THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

England & Wales · Charity number 1040560

Details

Other names	THE FRIENDS OF THE SOCIAL CARE UNIT AT ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION, FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN'S
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1994-09-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO SUPPORT THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN'S IN SUCH MANNER AS THE COMMITTEE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONNECTION AT ST. MARTIN'S SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE PROVIDED THAT SUCH SUPPORT DOES NOT RELIEVE EXPENDITURE WHICH A BODY OR AUTHORITY IS UNDER A STATUTORY DUTY TO PROVIDE.

Activities: We exist to support the work of The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields, to raise funds for that charity and to increase awareness among the public of homelessness.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- City Of Westminster

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£144,211	£150,393	-	-
2024-03-31	£399,239	£413,121	-	-
2023-03-31	£445,764	£439,321	-	-
2022-03-31	£202,067	£225,407	-	-
2021-03-31	£328,410	£329,608	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RICHARD JAMES COOPER	Chair	2024-09-19
Alex Gandini		2021-01-13
Emily Cecil-Dennett		2017-10-23
Matthew David Whalley		2023-09-14
Mr Chris Riley		2017-10-23
SHEILA MARY BATCHELOR		2012-09-26

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TRUSTEES (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charles Woodd (Chair until 18 September 2024)
Richard Cooper (Chair from 19 September 2024)
Margaret Beels (Deputy Chair) (retired 4 April 2025)
Mary Keane (Secretary)
Chris Riley (Treasurer)
Sheila Batchelor
Emily Cecil-Dennett
Alex Gandini
Matthew Whalley (ex-officio)
Rosemarie Lomanno (resigned 11 July 2025)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The Executive Committee, who are the Board of Trustees and are listed on page 2, have reviewed the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31 March 2025 and consider that the charity is in a good position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Financial Performance and End of Year Position

The Trustees consider the financial performance of the charity during the year to have been satisfactory.

The Friends were able to make grants totalling **£125,569** to The Connection during the year. This is significantly down on the previous year's figure, which was boosted by a large legacy donation. The level of donations to the charity is also down, with both average donations and the number of donors down. The Spring Appeal was not very successful, but the 2025 Appeal has been much more successful, showing that Friends do respond in numbers to a well-targeted appeal. The 2024 Queen Eleanor Cycle Ride raised around £22,000 net of expenditure including gift aid and is on target to surpass this in 2025.

Our costs are down slightly at around £24,000, but around 19% of our non-legacy income, the bulk of which is accounted for by staff costs.

As indicated in the Statement of Financial Activities, the accounts show an overall accounting deficit of around £6,000, as we were able to pay over to the Connection Gift Aid income received but accounted for in the previous year's accounts. Our net assets at the end of the year stood at around £36,000, more than enough for our needs.

Policies on reserves

The policy of the charity is to carry a cash reserve sufficient to cover 8 months of support costs, taking into account the fact that in earlier years income from donations has been relatively low over an 8-month period from the beginning of the year. That has been interpreted as maintaining a minimum cash reserve of around £20,000, erring in practice somewhat on the side of caution, and this was achieved.

Principal funding sources and plans for future development

The charity is dependent for its income on donations from its members, including subscriptions, donations, legacies and the income from fundraising events. During the year, the Committee continued to implement the agreed programme of operational integration with The Connection's Fundraising Team, with a view to increasing the support we provide.

The aims of this programme are: to increase membership of the Friends, to involve the Friends more closely in the work of The Connection, to co-ordinate fully the two charities' communications, to use resources, staff and Trustee time more efficiently, and to avoid unnecessary duplication.

This closer working has been very beneficial in terms of shared resources and expertise, particularly thanks to the excellent support the Friends have received from Nicola Hollingworth, Head of Supporter Involvement, and other members of the Fundraising Team. It is taking time to move ahead with the plans we hope will allow us to increase the ways we support The Connection but will include new events, volunteering opportunities and on the back of this, an improved better social media presence. The funding context during the year was difficult, however, as with many charities, and this was reflected in the fall in income experienced.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and together form the Executive Committee of the Friends. Candidates must be members of the Friends and be proposed and seconded by members of the Friends. At the 2024 AGM, Richard Cooper was elected as Chair for a three year term. During the year, Rosemarie Lamanno was appointed (and subsequently stepped down) as Trustee. Margaret Beels retired from the committee in April after serving as s Trustee, in various Officer capacities, for many years. Margaret continues to be a valued Friend.

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The Executive Committee continues to review the risk register and the means by which risks can be minimised. The main risks during the year have been: (i) the continuing need to arrest the decline in membership, and therefore income from donations; and (ii) adjusting to the fundraising situation arising from the cost of living and pressures on personal incomes. Another potential risk is that the Friends' Offer might not attract new Friends. A risk around dependency on the Charity's administrator has been addressed by his closer working with The Connection's fundraising team.

We are very grateful to the Charity Administrator for continuing to work flexibly and to support the charity from a home base where appropriate.

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The Friends' main activities are supporting the work of The Connection by promoting greater awareness about homelessness and the work of The Connection, raising funds through donations and subscriptions, including the receipt of legacies, recruiting new members, organising fundraising and awareness-raising events and encouraging members and others to support the work of The Connection.

The results of these efforts have been positive and can be seen from the following highlights of the year:

- Donations, subscriptions and other non-legacy income totalled around £125,000. Income from legacies totalled £19,000, enabling grants to be made to The Connection totalling nearly £126,000.
- The16th Queen Eleanor Cycle Ride attracted 21 cyclists for the full 4 days, and another 3 who cycled for shorter periods, again raising a total around £22,000. We acknowledge that the continuing success of the QECR depends on the dedicated efforts of the QECR Committee and support team, many of whom have served for many years, and on the ongoing generous support received from hosts along the route
- Our Speakers Panel has remained largely dormant during the year, but is part of the plans of the Friends to reach out in 2026.
- Friends raised over £800 for The Connection in their slot at the Carol singing at Charing Cross Station.

Ultimately, the responsibility for running the charity lies with the members of the Committee, and the charity owes an enormous debt to our dedicated Committee members, who give greatly both of their time and expertise. The Connection's CEO, Pam Orchard, has continued to be generous with her time and wise counsel, speaking at events and supporting our strategic thinking. She has been ably supported by Nicola Hollingworth, the Head of Supporter Involvement and other members of the Fundraising team. We continue to value our connection with St Martin-in-the-Fields.

At the 2024 AGM, a richly deserved tribute was paid to our Chair, Charles Wood, with his receipt of the Guy Mason Award, to recognise his outstanding service to the Friends Committee, especially during the challenge of the pandemic.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance as published by the Charity Commission on public benefit. All charitable activities highlighted in this report are undertaken in furtherance of our charitable objects and for the public benefit.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;

- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. Trustees are required to show and explain the charity's transactions and the financial statements must comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. Trustees 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.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' Report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the Trustees' Report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

The Trustees are satisfied that they have fully discharged these responsibilities.

Richard Cooper
Chair

30 September 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 10 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

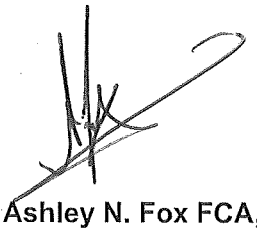
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 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.



