

**Registered Charity Number: 1057937**

**ASCOT ROUND TABLE**

**NO 929**

**Year ended 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements**

**Charity Name and Number**

Ascot Round Table No 929: Registered Charity Number 1057937

**Correspondence Address**

c/o Kirk Rice LLP, The Courtyard, High Street, Ascot, Berkshire SL5 7HP

**Trustees**

Mr Simon Papworth

Mr Tim Neale

Mr L McMath

Mr Alistair Haig (appointed 19 April 2023)

Mr Seamus O'Neill (appointed 6 September 2023)

Mr Ryan Biggs (appointed 6 September 2023)

**Professional Advisors****Bankers:**

HSBC Bank, Bracknell, Berkshire

## **Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 8 April 2023

### **History**

Ascot Round Table has been established for many years. It was established and registered as a charitable Trust with the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 10 September 1996, registration number 1057937. It is also a constituent member of the National Association of Round Tables of Great Britain and Ireland, Area 25 number 929. Its status is governed by the Constitution, Rules and Standing Orders of the Round Tables of Great Britain and Ireland; and, by the Trust Deed of the charity.

Until very recently Ascot Round Table consisted of less than 5 members, giving their time voluntarily and receiving no remuneration or other benefits. Since the reporting date, however, many new members have been recruited to assist with fundraising activities. Past members and other local associations also assist Ascot Round Table with fundraising activities, without whose help we would struggle to manage. Trustees are appointed when known and trusted by their fellow members.

### **Objectives and public benefit**

The aims and objectives of Ascot Round Table Charitable Trust are those of the Round Table movement as a whole. Our main charitable aim is to raise funds through organized events, and to distribute these funds to charitable concerns, mainly local to Ascot and surrounding areas. This provides a benefit to the public, especially locally, where the majority of our charitable donations are made.

### **Activities**

Ascot Round Table is a charity and exists to promote fellowship and service to the local community.

### **Achievements and performance of the trust**

Ascot Round Table came out of COVID lockdown in 2021 with minimal activity, and struggled to attract new members to assist with activities. This has been rectified since 8 April 2023, with a recruitment drive bringing in many new young members who are pushing forward new fundraising initiatives and donation requests.

Despite manpower difficulties Ascot Round Table still managed to carry out its Fireworks event at Ascot Racecourse with the help of volunteers, where donations on entry surged past the level of the year-before-last, with over £80,000 received. The Santa collections, however, did not happen due to lack of investment in the Santa equipment and sleigh, and difficulties obtaining manpower to assist with collections.

The funds have accumulated to a level that are in excess of our reserves policy, but this is being addressed in the following period, with new members driving donation requests and other activities,

### **Investment and Reserves policy**

As the object of fundraising activities is to provide the means to make donations to worthy local causes it is not anticipated that funds will be retained longer than the short term. Surplus funds are

therefore held in a deposit account until distributed. A 'base-line reserve' of funds is maintained to ensure that if our fireworks event is affected by bad weather and makes a loss in any year, there will be sufficient funds to remain solvent.

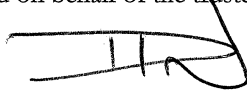
### **Grant-making policy**

The charity receives many requests from all aspects of society. All requests are considered by the charity at 'business meetings', but the emphasis is very much on supporting local people in Ascot, Bracknell and the surrounding areas but gifts are also made to national and international charities. Grants are made at the discretion of the members, who consider each request and the needs of the donees before allocation of donations.

### **Independent Examiner**

The trustees intend to ask the existing auditors to undertake the independent examination of the Trust in the following year.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Date – 17 June 2024

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ASCOT ROUND TABLE NO 929**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 8 April 2023 set out on pages six to eleven.

### **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 required.

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 the 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 seeking 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 statements below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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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Date: 17 June 2024

**Ascot Round Table  
CHARITY ACCOUNTS  
Year ended 8th April 2023**

**Income & Expenditure**

|  | <u>2023</u>        | <u>2022</u>       | <u>2021</u>     |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b><u>Income</u></b>                                 |                    |                   |                 |
| <b>Fireworks</b>                                     |                    |                   |                 |
| Income   | 86,247.43          | 66,396.56         | -               |
| Expenses   | (30,605.37)        | (25,987.89)       | -               |
| Event donations (guides, scouts, Tangent, 41 Club)   | (11,661.29)        | (7,247.06)        | (94.95)         |
| Headline figure                                      | 43,980.77          | 33,161.61         | (94.95)         |
| <br>Interest - 14 Day notice Account                 | <br>87.08          | <br>2.40          | <br>9.46        |
|  | <u>44,067.85</u>   | <u>33,164.01</u>  | <u>(85.49)</u>  |
| <br><b><u>Other Expenses</u></b>                     |                    |                   |                 |
| Bank charges   | (70.00)            | (19.80)           | -               |
| Independent examination                              | (75.00)            | -                 | (150.00)        |
| IT and website costs                                 | (23.98)            | -                 | (23.98)         |
| Sundry items   | (255.00)           | (200.00)          | -               |
| <br><b><u>Charitable Donations</u></b>               |                    |                   |                 |
| Cranbourne Primary School PTA                        | (5,000.00)         |                   |                 |
| Thames Valley Hospice                                | (5,000.00)         |                   |                 |
| Ascot Football Club - sponsorship of childrens' team | (504.00)           |                   |                 |
| The Lily Foundation                                  | (1,000.00)         |                   |                 |
| Sebastians Action Trust                              | (5,000.00)         | (2,500.00)        |                 |
| WCA Windsor Foodshare                                |                    | (5,000.00)        |                 |
| Food 4 Schools                                       |                    |                   | (500.00)        |
| Total Donations & Expenses                           | <u>(16,927.98)</u> | <u>(7,719.80)</u> | <u>(673.98)</u> |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure                    | <u>27,139.87</u>   | <u>25,444.21</u>  | <u>(759.47)</u> |
| <br><b><u>Summary</u></b>                            |                    |                   |                 |
| Income   | 86,334.51          | 66,398.96         | 9.46            |
| Expenses   | (31,029.35)        | (26,207.69)       | (173.98)        |
| Donations  | (28,165.29)        | (14,747.06)       | (594.95)        |
| Surplus / (Deficit)                                  | <u>27,139.87</u>   | <u>25,444.21</u>  | <u>(759.47)</u> |

**Ascot Round Table**  
**CHARITY ACCOUNTS**  
Year ended 8th April 2023

**Balance Sheet**

|                       | <u>2023</u>      | <u>2022</u>      | <u>2021</u>      |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Operating Charity A/c | 58,313.21        | 31,260.42        | 5,818.61         |
| Charity Reserve A/c   | 20,225.64        | 20,138.56        | 20,136.16        |
|                       | <u>78,538.85</u> | <u>51,398.98</u> | <u>25,954.77</u> |

**Represented By:**

|                                     |                  |                  |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Accumulated surplus brought forward | 51,398.98        | 25,954.77        | 26,714.24        |
| Surplus/(Deficit) in the year       | 27,139.87        | 25,444.21        | (759.47)         |
| Accumulated surplus carried forward | <u>78,538.85</u> | <u>51,398.98</u> | <u>25,954.77</u> |

Approved by



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17 JUNE 2024