

Rotary Club of St Helens Trust Fund
Trustees' Report for year ended 30th June 2024

Following on President Paul's 18 month's period in office, President Simon took over on 1 1 2023 for his 18 months term, the final 12 months, of course, being the Centenary Year of the Rotary Club of St Helens. The Centenary Year began with the 100th Charter Dinner celebrations, held at Saints RLFC on the 22nd July 2023. It was a most successful and well attended event, and the guest speaker for the evening was Nikki Scott, Vice President of Rotary International.

Soon after, it was business as usual for President Simon as he presided over several well-established events, including the Rainford Bonfire and Fireworks Night, St Helens University College Graduation and Award ceremony at St Helens Parish Church, and, not forgetting the Santa's Sleigh Christmas programme when the beautifully refurbished sleigh proudly toured the streets of St Helens. He even found time to help the Club regain the annual Bowls Trophy from Widnes Rotary Club!

On 18th December 2023 there was unexpected good news when an Early Day Motion congratulating the Rotary Club of St Helens on their Centenary Year was given by St Helens MP Connor McGinn at the House of Commons. He later spoke at a Club meeting at the Griffin Inn and presented a framed EDM certificate to President Simon.

In the background Immediate Past President Paul had been working on introducing a Rotary RotaKids Club to St Helens, and on 9th February 2024 the Holy Cross Primary School RotaKids Club was launched. There had been close collaboration between the Rotary Club of St Helens and Holy Cross Primary School for a number of years and it is hoped that the RotaKids Club will help increase the awareness of younger members of the importance of the community to St Helens.

A leading fundraiser for 'End Polio Now', the Club, once again, hosted an Indian Evening at The Blue Mango in Rainhill, this year attended by Dr Odrej Mach on behalf of the World Health Organisation. Sadly, Past DG Colin Ince was too ill to attend the event which he had initiated several years earlier. As the event attracts 'match funding' the event has raised well in excess of £25k over a number of years.

In a Centenary Year of many highlights, unquestionably the 14th March 2024 at St Helens Town Hall, when the Club was presented with the Kings Award for Voluntary Service by Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, Mark Blundell, was the proudest. How fitting that an organisation committed to serving its community for 100 years should receive such an important honour in its Centenary Year!

Very sadly, we lost Past District Governor and Past Club President Colin Ince to higher office in the same month, and several tributes were paid to him at his funeral on 16th April, including an eloquent tribute by President Simon highlighting his legacy to our Club through his trustee roles with Rotary Shoebox and Disaster Aid UK & Ireland, together with his End Polio Now and Healthy in St Helens initiatives.

On 29th April 2024, Rotary District Conference returned to Llandudno for the first time since the Covid epidemic. Although it was a shorter conference than usual, delegates had a most enjoyable weekend.

There was still time for President Simon to preside over two of the most popular and longstanding events in the Rotary Calendar, the Rotary District 1285 Disability Sports Day at Sutton Academy Centre, and, the Rotary Charity Golf Day at Royal Birkdale.

But, for Immediate Past President Paul, and President Simon, I suspect the gloriously sunny afternoon of Wednesday 8th May will last long in their memories. It was a most fitting end to a splendid Centenary Year when Paul and Simon proudly represented the Rotary Club of St Helens at a Garden Party hosted by King Charles in recognition of the recipients of his early honours' lists. What a Centenary Year!

Trustees:

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Alan Dickinson	Simon Hairsnape	Steve Lawson	Len Marlow	Paul Winstanley

Rotary Club of St Helens - Trust Fund Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 30th June 2024

Expenditure	£	Income	£
Local Donations	33378	Donations	
		Members	1433
		Rotary Ride	<u>827</u>
			2260
Overseas Donations			
Rotary Foundation	3307	District Grant (Unzip Silence)	500
End Polio Now	2130		
Other	<u>4458</u>	Indian Night - End Polio	1872
	9895		
Unzip The Silence	980	Rainford Bonfire Event	10147
Cookery Awareness	180	Santa's Sleigh	
		Collections	5167
		less Refurb/Towbar	1312
			3635
Vocational Project	180	Heritage Trail	
		St H MBC Grants etc	3384
Lendwithcare	236	less:	
		Design, materials	
KAVS Event	252	and promotion costs	<u>3321</u>
			63
Selection Boxes (Schools)	288	Wine Tasting Quiz	1615
Rotakids Start-Up	128	Royal Birkdale Golf Day	13316
Rotary Pull-Ups	504	Gift Aid 2023/24	1857
QR Codes	160	Shortfall from Reserves	10916
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Rotary Club St Helens

On accounts for the year
ended

June 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1034681

Set out on pages

Attached

(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 30/06/2024

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:

25 March 2025

Name:

Cyril Barratt

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

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