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30 September 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024-25 Total £	2023-24 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	141,619	0	141,619	397,137
Other trading activities		2,045	0	2,045	2,102
Interest		548	0	548	-548
Total income and endowments		**144,211**	**0**	**144,211**	**399,239**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3, 4	24,074	0	24,074	24,944
Charitable activities	5, 6	126,319	0	126,319	388,176
Total expenditure		**150,393**	**0**	**150,393**	**413,121**
Net income/expenditure		-6,182	0	-6,182	-13,882
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		-6,182	0	-6,182	-13,882
Total funds brought forward		42,353	0	42,353	56,235
Total funds carried forward	7	36,171	**0**	**36,171**	**42,353**

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Tangible fixed assets:			
Office equipment		1	1
Total fixed assets	8	**1**	**1**
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	18,415	24,160
Cash at bank and in hand		20,172	20,386
Total current assets		**38,587**	**44,546**
Current liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	-2,417	-2,194
Total current liabilities(-)		**-2,417**	**-2,194**
Net current assets		**36,170**	**42,352**
Total net assets		**36,171**	**42,353**
Funds	11		
Unrestricted		36,171	42,353
Restricted	12	0	0
Total		**36,171**	**42,353**

The notes on pages 12 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

C J Riley
Treasurer (on behalf of the Trustees)

30 September 2025

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION
AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of the accounts
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Accounting convention
The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, and the assets and liabilities valued accordingly.

Donations and the Friends grant to the Connection
These have been measured excluding the matched amounts provided under the Big Give scheme in respect of donations by Friends. This is a change since the 2022-23 accounts made necessary to ensure consistency with a similar change in the convention adopted by the Connection.

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are accounted for when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount is measurable. Where income is received in advance of a performance or service, it is deferred until the charity is entitled to that income. Legacy income is recognised when it can be measured or estimated with sufficient reliability, and is not discounted by the time value of money if it is receivable within one year.

Resources expended
All resources expended are recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party.

Costs of generating funds
Comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable activities
Comprise donations made to The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Governance costs
Comprise those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Allocation of support costs
Administrative support costs have been allocated to "Costs of raising funds". Accountancy, audit fee and AGM costs are allocated to "Governance Costs".

Expenses paid to Trustees or connected persons
None

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (cont.)

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024-25 Total £	2023-24 Total £
2. Donations and legacies				
Subscriptions	6,345	0	6,345	6,856
Donations	96,088	0	96,088	144,627
Legacies	18,865	0	18,865	222,570
Gift aid	20,320	0	20,320	23,083
Total	141,619	0	141,619	397,137
3. Expenditure on raising funds				
Staff costs	20,131	0	20,131	20,732
Events and activities*	1,045	0	1,045	1,373
Other current spending*	2,898	0	2,898	2,839
Total	24,074	0	24,074	24,944
4. Expenditure on goods and services* (events, activities and other current)				
Postage	216	0	216	414
Stationary and printing	1,516	0	1,516	1,444
Insurance	483	0	483	409
Legal and professional fees	35	0	35	35
Design	150	0	150	100
Bank charges	162	0	162	191
Other goods and services	1,381	0	1,381	1,619
Total	3,943	0	3,943	4,213
5. Expenditure on charitable activities				
Grants to the Connection at St Martin's	125,569	0	125,569	387,424
Governance costs	750	0	750	752
Total	417,851	0	126,319	388,176
6. Governance costs				
Independent examiner fee	750	0	750	752
AGM	0	0	0	0
Total	750	0	750	752

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (cont.)

	2024-25
7. Movement in Unrestricted Funds	
Opening fund 1 April 2024	42,353
Incoming resources	144,211
Outgoing resources	150,393
Closing fund 31 March 2025	36,171

8. Fixed assets for use by the charity	
Cost at 1 April 2024	**979**
Depreciation at 1 April 2024	978
Depreciation charged in year	0
Depreciation at 31 March 2025	**978**
Net book value at 31 March 2024	1
Net book value at 31 March 2025	**1**

	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24
9. Current assets: debtors		
Legacies	5,840	7,000
Gift Aid due	12,401	16,986
Tax rebate due	174	174
Total	18,415	24,160

10. Current liabilities: amounts due within one year		
Independent examiner fee	750	750
Employee payroll admin, tax and pension payments	1,662	1,436
Bank charges due	5	8
Total	2,417	2,194

11. Analysis of net assets between funds	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Total**
Fund balances at 31 March 2025:			
Tangible fixed assets	1	0	1
Current assets	38,587	0	38,587
Current liabilities	-2,417	0	-2,417
Total	36,171	0	36,171

12. Restricted funds

Donations in 2024-25

No donations during 2024-25 were received with a requirement that they should be used for specific purposes.

13. Related Party

The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields (CSTM) is a related party. As stated in the constitution, all funds are collected on behalf of this entity.

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Our costs rose slightly to around £25,000, around 14% of our non-legacy income. The bulk of these were accounted for by staff costs, which included a significant rise in line with Connection Staff due to higher inflation.

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This closer working has been very beneficial in terms of shared resources and expertise, particularly thanks to the excellent support the Friends have received from Nicola Hollingworth, Head of Supporter Involvement, and her maternity replacement, Wendy Bryan, and other members of the Fundraising Team. However, it has taken rather longer than anticipated to move ahead with a more active Friends' social media presence, and attracting new members continues to be a significant challenge. This ongoing challenge was the focus for a further joint planning process between the Friends' Committee and the Connection's Fundraising Team in Spring 2024, which will provide the basis for further development in the coming period.

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We are very grateful to the Charity Administrator for continuing to work flexibly and to support the charity from a home base where appropriate. As a very small charity with minimal staff, we identified the risks that were presented by the Covid pandemic and mitigated these by separating functions, working with The Connection. A member of The Connection opens all the Friends' post and records any donations made before the paperwork is passed to the Friends' office.

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The results of these efforts have been positive and can be seen from the following highlights of the year:

- Donations, subscriptions and other non-legacy income totalled around £177,000. Income from legacies totalled over £222,000, enabling grants to be made to The Connection totalling £387,000.
- The15th Queen Eleanor Cycle Ride attracted 14 cyclists for the full 4 days, and another 7 who cycled for shorter periods. They raised a total of around £23,000, including Gift Aid, and after deducting expenses, which was a creditable increase on the previous year's total. We must acknowledge that the continuing success of the QECR depends on the dedicated efforts of the QECR Committee and support team, many of whom have served for many years, and on the ongoing generous support received from hosts along the route
- Our Speakers Panel was largely dormant during the year, apart from one talk to an Over-50s Group in Salisbury from which we received donations of £216.

- Carol singing on Charing Cross Station resumed this year, and the Friends contributed to a total of nearly £500 raised by The Connection. Over £4,300 was generously donated by friends of the late Ken Mason, in response to an appeal in his memory. As we acknowledged in last year's Report, Ken was a very active life-long supporter of the Friends and the work of the Connection.

Our part-time Charity Administrator, Rupert Dean, continued to provide excellent support to the Committee by providing essential office back-up and day-to-day financial administration, with both imagination and initiative, and an impressive attention to detail. Rupert's work continued to work closely with colleagues in the Connection's Fundraising Team.

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At the 2023 AGM, a richly deserved tribute was paid to our Deputy Chair, Margaret Beels, with her receipt of the Guy Mason Award, to recognise her 16 years of outstanding service on the Friends Committee, in which she has variously served as Secretary, Vice President, Acting Treasurer and now Deputy Chair.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance as published by the Charity Commission on public benefit. All charitable activities highlighted in this report are undertaken in furtherance of our charitable objects and for the public benefit.

