

The Stevenson Centre

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

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| Trustee | Great Cornard Parish Council |
| Senior Management / Leadership Team | Mr T. J Keane, Trustee Chairman Cllr. A. C. Bavington, Policy & Resources Chair Cllr. D Young, Trustee Vice Chair Miss E Skuce, Council Manager |
| Charity Registration Number | 1067925 |
| Principal Office | The Stevenson Centre Stevenson Approach Great Cornard Sudbury Suffolk CO10 0WD |
| Independent Examiner | Nicholas Forsyth FCA Lambert Chapman LLP Chartered Accountants and Registered Statutory Auditors 3 Warners Mill Silks Way Braintree Essex CM7 3GB |
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Trustee's Report

The member presents the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Charity runs a community centre for the benefit of inhabitants of Great Cornard and the neighbouring area without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions by the advancement of education and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The Charity has continued to hire the community centre to inhabitants of Great Cornard and the neighbouring area and aims to continue to support local community groups.

Public benefit

The Charity aims to benefit the inhabitants of Great Cornard and the neighbouring area with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

The Trustee confirms that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Grant making policies

By allocating a yearly budget for grants, the Charity financially supports some of the local groups who use the Community Centre.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The current level of available reserves amounts to £30,617 (2023: £29,465). The senior management team believe that reserves amounting to at least £15,000 are required to ensure that the Charity has sufficient funding to enable it to continue to operate should income levels diminish in subsequent periods.

Principal funding sources

The Charity obtains income from the letting of the Community Centre and, if required, also benefits from donations provided by Great Cornard Parish Council.

Going concern

As sole Managing Trustee of The Stevenson Centre Charity, the Parish Council has continued to adopt a cautious approach to the Centre finances due to the cost of inflation and the rising cost of goods, services and energy.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity is governed by the lease and trust deed dated 24th June 1968 as varied by scheme of the Charity Commissioners of 15th November 1993.

The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 3rd February 1998.

Appointment of Trustee

Great Cornard Parish Council as a corporate body is the sole Managing Trustee. Individual Parish Councillors are not themselves Charity Trustees.

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Trustee's Report (continued)

Induction and training of new Parish Council Members

Any new Members of the Parish Council or the senior management team will receive the appropriate level of training to obtain an understanding of the Charity's objects and aims and will be provided with a copy of the Charity's governing document.

Organisational structure

The Senior Management Team, representing the Parish Council (the sole Managing Trustee), hold separate meetings on a regular basis to discuss the activities and performance of the Charity and the achievement of its charitable objects.

Relationships with related parties

Great Cornard Parish Council

Great Cornard Parish Council is the sole trustee of the Charity and the Councillors are responsible for the running of the Charity.

Major risks and management of those risks

Risks faced by the charity

The Council officers responsible for the performance of the Charity meet on a regular basis and will discuss the risks faced and consider how these risks may be best mitigated.

The main risk faced by the Charity is that its income level will not be sufficient to ensure that it can continue as a going concern.

The Senior Management Team acknowledges that good publicity and marketing of The Stevenson Centre is key to promoting the Centre's facilities. The Stevenson Centre is advertised and promoted locally and advises local residents that they can benefit from advantageous rates. The Parish Council, as sole Trustee of The Stevenson Centre Charity, works closely with its users to ensure their needs are met and that they are happy with the facilities provided.

The Trustees regularly review the Centre's hire charges to tailor income to expenditure and to ensure that charges for all users are kept reasonable and affordable and comparable to local competitors.

If the Charity, for a temporary period of time, is unable to meet its expenditure it has the option to apply to the Parish Council for support.

The Stevenson Centre Charity has appropriate insurance in place to cover the loss of revenue up to £40,000.

