

THE ST. EDMUNDS CHARITY
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

REGISTERED NUMBER - 03303543

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER - 1061509

ENGLAND AND WALES

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

4 APRIL 2024

WYATT MORRIS GOLLAND LTD.,
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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT OF THE ST. EDMUNDS CHARITY FOR YEAR ENDED 4 APRIL 2024

The Council of Management (The Council / Trustees), who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 4 April 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

LEGAL ENTITY

The St. Edmunds Charity is a registered charity, which is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The liability of the members is limited to £1 each and at the 4 April 2024 the three trustees were the only members of the company.

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

The Council of Management who served at any time throughout the year were as follows:-

G. A. Wareing
F. J. Gracie
B. V. Tobin

Principal: M. Butterworth

Senior Support Worker: Stephen Ryan

REGISTERED OFFICE:- 110 Clement Royds Street
Rochdale
Lancashire
OL12 6PL

BANKERS:- Co-operative Bank PLC
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER/
ACCOUNTANT:-** P. A. Richards B.A. F.C.A. D.Ch.A
Wyatt Morris Golland Ltd
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity are the relief of persons suffering from alcohol/drug abuse and, or mental illness and the provision of treatment and aftercare of such persons.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

St Edmunds Charity is primarily a Supported Housing facility for Vulnerable Adults who are in recovery from alcohol/substance abuse with or without associated mental health issues, who have been clean and sober for a minimum period of 13 weeks. The Service Users of the Charity have had lives in the past that have been greatly impaired by alcohol/substance misuse and they have a need for longer term Housing Support, without which they would find it difficult to be able to maintain their life and home whilst remaining clean/sober in their new life style and renewed quality of life.

St Edmunds Charity provides fully centra heated furnished flats, Housing Support personal assistance with individual housing based support plans and reviews. This is all conducted in a safe and substance free environment. In addition to this Service Users are encouraged to obtain external assistance for education, recreational and inspirational needs. Staff members are there to assist Service Users with regard to housing related support, Housing Benefits, health, hygiene and life choices, finance housekeeping and Move-On assistance. Compulsory weekly House Meetings are held every Monday afternoon facilitated by staff, Service Users have now appointed a Project Representative who attends the Bi-Weekly Staff Meetings in order to raise any issues on their behalf. The 24 hour call service was also introduced in 2020 for any unforeseen emergency or health issues and continues to date.

There was one Termination of Licence Agreement To Quit issued for breach of sobriety as per the Service Users Licence Agreements, less serious misdemeanours, and breaches of Licence Agreements etc are covered by our 28 Day Notice to Quit Letters those issued were rescinded following compliance. Five successful Move-Ons were completed, we therefore had six new Service Users in the financial year.

The Service Users Group Leader is available to provide Peer Support when needed. In addition, the Project has a nominated Warden (Ex Tradesman) to assist in practical matters when appropriate in an emergency. The Warden has completed Health & Safety Courses and has continued with training where necessary.

We have two Service Users in paid employment (under 16 hours p.w.). We currently have a further twelve Service Users in Voluntary Work, a very encouraging year.

Ex-Service Users as long as they are alcohol/substance free are welcome to attend the Projects Social Events and may be tested at random.

The Charity has now a compliment of staff as follows, the long term serving Principal, Business/Project Manager, Snr Housing Support Worker, House-Keeper/Housing-Support Worker, Project Warden and Volunteers.

The Website has now been reconstructed with new images of the flats and layouts together with staff photos. Savings have also been made in the upkeep downloads.

Capital Repairs.

We are pleased to report that 87 Clement Royds Street has been scheduled to be re-roofed in the next financial year, costs have risen dramatically in this sector up nearly 30% on the original estimate.

Utilities

The significant continued rise in energy costs has induced a more stringent control of the use of energy by the Service Users and room temperature in the communal areas have been reduced. Lighting replacement where/when possible has been replaced with LED units.