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The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' Report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the Trustees' Report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

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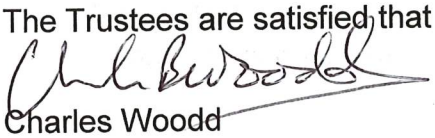

Charles Woodd
Chair

19 September 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 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.

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19 September 2024

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023-24 Total £	2022-23 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	397,137	0	397,137	436,357
Other trading activities		2,102	0	2,102	2,128
Total income and endowments		**399,239**	**0**	**399,239**	**438,485**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3, 4	24,944	0	24,944	20,949
Charitable activities	5, 6	388,176	0	388,176	411,093
Total expenditure		**413,121**	**0**	**413,121**	**432,042**
Net income/expenditure		-13,882	0	-13,882	6,443
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		-13,882	0	-13,882	6,443
Total funds brought forward		56,235	0	56,235	49,791
Total funds carried forward	**7**	42,353	**0**	**42,353**	**56,235**

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Tangible fixed assets:			
Office equipment		1	1
Total fixed assets	8	**1**	**1**
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	24,160	38,871
Cash at bank and in hand		20,386	18,666
Total current assets		**44,546**	**57,537**
Current liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	-2,194	-1,304
Total current liabilities(-)		**-2,194**	**-1,304**
Net current assets		**42,352**	**56,234**
Total net assets		**42,353**	**56,235**
Funds	11		
Unrestricted		42,353	56,235
Restricted	12	0	0
Total		**42,353**	**56,235**

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

C J Riley
Treasurer
On behalf of the Trustees

19 September 2024

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of the accounts
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Accounting convention
The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, and the assets and liabilities valued accordingly.

Donations and the Friends grant to the Connection
In 2023-24 these have been measured excluding the matched amounts provided under the Big Give scheme in respect of donations by Friends. This is a change since the 2022-23 accounts made necessary to ensure consistency by a change this year in the convention adopted by the Connection. In this report and in the tables presented here, figures for 2022-23 for comparison purposes have been adjusted to reflect the same convention as in the current year, so that changes between years are measured correctly.

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are accounted for when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount is measurable. Where income is received in advance of a performance or service, it is deferred until the charity is entitled to that income. Legacy income is recognised when it can be measured or estimated with sufficient reliability, and is not discounted by the time value of money if it is receivable within one year.

Resources expended
All resources expended are recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party.

Costs of generating funds
Comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable activities
Comprise donations made to The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Governance costs
Comprise those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Allocation of support costs
Administrative support costs have been allocated to "Costs of raising funds". Accountancy, audit fee and AGM costs are allocated to "Governance Costs".

Expenses paid to Trustees or connected persons
None

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (cont.)

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023-24 Total £	2022-23 Total £
2. Donations and legacies				
Subscriptions	6,856	0	6,856	7,926
Donations	144,627	0	144,627	125,479
Legacies	222,570	0	222,570	275,986
Gift aid	23,083	0	23,083	26,966
Total	397,137	0	397,137	436,357
3. Expenditure on raising funds				
Staff costs	20,732	0	20,732	16,668
Events and activities*	1,373	0	1,373	1,362
Other current spending*	2,839	0	2,839	2,918
Total	24,944	0	24,944	20,949
4. Expenditure on goods and services* (events, activities and other current)				
Postage	414	0	414	352
Stationary and printing	1,444	0	1,444	1,550
Insurance	409	0	409	628
Legal and professional fees	35	0	35	53
Design	100	0	100	0
Bank/Just Giving charges	191	0	191	215
Other goods and services	1,619	0	1,619	1,482
Total	4,213	0	4,213	4,280
5. Expenditure on charitable activities				
Grants to the Connection at St Martin's	387,424	0	387,424	410,391
Governance costs	752	0	752	702
Total	417,851	0	388,176	411,093
6. Governance costs				
Independent examiner fee	752	0	752	702
AGM	0	0	0	0
Total	752	0	752	702

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (cont.)

	2023-24
7. Movement in Unrestricted Funds	
Opening fund 1 April 2023	56,235
Incoming resources	399,239
Outgoing resources	413,121
Closing fund 31 March 2024	42,353

8. Fixed assets for use by the charity	
Cost at 1 April 2023	**979**
Depreciation at 1 April 2023	978
Depreciation charged in year	0
Depreciation at 31 March 2024	**978**
Net book value at 31 March 2023	1
Net book value at 31 March 2024	**1**

	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23
9. Current assets: debtors		
Legacies	7,000	0
Gift Aid due	16,986	38,691
Donations due	0	0
Tax rebate due	174	174
Direct debit refund due	0	6
Total	24,160	38,871

10. Current liabilities: amounts due within one year		
Independent examiner fee	750	700
Employee payroll admin, tax and pension payments	1,436	593
Bank charges due	8	11
Total	2,194	1,304

11. Analysis of net assets between funds	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Total**
Fund balances at 31 March 2024:			
Tangible fixed assets	1	0	1
Current assets	44,546	0	44,546
Current liabilities	-2,194	0	-2,194
Total	42,353	0	42,353

12. Restricted funds

Donations in 2023-24

No donations during 2023-24 were received with a requirement that they should be used for specific purposes.

13. Related Party

The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields (CSTM) is a related party. As stated in the constitution, all funds are collected on behalf of this entity.

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

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THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST.MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
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TRUSTEES (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
Charles Woodd (Chair)
Margaret Beels (Deputy Chair)
Mary Keane (Secretary)
Chris Riley (Treasurer)
Sheila Batchelor
Emily Cecil-Dennett
Alex Gandini
Rev. Richard Carter (ex officio) – until 13 February 2023

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DATE OF FORMATION
Under a constitution dated 3rd December 1989, most recently amended on 29 June 2019

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The Executive Committee, who are the Board of Trustees and are listed on page 2, have reviewed the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31 March 2023 and consider that the charity is in a good position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Financial Performance and End of Year Position

The Trustees consider the financial performance of the charity during the year to have been very satisfactory.

The Friends were able to make grants totalling **£418,000** to The Connection during the year. This was more than double the figure for the previous year because of a dramatic increase in legacies to £276,000. In fact the level of donations to the charity at £132,000 (excluding gift aid) was very slightly down on last year's level, but the level of subscriptions was very slightly up, which hopefully marks a halt to the previous downward trend. Overall, donations were down by around £10,000. An upturn in the income to the Spring Appeal to £24,000, and donations totalling nearly £2,000 in memory of one of our most loyal and active QECR enthusiasts, the late Keith Busfield, were offset by a fall in the funds raised from the 2022 Queen Eleanor Cycle Ride (after the record result for 2021). In 2021-22, we had also benefited from the results of Ken Mason's amazing year-long sponsored static bike ride. It was with great sadness that we marked Ken's death in March 2023.

Our costs remained essentially flat at around £21,000, around 12% of our non-legacy income. The bulk of these were accounted for by staff costs.

As indicated in the Statement of Financial Activities, the accounts show an overall accounting surplus of just over £6,000, and our net assets stood at around £56,000, more than enough for our needs.

Policies on reserves

The policy of the charity is to carry a cash reserve sufficient to cover 8 months of support costs, taking into account the fact that in earlier years income from donations has been relatively low over an 8-month period from the beginning of the year. That has been interpreted as maintaining a minimum cash reserve of around £20,000, erring in practice somewhat on the side of caution. The actual cash reserve at 31 March 2023 was fractionally under that level, but above the 8 month requirement, due to the timing of year-end transactions.

