatives has been, in conjunction with St Helens Borough Council, the creation of a Heritage Trail identifying 12 historic sites in St Helens, each recognised with a plaque and QR code spelling out key historic information. The sites include the Totally Wicked Stadium, home of St Helens (Saints) rugby league team that just happened to become World Champions in 2022/23! There are many more and President Paul explained the reason succinctly: 'The purpose of the Heritage Trail is to increase the whole community's awareness of how St Helens became a unique, pioneering and innovative industrial town taking its place on the world stage. It is hoped that the Trail will stir up a sense of identity, self-worth and hope throughout the borough, whilst also attracting more visitors to St Helens.'

Another of President Paul's endearing initiatives was to bring together pupils of two local schools with residents of two care homes in St Helens. Each pupil more or less adopted a local care home resident and decorated Christmas cards with pictures and a personal message. The initiative has been extended to parent birthdays, together with Father's Day and Mother's Day special messages.

Meanwhile, on the fundraising trail, President Paul presided over what was probably the best ever attended Rainford Bonfire and Fireworks Event, whilst, at the same time, quite possibly achieving the greatest single event fundraising total of more than £14k in the Club's history!

Although President Simon would need to spend much of his six months planning for the Centenary Year, this did not stop him from supporting all the usual events together with a number of new initiatives, including Tree Planting at Sherdley Park in conjunction with Mersey Forest, and a Youth team building event at Pennington Flash in conjunction with Salford Sailing Group. President Simon also found time to support the Rotary Club of Sandbach with their Rise Against Hunger Meal Pack. But, unquestionably, one of the highlights and milestones reached in April was at Royal Birkdale, when the Golf Charity Day passed the total of £100k in funds raised over a period of more than 20 years. President Simon was in attendance and presented Ken Stringer, the organiser for all of those 20 plus years, with a well-deserved memento in recognition.

Sadly, our Club lost a further two former Presidents to higher service during the Rotary year.

Although the 99th Rotary Year will be remembered for a number of considerable achievements, it is perhaps the recognition of the Club's role in the community that will be the most lasting legacy. In September 2022 the Club was nominated for the Pride of St Helens Community Impact Award and received the award in November at the award ceremony held at the Totally Wicked Stadium. In October 2022 the Club was nominated for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, but following the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 a final decision has understandably been delayed. Furthermore, in May 2023 the Club received the Mayors Award for Services to our Community. The word community reflects the important role that the Community Team, so effectively led by Trustee Alan Dickinson, has had in receiving this recognition. The ultimate recognition will, of course, be receiving the newly named King's Award for Voluntary Service, an award which would be a fitting tribute in any year, but, particularly special in the Club's Centenary Year!

Trustees:



Alan Dickinson

Simon Hairsnape

Steve Lawson

Len Marlow

Paul Winstanley

4/3/2024

Rotary Club of St Helens - Trust Fund Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities for year ended

Expenditure	£	Income
Local Donations	16500	Members' Donations etc
Overseas Donations	3090	Rainford Bonfire Event
Rotary Foundation	3250	Indian Night - End Polio
End Polio Now	1319	Royal Birkdale Golf Day
Heritage Trail	608	Santa's Sleigh
Lendwithcare	22	District Grant
Central Station Adoption	375	Gift Aid 2022/23
Surplus to Reserves	8079	
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30th June 2023

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Rotary Club of St Helens

On accounts for the year
ended

June 2023

Charity no
(if any) 1034681

Set out on pages

As per accounts provided

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

28.2.2024

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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