It is strongly held belief of the Charity Staff Team and Trustees that St Edmunds Charity is a great route to aid housing abstinence-based recovery and in the majority works for most people who live at the project(s). A further point which remains valid every year is that whilst people are living at St Edmunds Charity they are learning to enjoy their recovery and not a drain on resources of the Police, Ambulance, Law Courts or the National Health, furthermore, they have regained their self-esteem, whilst in some cases means no longer begging or stealing. Furthermore, it is testament to the fact that a high percentage of our Service Users move on into the wider community and no longer are a burden on the aforementioned services.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES

The charity has a surplus for the year which has been added to reserves brought forward. It is the charity's intention that reserves are maintained at a level which represents approximately six weeks running costs. Current reserves are below this level and the trustees are monitoring the position. Free reserves at the charity are £15,121.

INVESTMENT POWERS, POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The charity's powers of investment are governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. Currently there are insufficient surplus funds for any long-term investments to be made.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Trustees and Management endeavour that the Charity will continue to meet its objectives through its provision of Supported Housing and external agencies.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Company is managed by the Board of Trustees who receive a monthly report from the principal as to the progress, activities and upkeep of the Charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Business/Project Manager has now completed a review of all the Charity's Policy and Procedure mandates together with the Service Users obligation and Licence Agreement. Risk Assessments have also been conducted against fraud and error to protect both the Charity and Service Users.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Business/Project manager has considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit whilst reviewing Policy and Procedure, Aims and Objectives for the future of the Charity's activities.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Under company law the council members have the same legal responsibilities as company directors and the title is interchangeable.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. In preparing those accounts the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.


REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT OF THE ST. EDMUNDS CHARITY FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 4 APRIL 2024 (continued)

ACCOUNTANTS

Wyatt Morris Golland Ltd., Chartered Accountants, will be proposed for re-appointment.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the
Council of Management

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B.V. Tobin', is written over a dotted line.

B V Tobin

Director

Approved by the board: 25 February 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE ST. EDMUNDS CHARITY**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The St. Edmunds Charity ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 4 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

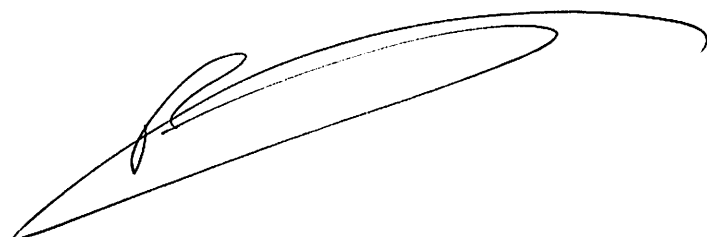
Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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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Date 25 February 2025

THE ST. EDMUNDS CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 4 APRIL 2024

	Notes <hr/>	Unrestricted Funds £	Total funds 4/4/2024 £	Total funds 4/4/2023 £
<u>Incoming resources:-</u>				
Income from charitable trading activities	2	299,610	299,610	205,725
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Total incoming resources		299,610	299,610	205,725
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<u>Resources expended:-</u>				
Charitable and trading activities:	3	290,527	290,527	206,460
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Total resources expended		290,527	290,527	206,460
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Net income / (expenditure) for the year		9,083	9,083	(735)
Total funds brought forward		6,038	6,083	6,773
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Total funds carried forward		15,121	15,121	6,038
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The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

THE ST. EDMUNDS CHARITY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 4 APRIL 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>4/4/2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>4/4/2023</u> <u>£</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
Office furniture and equipment	7		-	-
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Debtors	8	7,671	5,874	
Cash at bank and in hand		25,560	12,783	
		<u>33,231</u>	<u>18,657</u>	
<u>CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year</u>				
	9	(18,110)	(12,619)	
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
			<u>15,121</u>	<u>6,038</u>
			<u>15,121</u>	<u>6,038</u>
			=====	=====
<u>FUNDED BY:-</u>				
Unrestricted funds			<u>15,121</u>	<u>6,038</u>
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The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 4 April 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 4 April 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Council of Management and authorised for issue on 25 February 2025 and were signed on it behalf by:

25 February 2025



.....B V Tobin - Director

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

THE ST. EDMUNDS CHARITY
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
4 APRIL 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern basis

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The directors consider this basis appropriate as the Principal has agreed to guarantee any net asset deficit for 12 months from the date these accounts are approved.

Income

Income relating to rent charged to clients is included on an accruals basis.