Principal funding sources and plans for future development

The charity is dependent for its income on subscriptions from its members, voluntary donations, legacies and the income from fundraising events. During the

year, the Committee continued to implement its Fundraising Strategy agreed previously, while at the same time, continuing to implement the agreed programme of operational integration with The Connection's Fundraising Team, with a view to reversing the decline in membership and increasing operational efficiency.

The aims of this programme are: to increase membership of the Friends, to involve the Friends more closely in the work of The Connection, to co-ordinate fully the two charities' communications, to use resources, staff and Trustee time more efficiently, and to avoid unnecessary duplication.

This closer working has been very beneficial in terms of shared resources and expertise, particularly thanks to the excellent support the Friends have received from Nicola Hollingworth, Head of Supporter Involvement, and her maternity replacement, Wendy Bryan, and other members of the Fundraising Team. However, it has taken rather longer than anticipated to move ahead with a more active Friends' social media presence, and attracting new members continues to be a significant challenge.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and together form the Executive Committee of the Friends. Candidates must be members of the Friends and be proposed and seconded by members of the Friends. At the 2022 AGM, none of the current Officers and Committee members were due for election, and no new Committee members were elected. The Trustees have continued to seek to recruit trustees with skills in fundraising policy and practice. The Trustees will also seek to increase diversity in the membership of the Committee.

Induction and on-going training of Trustees

New trustees are given a copy of The Essential Trustee (published by the Charity Commission – document CC3) as well as the Friends' constitution, and serve a probationary period as required by the constitution. The Chair informs them of their duties and responsibilities. Trustees are asked regularly to review their understanding of their obligations. All Trustees are notified of any new legislation pertinent to the running of a charity when this has been issued from the Charity Commission or other relevant regulator.

The organisational structure of the charity and how decisions are made

The charity is managed by the Executive Committee (Trustees) as laid down in the constitution. As noted above, the Executive Committee is elected by the members at the AGM and is responsible for strategic decisions. Committee meetings are routinely attended by the Connection CEO and the Director of Fundraising and Communications or the Head of Supporter Involvement, to ensure that the Committee is well briefed about the strategy and activities of the Connection. Committee members have specific responsibilities so as to share the workload. The Committee is supported by the part-time Charity Administrator, Rupert Dean, employed by the Friends and seconded to the Connection, who handles everyday office and financial administration, leaving Committee members free to give priority to the crucial tasks of strategic direction, recruiting new members and expanding our fundraising activities.

Risk Management

The Executive Committee continues to review the risk register and the means by which risks can be minimised. The main risks during the year have been: (i) the continuing need to arrest the decline in membership, and therefore income from donations; and (ii) adjusting to the fundraising situation that pertains following the Covid pandemic. Another potential risk is that the Friends' Offer might not attract new Friends. A risk around dependency on the Charity's administrator has been addressed by his closer working with The Connection's fundraising team.

We are very grateful to the Charity Administrator for continuing to work flexibly and to support the charity from a home base where appropriate. As a very small charity with minimal staff, we identified the risks the situation presented by the Covid pandemic and mitigated these by separating functions, working with The Connection. A member of The Connection opens all the Friends' post and records any donations made before the paperwork is passed to the Friends' office.

The Committee has continued to seek ways of reversing the decline in membership (risk (i)), through the new collaborative arrangements instituted formally from 1 April 2021.

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- Carol singing on Charing Cross Station did however resume, and the Friends contributed to an excellent total of over £1,100. raised by The Connection. We reintroduced a Connection Choral Classics evening at St Martin's and The Connection, in collaboration with the Brandenburg Choral Festival. Perhaps because of the timing in the week after Christmas, the take up was disappointing, but retiring collections at the concerts still raised £354. The Friends also benefited from the results of a fascinating Women in the West End walk guided by Mike Marriott, who has also generously donated the results of other walks he has organised.

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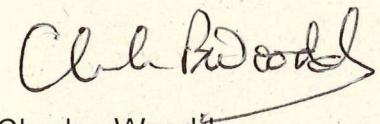

Charles Woodd
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14 September 2023

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Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	443,636	0	443,636	199,064
Other trading activities		2,128	0	2,128	3,004
Total income and endowments		**445,764**	**0**	**445,764**	**202,067**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3, 4	20,949	0	20,949	20,705
Charitable activities	5, 6	417,851	521	418,372	204,702
Total expenditure		**438,800**	**521**	**439,321**	**225,407**
Net income/expenditure		6,964	-521	6,443	-23,339
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		6,964	-521	6,443	-23,339
Total funds brought forward		49,270	521	49,791	73,131
Total funds carried forward	7	56,235	**0**	**56,235**	**49,791**

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Tangible fixed assets:			
Office equipment		1	1
Total fixed assets	8	**1**	**1**
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	38,871	30,242
Cash at bank and in hand		18,666	20,976
Total current assets		**57,537**	**51,217**
Current liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	-1,304	-1,427
Total current liabilities(-)		**-1,304**	**-1,427**
Net current assets		**56,234**	**49,790**
Total net assets		**56,235**	**49,791**
Funds	11		
Unrestricted		56,235	49,270
Restricted	12	0	521
Total		**56,235**	**49,791**

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

C J Riley
Treasurer
On behalf of the Trustees

14 September 2023

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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Expenses paid to Trustees or connected persons
None

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (cont.)

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022-23 Total £	2021-22 Total £
2. Donations and legacies				
Subscriptions	7,926	0	7,926	7,702
Donations	132,758	0	132,758	143,649
Legacies	275,986	0	275,986	24,626
Gift aid	26,966	0	26,966	23,086
Total	443,636	0	443,636	199,064
3. Expenditure on raising funds				
Staff costs	16,668	0	16,668	16,638
Events and activities*	1,362	0	1,362	1,476
Other current spending*	2,918	0	2,918	2,591
Total	20,949	0	20,949	20,705
4. Expenditure on goods and services* (events, activities and other current)				
Postage	352	0	352	460
Stationary and printing	1,550	0	1,550	1,232
Insurance	628	0	628	578
Legal and professional fees	53	0	53	143
Design	0	0	0	0
Bank/Just Giving charges	215	0	215	177
Other goods and services	1,482	0	1,482	1,476
Total	4,280	0	4,280	4,067
5. Expenditure on charitable activities				
Grants to the Connection at St Martin's	417,149	521	417,670	204,034
Governance costs	702	0	702	668
Total	417,851	521	418,372	204,702
6. Governance costs				
Independent examiner fee	702	0	702	668
AGM	0	0	0	0
Total	702	0	702	668

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (cont.)

	2022-23
7. Movement in Unrestricted Funds	
Opening fund 1 April 2022	49,270
Incoming resources	445,764
Outgoing resources	438,800
Closing fund 31 March 2023	56,235

8. Fixed assets for use by the charity	
Cost at 1 April 2022	**979**
Depreciation at 1 April 2022	978
Depreciation charged in year	0
Depreciation at 31 March 2023	**978**
Net book value at 31 March 2022	1
Net book value at 31 March 2023	**1**

	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22
9. Current assets: debtors		
Legacies	0	12,500
Gift Aid due	38,691	17,125
Donations due	0	617
Tax rebate due	174	0
Direct debit refund due	6	0
Total	38,871	30,242

10. Current liabilities: amounts due within one year		
Independent examiner fee	700	700
Employee payroll admin, tax and pension payments	593	720
Bank charges due	11	7
Total	1,304	1,427

11. Analysis of net assets between funds	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Total**
Fund balances at 31 March 2023:			
Tangible fixed assets	1	0	1
Current assets	57,537	0	57,537
Current liabilities	-1,304	0	-1,304
Total	56,235	0	56,235

12. Restricted funds

1 Towels, socks and underwear

Opening fund 1 April 2022	521
Incoming Resources	-
Outgoing Resources	521
Closing Fund 31 March 2023	**0**

This money was raised following an appeal in 2011 to all Friends for socks and towels for Connection clients (or money to purchase them). In 2013, Connection staff asked if this money could be used to purchase underwear as well. Friends were contacted to ask their permission, and no-one objected. The money was spent in 2022-23.

2 Donations in 2022-23

No donations during 2021-22 were received with a requirement that they should be used for specific purposes.

13. Related Party

The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields (CSTM) is a related party. As stated in the constitution, all funds are collected on behalf of this entity.

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

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THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE FIELDS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST.MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

CHARITY INFORMATION

CHARITY NO: 1040560

TRUSTEES (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
Charles Woodd (Chair)
Margaret Beels (Deputy Chair)
Mary Keane (Secretary)
Chris Riley (Treasurer)
Sheila Batchelor
Emily Cecil-Dennett
Alex Gandini
Paul Taylor (resigned 15 March 2022)
Rev. Richard Carter (ex officio)

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DATE OF FORMATION
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022.

The Executive Committee, who are the Board of Trustees and are listed on page 2, have reviewed the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31 March 2022 and consider that the charity is in a good position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Financial Performance and End of Year Position

The Trustees consider the financial performance of the charity during the year to have been satisfactory.

The Friends were able to make grants totalling **£204,034** to The Connection during the year. Although this overall total was significantly less than the previous year, the decrease resulted very largely from the fact that legacy income, which by its nature is variable and unpredictable, was considerably less than the high level recorded in 2020-21. In fact the level of donations to the charity at £143,649 (excluding gift aid) was around £24,000 up on the previous year, which was a very pleasing result. This increase was due at least in part to a record sponsorship total raised by the 2021 Queen Eleanor Cycle Ride of over £30,000 including gift aid, but also to an amazing year-long static cycle marathon by stalwart Friend, Ken Mason, who raised nearly £9,000 within this financial year.

As indicated in the Statement of Financial Activities, the accounts show an overall accounting deficit of about £23,000 during the year; this is not however a source of concern, as our net assets remained at around £50,000, more than enough for our needs, and furthermore we are due to receive substantially increased legacy income in 2022-23.

Policies on reserves

The policy of the charity is to carry a cash reserve sufficient to cover 8 months of support costs, taking into account the fact that in earlier years income from donations has been relatively low over an 8-month period from the beginning of the year. That has been interpreted as maintaining a minimum cash reserve of around £20,000, erring in practice somewhat on the side of caution. The actual cash reserve at 31 March 2022 was £20,976.

Principal funding sources and plans for future development

The charity is dependent for its income on subscriptions from its members, voluntary donations, legacies and the income from fundraising events. During the year, the Committee continued to implement its Fundraising Strategy agreed previously, within the constraints imposed by the Covid pandemic. At the same time, the Committee began to implement the agreed programme of

operational integration with The Connection's Fundraising Team, with a view to reversing the decline in membership and increasing operational efficiency. The aims of this programme are: to increase membership of the Friends, to involve the Friends more closely in the work of The Connection, to co-ordinate fully the two charities' communications, to use resources, staff and Trustee time more efficiently, and to avoid unnecessary duplication.

The programme came into operation formally on 1 April 2021. It included the secondment of the Friends' Charity Administrator, Rupert Dean, to The Connection's Fundraising Team for an initial 12-month period, and this has now been rolled over for a further year. This closer working has been very beneficial in terms of shared resources and expertise, particularly thanks to the excellent support the Friends have received from Nicola Hollingworth, Head of Supporter Involvement, and other members of the Fundraising Team. However, it has taken rather longer than anticipated to move ahead with a more active Friends' social media presence - this is planned for summer/autumn 2022.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and together form the Executive Committee of the Friends. Candidates must be members of the Friends and be proposed and seconded by members of the Friends. At the 2021 AGM, Mary Keane was elected as Secretary, and Alex Gandini and Paul Taylor as Trustees, although Paul Taylor subsequently resigned for personal reasons. The Trustees have begun a process to recruit further trustees with skills in fundraising policy and practice, and also one who can act as a link with the St Martin's congregation. The trustees will seek to increase diversity in the membership of the Committee.

Induction and on-going training of Trustees

New trustees are given a copy of The Essential Trustee (published by the Charity Commission – document CC3) as well as the Friends' constitution, and serve a probationary period as required by the constitution. The Chair informs them of their duties and responsibilities. Trustees are asked regularly to review their understanding of their obligations. All Trustees are notified of any new legislation pertinent to the running of a charity when this has been issued from the Charity Commission or other relevant regulator.

The organisational structure of the charity and how decisions are made

The charity is managed by the Executive Committee (Trustees) as laid down in the constitution. As noted above, the Executive Committee is elected by the members at the AGM and is responsible for strategic decisions. Committee meetings are routinely attended by the Connection CEO and the Director of Fundraising and Communications or the Head of Supporter Involvement, to ensure that the Committee is well briefed about the strategy and activities of the Connection. Committee members have specific responsibilities so as to share the workload. The Committee is supported by the part-time Charity Administrator, employed by the Friends, who handles everyday office and financial administration, leaving Committee members free to give priority to the

crucial tasks of strategic direction, recruiting new members and expanding our fundraising activities.

Risk Management

The Executive Committee continues to review the risk register and the means by which risks can be minimised. The main risks during the year have been: (i) the continuing need to arrest the decline in membership, and therefore income from donations; and (ii) to a lesser extent than the previous year, adapting to the restrictions imposed by the Covid pandemic. Other potential risks included the risk that the new Friends' Offer might not attract new Friends and that the age profile of the Executive Committee should be addressed in future recruitment. A risk around dependency on the Charity's administrator has been addressed by his closer working with The Connection's fundraising team.

We are very grateful to the Charity Administrator for continuing to work flexibly and to support the charity from a home base where appropriate. As a very small charity with minimal staff, we identified the risks the situation presented by the Covid pandemic and mitigated these by separating functions, working with The Connection. A member of The Connection opens all the Friends' post and records any donations made before the paperwork is passed to the Friends' office.

The Committee has continued to seek ways of reversing the decline in membership (risk (i)), through the new arrangements instituted formally from 1 April 2021, mentioned above.

Objectives and Activities

Our objectives are laid down in our Constitution: "The object of the Friends shall be to support the charitable work of The Connection at St Martin's in such manner as the Committee, in consultation with the Trustees of The Connection at St Martin's, shall from time to time determine, provided that such support does not relieve expenditure which a body or authority is under a statutory duty to provide."

The Friends' main activities are collecting subscriptions and donations from members, including the receipt of legacies, recruiting new members, promoting greater awareness about homelessness and the work of The Connection amongst our members and the general public, organising fundraising and awareness-raising events in central London, organising the annual Queen Eleanor Cycle Ride, and encouraging members and others to raise funds for the Friends.

The results of these efforts have been positive and can be seen from the following highlights of the year:

- Donations, subscriptions and other non-legacy income totalled £177,441, an increase of over £24,000 on the total achieved in 2020-21. This total includes other trading income of £3,004.