Donations are included in the accounts when received.

Expenditure

Expenditure relates to amounts incurred by the charity in furtherance of its objectives and is included on an accruals basis.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided, after taking account of any grants receivable, at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:-

Office furniture and equipment - 33 1/3% on cost

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and as such is entitled to the exemption from tax to the extent that the income received falls within section 505 I.C.T.A. 1988 and section 256 C.G.T.A. 1992 and is applied to charitable purposes only.

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE TRADING ACTIVITIES

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Rent and housing benefit	299,610	205,725
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THE ST. EDMUNDS CHARITY
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4 APRIL 2024

3. CHARITABLE AND TRADING ACTIVITIES

	<u>Staff</u> <u>costs</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Depreciation</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>costs</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> <u>£</u>
Housing services	98,276	-	168,416	266,692	182,304
Support services	-	-	23,835	23,835	24,156
	<u>98,276</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>192,251</u>	<u>290,527</u>	<u>206,460</u>
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Other costs are comprised of:

	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>£</u>
Rent, maintenance and repairs	113,258	85,014
Insurance	6,010	5,532
Heat, light and water	11,611	2,799
Renewals / upgrades	34,061	8,999
Cleaning	775	1,164
Telephone	5,901	4,631
Printing, stationery and postages	1,550	1,461
Staff travel, including commercial vehicle costs	8,878	9,679
Sundry expenses	3,238	1,055
Website costs	996	623
Governance (note 4)	3,273	4,222
House moving costs	2,700	646
Entertaining	-	460
Legal and professional	-	6,708
	<u>192,251</u>	<u>132,993</u>
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THE ST. EDMUNDS CHARITY

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

4 APRIL 2024

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Accountancy & payroll fees	3,118	4,117
Bank charges	155	105
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	3,273	4,222
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5. STAFF COSTS

Freelance Support Consultancy is purchased as required.
The number of staff employed by the charity is 2 (2023-2)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Wages	93,728	56,716
Social Security costs	3,959	26
Consultancy	-	15,453
Pension	589	907
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	98,276	73,102
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None of the trustees received any remuneration from the Charity, nor were any of the trustees reimbursed for any expenses incurred.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Incoming resources:-</u>		
Income from charitable trading activities	205,725	205,725
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Total incoming resources	205,725	205,725
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<u>Resources expended:-</u>		
Charitable and trading activities:	206,460	206,460
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Total resources expended	206,460	206,460
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Net (expenditure) / income for the year	(735)	(735)
Total funds brought forward	6,773	6,773
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Total funds carried forward	6,038	6,038
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THE ST. EDMUNDS CHARITY

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7. FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Office furniture and equipment</u> £
<u>Cost</u>	
Brought forward at 5 April 2023	9,592
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Carried forward at 4 April 2024	9,592
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<u>Depreciation</u>	
Brought forward at 5 April 2023	9,227
Charge for the year	365
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Carried forward at 4 April 2024	9,592
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<u>Net book value</u>	
At 4 April 2024	-
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At 4 April 2023	365
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8. DEBTORS

	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Trade debtors	7,544	5,692
Prepayments and accrued income	127	182
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	7,671	5,874
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9. CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year

	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Creditor and Accruals	18,110	12,619
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10. RELATED PARTIES

The main property occupied by the charity is occupied under a licence agreement from the charity principal. From March 22 the rent due is termed as a variable viable periodic monthly rental charge for the flats of up to £7,500pm (£90,000pa) plus £15,490pa for communal areas. The trustees have agreed the charity will pay a rent which allows the charity to break-even but any under accrued rent may be paid in a subsequent year when there are sufficient available funds. For the year to 05/04/2024 a total rent of £99,400 was paid and in 2022/23 rent of £64,700 was paid. Consequently the charity has a potential liability of £46,880 over the two years. The charity principal and the trustees have agreed that the liability will only arise if the charity has funds to pay and consequently provision is not made in the accounts.

An offsite property was rented from an employee related to the charity principal. The rent paid was £5,850 with a further £600 accrue. The charity maintains both properties. A further property is rented from a third party which is located within the curtilage of the project.

During the previous year consultancy payments totalling £15,453 were made to a company run by the charity principal.