- The13th Queen Eleanor Cycle Ride attracted the largest ever number of cyclists, at 30, and raised a record total of over £30,000, including Gift Aid, and after deducting expenses. The success of the 2021 Ride particularly resulted from the indefatigable efforts of Keith Busfield to recruit cyclists and secure media presence and profile. At the 2021 AGM, Keith's huge contribution to the QECR over 11 years was acknowledged with the award of the Guy Mason Award. Tragically, Keith died very suddenly and unexpectedly in March 2022. The Friends extended our deepest condolences to Keith's partner and other family members, who very generously have since donated nearly £1,900 including gift aid to the Friends in Keith's memory.

- Another supreme cycling effort was that of Ken Mason, a long-standing Friend and fundraiser for the Friends. Ken set out on an extraordinary cycling marathon more than a year ago to support the Friends. His target was 10 miles a day on the static bike in his spare bedroom. On 27 March 2022, the
champagne bottle popped as Ken celebrated both reaching his target of 3,650 miles in the previous 12 months, AND also his 85th birthday! And the sponsorship he has so far attracted for the Friends has reached nearly £9,000. Ken's effort just shows how much can result from the individual initiative of Friends.

- Our Speakers Panel was largely dormant during the year, apart from one talk on Zoom, simply because of the restrictions imposed by Covid. The same restrictions prevented most other fundraising activities, including the traditional carol singing on Charing Cross Station, which had to be cancelled at the last moment.

Our part-time Charity Administrator, Rupert Dean, continued to provide excellent support to the Committee by providing essential office back-up and day-to-day financial administration, with both imagination and initiative, and an impressive attention to detail. Rupert's work has been enhanced by his secondment to The Connection's Fundraising Team.

Ultimately, the responsibility for running the charity lies with the members of the Committee, and the charity owes an enormous debt to our dedicated Committee members, who give greatly both of their time and expertise. We were sorry to lose Paul Taylor after only a short time as trustee. The Connection's CEO, Pam Orchard, has been most generous with her time and wise counsel, speaking at events and supporting our strategic thinking. She has been ably supported by the Connection's Director of Fundraising and Communications, Elizabeth Charles and her maternity replacement Katie Daley, as well as by Nicola Hollingworth, now the Head of Supporter Involvement. They have regularly attended Committee meetings in an advisory capacity. We continue to value our connection with St Martin-in-the-Fields,

represented on the Committee by Rev Richard Carter, and are seeking to strengthen our relationship with the congregation.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance as published by the Charity Commission on public benefit. All charitable activities highlighted in this report are undertaken in furtherance of our charitable objects and for the public benefit.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. Trustees are required to show and explain the charity's transactions and the financial statements must comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. Trustees 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.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' Report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the Trustees' Report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

The Trustees are satisfied that they have fully discharged these responsibilities.

Charles Woodd
Chair

Date: 14 September 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether

the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 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.

Ashley N. Fox FCA, ACII

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14 September 2022

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021-22 Total	2020-21 Total
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	199,064	0	199,064	327,614
Other trading activities		3,004	0	3,004	795
Total income and endowments		**202,067**	**0**	**202,067**	**328,410**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3, 4	20,705	0	20,705	18,448
Charitable activities	5, 6	204,672	30	204,702	311,160
Total expenditure		**225,377**	**30**	**225,407**	**329,608**
Net income/expenditure		-23,309	-30	-23,339	-1,198
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		-23,309	-30	-23,339	-1,198
Total funds brought forward		72,580	551	73,131	74,329
Total funds carried forward	7	49,270	**521**	**49,791**	**73,131**

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Tangible fixed assets:			
Office equipment		1	1
Total fixed assets	8	**1**	**1**
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	30,242	55,731
Cash at bank and in hand		20,976	20,572
Total current assets		**51,217**	**76,303**
Current liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	-1,427	-3,174
Total current liabilities(-)		**-1,427**	**-3,174**
Net current assets		**49,790**	**73,130**
Total net assets		**49,791**	**73,131**
Funds	11		
Unrestricted		49,270	72,580
Restricted	12	521	551
Total		**49,791**	**73,131**

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On behalf of the Trustees

14 September 2022

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION
AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

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Administrative support costs have been allocated to "Costs of raising funds". Accountancy, audit fee and AGM costs are allocated to "Governance Costs".

Expenses paid to Trustees or connected persons
None.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont.)

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021-22 Total £	2020-21 Total £
2. Donations and legacies				
Subscriptions	7,702	0	7,702	9,918
Donations	143,649	0	143,649	119,558
Legacies	24,626	0	24,626	174,986
Gift aid	23,086	0	23,086	23,152
Total	199,064	0	199,064	327,614
3. Expenditure on raising funds				
Staff costs	16,638	0	16,638	16,070
Events and activities*	1,476	0	1,476	350
Other current spending*	2,591	0	2,591	2,027
Total	18,448	0	20,705	18,448
4. Expenditure on goods and services* (events, activities and other current)				
Postage	460	0	460	390
Stationary and printing	1,232	0	1,232	1,341
Insurance	578	0	578	599
Legal and professional fees	143	0	143	35
Design	0	0	0	0
Bank/Just Giving charges	177	0	177	0
Other goods and services	1,476	0	1,476	12
Total	4,067	0	4,067	2,377
5. Expenditure on charitable activities				
Grants to the Connection at St Martin's	204,004	30	204,034	310,460
Governance costs	668	0	668	700
Total	204,672	30	204,702	311,160
6. Governance costs				
Independent examiner fee	668	0	668	700
AGM	0	0	0	0
Total	668	0	668	700

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont.)

	2021-22
7. Movement in Unrestricted Funds	
Opening fund 1 April 2021	72,580
Incoming resources	202,067
Outgoing resources	225,377
Closing fund 31 March 2022	49,270

8. Fixed assets for use by the charity	
Cost at 1 April 2021	**979**
Depreciation at 1 April 2021	978
Depreciation charged in year	0
Depreciation at 31 March 2022	**978**
Net book value at 31 March 2021	1
Net book value at 31 March 2022	**1**

	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-21
9. Current assets: debtors		
Legacies	12,500	35,000
Gift Aid due	17,125	20,731
Donations due	617	0
Total	30,242	55,731

10. Current liabilities: amounts due within one year		
Independent examiner fee	700	700
Employee payroll admin, tax and pension payments	720	755
QECR advance payments	0	1,719
Bank charges due	7	0
Total	1,427	3,174

11. Analysis of net assets between funds	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Total**
Fund balances at 31 March 2022:			
Tangible fixed assets	1	0	1
Current assets	50,696	521	51,217
Current liabilities	-1,427	0	-1,427
Total	49,270	521	49,791

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont.)

12. Restricted funds		
1 Towels, socks and underwear		
Opening fund 1 April 2021		521
Incoming Resources		-
Outgoing Resources		-
Closing Fund 31 March 2022		**521**
This money was raised following an appeal in 2011 to all Friends for socks and towels for Connection clients (or money to purchase them). In 2013, Connection staff asked if this money could be used to purchase underwear as well. Friends were contacted to ask their permission. No-one objected. Sufficient funds are held.		
2 Walking Group		
Opening fund 1 April 2021		30
Incoming Resources		-
Outgoing Resources		30
Closing Fund 31 March 2022		**0**
The money came from a Friend who raised money by holding a coffee morning for her walking group in 2010. She raised £600. The purpose of this fund was to help a Connection clients' walking group. The group now walks on Thursdays, and the money was spent in 2021-22.		
3 Donations in 2021-22		
No donations during 2021-22 were received with a requirement that they should be used for specific purposes.		
13. Related Party		
The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields (CSTM) is a related party. As stated in the constitution, all funds are collected on behalf of this entity.		

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

CHARITY INFORMATION

CHARITY NO: 1040560

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Graham Lawrence (Secretary - resigned 31 October 2020)
Mary Keane (Secretary - co-opted 13 January 2021)
Chris Riley (Treasurer)
Sheila Batchelor
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The Executive Committee, who are the Board of Trustees and are listed on page 1, have reviewed the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31 March 2021 and consider that the charity is in a good position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Financial Performance and End of Year Position

The Trustees consider the financial performance of the charity during the year to have been satisfactory.

The Friends were able to make grants totalling **£310,460** to The Connection during the year. Although this overall total was significantly less than the previous year, the level of donations by Friends to the charity at £119,558 (excluding gift aid) held up well. The decrease in grant resulted very largely from the fact that legacy income, which by its nature is variable and unpredictable, was less than the exceptionally high level recorded in 2019/20. The Queen Eleanor Cycle Ride raised £19,960 (over £23,000 including gift aid), but other fund raising activities were curtailed by the Covid pandemic. In addition, we participated in the Keep Our Doors Open emergency appeal across the St Martin's site, to which Friends contributed a total of £10,685.

As indicated in the Statement of Financial Activities, the accounts show a small overall accounting deficit of £1,198 during the year as cash held at the beginning of the year in excess of the minimum reserves requirement (see below) was brought down, enabling us safely to spend fractionally more than our income. This resulted in a further small reduction in the net assets of the charity to £73,131 at the end of the year, as shown in the Balance Sheet. These assets comprised cash reserves (see below), legacy receipts due totalling £35,000, and Gift Aid of over £20,000 accrued during the year but not yet received, offset by payments due to be made in the months immediately after the end of the financial year.

Policies on reserves

The policy of the charity is to carry a cash reserve sufficient to cover 8 months of support costs, taking into account the fact that in earlier years income from donations has been relatively low over an 8-month period from the beginning of the year. That has been interpreted as maintaining a minimum cash reserve of around £20,000, erring in practice somewhat on the side of caution. The actual cash reserve at 31 March 2021 was £20,572.

Principal funding sources
The charity is dependent for its income on subscriptions from its members, voluntary donations, legacies and the income from fundraising events. During the year, the Committee continued to implement its Fundraising Strategy agreed previously, as far as was possible within the constraints set by the Covid restrictions..

Plans for Future Periods
During the year 2020-21, the Trustees have been working very closely with The Connection's CEO and Fundraising Team to develop a more integrated operation. The aims of this development are: to increase membership of the Friends, to involve the Friends more closely in the work of The Connection, to co-ordinate fully the two charities' communications, to use resources, staff and Trustee time more efficiently, and to avoid unnecessary duplication. One early joint initiative has been working together on the development of new logos for the Friends and the Connection.

As a result of these discussions, the Trustees approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Friends and The Connection in March 2021, as the basis of a trial period of integrated working beginning formally on 1 April 2021. This will include the secondment of the Friends' Charity Administrator to The Connection's Fundraising Team for an initial 12-month period. Further details of how these developments are being implemented will be presented to the AGM in September 2021.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and together form the Executive Committee of the Friends. Candidates must be members of the Friends and be proposed and seconded by members of the Friends. During the year, Nigel Thorpe stepped down after 10 years of dedicated service as a Trustee, and Graham Lawrence also resigned as Secretary after a shorter but very valuable period in the role. In January 2021, Mary Keane was co-opted as Secretary, and Alex Gandini and Paul Taylor as Trustees.

Induction and on-going training of Trustees
New trustees are given a copy of The Essential Trustee (published by the Charity Commission – document CC3) as well as the Friends' constitution, and serve a probationary period as required by the constitution. The Chair informs them of their duties and responsibilities. Trustees are asked regularly to review their understanding of their obligations. All Trustees are notified of any new legislation pertinent to the running of a charity when this has been issued from the Charity Commission or other relevant regulator.

The organisational structure of the charity and how decisions are made
The charity is managed by the Executive Committee (Trustees) as laid down in the constitution. As noted above, the Executive Committee is elected by the members at the AGM and it is responsible for strategic decisions. Committee meetings are routinely attended by the Connection CEO and the Director of Fundraising and Communications to ensure that the committee is well briefed about the strategy

and activities of the Connection. Committee members have specific responsibilities so as to share the workload. The Committee is supported by the part-time Charity Administrator, employed by the Friends, who handles everyday office and financial administration, leaving Committee members free to give priority to the crucial tasks of recruiting new members and expanding our fundraising activities.

Risk Management

The Executive Committee continues to review the risk register and the means by which risks can be minimised. The main risks during the year have been: (i) adapting to the restrictions imposed by the Covid pandemic, including the Charity Administrator having to work from home, while ensuring the daily office tasks (such as processing the post and incoming cheques, preparing mailings to the Friends) could be covered; (ii) the continuing need to arrest the decline in membership, and therefore income from donations.

We are very grateful to the Charity Administrator for adapting to the situation, and continuing to support the charity from a home base throughout the periods when The Connection premises were closed. As a very small charity with minimal staff, we identified the risks the situation presented and mitigated these by separating functions, working with The Connection. A member of The Connection opens all the Friends' post and records any donations made before the paperwork is passed to the Friends' office.

The Committee has continued to seek ways of reversing the decline in membership (risk (ii)), which led to new arrangements instituted formally from 1 April 2021, involving a much closer integration between the operation of the Friends and the work of The Connection's Fundraising Team.

Objectives and Activities

Our objectives are laid down in our Constitution: "The object of the Friends shall be to support the charitable work of The Connection at St Martin's in such manner as the Committee, in consultation with the Trustees of The Connection at St Martin's, shall from time to time determine, provided that such support does not relieve expenditure which a body or authority is under a statutory duty to provide."

The Friends' main activities are collecting subscriptions and donations from members, including the receipt of legacies, recruiting new members, promoting greater awareness about homelessness and the work of The Connection amongst our members and the general public, organising fundraising and awareness-raising events in central London, and encouraging members and others to raise funds for the Friends.

This year the Committee continued to implement the Fundraising Strategy first adopted in 2017-18, regularly reviewed and updated as necessary, as far as was possible within Covid restrictions, while at the same time actively pursuing discussions with The Connection Fundraising Team to develop proposals for greater collaboration. The results of these efforts have been positive and can be seen from the following highlights of the year:

- Donations, subscriptions and other non-legacy income totalled £153,424, a decrease of just over £31,000 on the total achieved in 2019-20. This total includes other trading income of £795.

- Friends' contribution to the cross-site "Keep Our Doors Open" appeal in Spring 2020 totalled £10,685. Taken together with donations made directly to the Friends over the period of the appeal, the total raised was £17,280 excluding gift aid, £1,676 lower than raised by the 2019 Spring Appeal.

- Our Speakers Panel activities were also limited by Covid, but we undertook three engagements, including one in a school between lockdowns, and two to other groups on Zoom.

- The12th Queen Eleanor Cycle Ride had to be organised on a different basis to previous years because of Covid. A small number of cyclists followed the traditional route in a relay, while the remainder cycled 200 miles in their own time in their home areas. Despite this change of pattern, the event was very successful, raising over £23,000 including Gift Aid in sponsorship.

- Although the income from legacies was not at the previous year's level, we still received £174,986 in legacy income.

Our part-time Charity Administrator, Rupert Dean, continued to provide excellent support to the Committee by providing essential office back-up and day-to-day financial administration, with both imagination and initiative, and an impressive attention to detail. Rupert worked closely with members of The Connection's Fundraising Team, again within the restrictions set by Covid.

Ultimately, the responsibility lies with the members of the Committee, and the charity owes an enormous debt to our dedicated Committee members, who give greatly both of their time and expertise. We were sorry to lose Nigel Thorpe and Graham Lawrence during the year, but encouraged by the interest and enthusiasm of the new members, Mary Keane, Alex Gandini and Paul Taylor. The Connection's CEO, Pam Orchard, has been most generous with her time and wise counsel, speaking at events and supporting our strategic thinking. She has been ably supported by the Connection's Director of Fundraising and Communications, Elizabeth Charles and her maternity replacement Katie Daley, as well as by Nicola Cappleman who manages the individual giving remit. They regularly attend Committee meetings in an advisory capacity. We continue to value our connection with St Martin-in-the-Fields, represented on the Committee by Rev Richard Carter.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance as published by the Charity Commission on public benefit. All charitable activities highlighted in this report are undertaken in furtherance of our charitable objects and for the public benefit.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

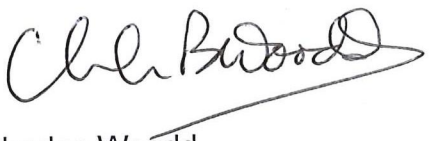
Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. Trustees are required to show and explain the charity's transactions and the financial statements must comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. Trustees 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.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' Report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the Trustees' Report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

The Trustees are satisfied that they have fully discharged these responsibilities.



Charles Woodd
Chair

9 August 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

The Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

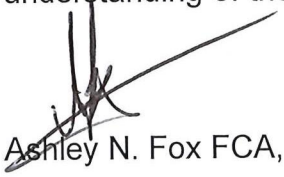
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met;

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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9 August 2021

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020-21 Total £	2019-20 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	327,614	0	327,614	492,092
Other trading activities		795	0	795	2,370
Total income and endowments		**328,410**	**0**	**328,410**	**494,462**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3, 4	18,448	0	18,448	21,234
Charitable activities	5, 6	311,160	0	311,160	480,948
Total expenditure		**329,608**	**0**	**329,608**	**502,182**
Net income/expenditure		-1,198	0	-1,198	-7,720
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		-1,198	0	-1,198	-7,720
Total funds brought forward		73,778	551	74,329	82,049
Total funds carried forward	7	**72,580**	**551**	**73,131**	**74,329**

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Tangible fixed assets:			
Office equipment		1	1
Total fixed assets	8	1	1
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	55,731	52,199
Cash at bank and in hand		20,572	23,687
Total current assets		**76,303**	**75,886**
Current liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	-3,174	-1,558
Total current liabilities(-)		**-3,174**	**-1,558**
Net current assets		**73,130**	**74,328**
Total net assets		**73,131**	**74,329**
Funds	11		
Unrestricted		72,580	73,778
Restricted	12	551	551
Total		**73,131**	**74,329**

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

C J Riley
Treasurer
On behalf of the Trustees

THE FRIENDS OF THE CONNECTION AT ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of the accounts
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Accounting convention
The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, and the assets and liabilities valued accordingly.

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are accounted for when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount is measurable. Where income is received in advance of a performance or service, it is deferred until the charity is entitled to that income. Legacy income is recognised when it can be measured or estimated with sufficient reliability, and is not discounted by the time value of money if it is receivable within one year.

Resources expended
All resources expended are recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party.

Costs of generating funds
Comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable activities
Comprise donations made to The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Governance costs
Comprise those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Allocation of support costs
Administrative support costs have been allocated to "Costs of raising funds". Accountancy, audit fee and AGM costs are allocated to "Governance Costs".

Expenses paid to Trustees or connected persons
Expenses totalling £81 were paid to Trustees.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 (cont.)

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020-21 Total £	2019-20 Total £
2. Donations and legacies				
Subscriptions	9,918	0	9,918	9,471
Donations	119,558	0	119,558	145,325
Legacies	174,986	0	174,986	309,483
Gift aid	23,152	0	23,152	27,813
Total	327,614	0	327,614	492,092
3. Expenditure on raising funds				
Staff costs	16,070	0	16,070	17,144
Events and activities*	350	0	350	1,620
Other current spending*	2,027	0	2,027	2,470
Total	18,448	0	18,448	21,234
4. Expenditure on goods and services* (events, activities and other current)				
Postage	390	0	390	341
Stationary and printing	1,341	0	1,341	2,198
Insurance	599	0	599	591
Legal and professional fees	35	0	35	35
Design	0	0	0	0
Other goods and services	12	0	12	925
Total	2,377	0	2,377	4,090
5. Expenditure on charitable activities				
Grants to the Connection at St Martin's	310,460	0	310,460	480,233
Money owed to ST Martin's	0	0	0	70
Governance costs	700	0	700	645
Total	311,160	0	311,160	480,948
6. Governance costs				
Independent examiner fee	700	0	700	645
AGM	0	0	0	0
Total	700	0	700	645

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 (cont.)

	2020-21
7. Movement in Unrestricted Funds	
Opening fund 1 April 2020	73,778
Incoming resources	328,410
Outgoing resources	329,608
Closing fund 31 March 2021	72,580

8. Fixed assets for use by the charity	
Cost at 1 April 2020	**979**
Depreciation at 1 April 2019	978
Depreciation charged in year	0
Depreciation at 31 March 2021	**978**
Net book value at 31 March 2020	1
Net book value at 31 March 2021	**1**

	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20
9. Current assets: debtors		
Legacies	35,000	25,000
Gift Aid due	20,731	27,199
Total	55,731	52,199

10. Current liabilities: amounts due within one year		
Independent examiner fee	700	668
Employee payroll admin, tax and pension payments	755	890
QECR advance payments	1,719	0
Total	3,174	1,558

11. Analysis of net assets between funds	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Total**
Fund balances at 31 March 2021:			
Tangible fixed assets	1	0	1
Current assets	75,752	551	76,303
Current liabilities	-3,174	0	-3,174
Total	72,580	551	73,131

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 (cont.)

12. Restricted funds

1 Towels, socks and underwear

Opening fund 1 April 2020	521
Incoming Resources	-
Outgoing Resources	-
Closing Fund 31 March 2021	**521**

This money was raised following an appeal in 2011 to all Friends for socks and towels for Connection clients (or money to purchase them). In 2013, Connection staff asked if this money could be used to purchase underwear as well. Friends were contacted to ask their permission. No-one objected. Sufficient funds are held.

2 Walking Group

Opening fund 1 April 2020	30
Incoming Resources	-
Outgoing Resources	-
Closing Fund 31 March 2021	**30**

The money came from a Friend who raised money by holding a coffee morning for her walking group in 2010. She raised £600. The original purpose of this fund was to help a Connection clients' walking group. The group no longer exists and the Friend who raised the money gave permission for the money to be spent on kitting out clients who attend The Connection's Pilgrimage to Canterbury with walking gear.

3 Donations in 2020-21

No donations during 2020-21 were received with a requirement that they should be used for specific purposes.

13. Related Party

The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields (CSTM) is a related party. As stated in the constitution, all funds are collected on behalf of this entity.