The annual report was approved by the member of the charity on 9th September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr T J Keane, Trustee Chairman, for and on behalf of
Great Cornard Parish Council
Trustee

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Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

The trustee is responsible for preparing the trustee's report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

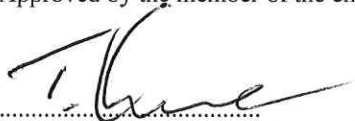
The law applicable to charities requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the member is required to:

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

The member is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The member is 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 trustee is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the member of the charity on 01m September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr T J Keane, Trustee Chairman, for and on behalf of
Great Cornard Parish Council
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustee of The Stevenson Centre

I report to the trustee on my examination of the accounts of The Stevenson Centre for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustee of The Stevenson Centre you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

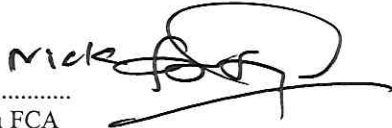
I report in respect of my examination of the The Stevenson Centre's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Stevenson Centre as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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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Nicholas Forsyth FCA
Lambert Chapman LLP
Chartered Accountants and Registered Statutory Auditors

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Date: 10 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

| | Note | Unrestricted £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|------------------------------------|------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Income and Endowments from: | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | 22,417 | 22,417 | 21,192 |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 60,921 | 60,921 | 48,841 |
| Other income | 4 | - | - | 5,314 |
| Total income | | <u>83,338</u> | <u>83,338</u> | <u>75,347</u> |
| Expenditure on: | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 5 | <u>(84,091)</u> | <u>(84,091)</u> | <u>(82,832)</u> |
| Total expenditure | | <u>(84,091)</u> | <u>(84,091)</u> | <u>(82,832)</u> |
| Net movement in funds | | (753) | (753) | (7,485) |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | <u>37,822</u> | <u>37,822</u> | <u>45,307</u> |
| Total funds carried forward | 16 | <u><u>37,069</u></u> | <u><u>37,069</u></u> | <u><u>37,822</u></u> |

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 16.

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(Registration number: 1067925)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

| | Note | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|------|-----------|-----------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 11 | 6,452 | 6,130 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | 12 | 4,319 | 3,602 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 13 | 31,362 | 37,084 |
| | | 35,681 | 40,686 |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | 14 | (5,064) | (8,994) |
| Net current assets | | 30,617 | 31,692 |
| Net assets | | 37,069 | 37,822 |
| Funds of the charity: | | | |
| Unrestricted income funds | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 37,069 | 37,822 |
| Total funds | 16 | 37,069 | 37,822 |

The financial statements on pages 6 to 15 were approved by the Trustees.

The Trustee has authorised these for issue on 9th September 2024 and signed on behalf by:



Mr T J Keane, Trustee Chairman, for and on behalf of
Great Cornard Parish Council
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Stevenson Centre meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The Senior Management Team of the Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity will receive continued support from the Great Cornard Parish Council to ensure that it is able to continue to trade as a going concern.

Judgements

Apart from those judgements involving estimations, the management has not made any judgements in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies that have significant effect on the amounts recognised in the accounts.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

There are no key assumptions concerning the future or other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations that provide core funding or are of a general nature, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Donated services and facilities

Donated goods and services include time from employees of Great Cornard Parish Council alongside phone and photocopier costs.

Charitable activities

Income from charitable activities relates to the hire of the Community Centre in order for the Charity to meet its charitable objects. Income from this source is recognised when there is entitlement to the income, the amount is measurable and receipt is probable.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

Other income

Other income received in the year relates to insurance claims being paid to the Charity. This income is recognised when it was received in the bank.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

| Asset class | Depreciation method and rate |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Furniture and equipment | 20% Straight line method |
| Office equipment | 33% Straight line method |
| Other tangible assets | 20% Straight line method |

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for hall rental services in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

2 Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted funds General £ | Restricted funds £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Grants, including capital grants; Government grants | - | - | - | 890 |
| Donations | 22,417 | - | 22,417 | 20,302 |
| | <u>22,417</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>22,417</u> | <u>21,192</u> |

3 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted funds General £ | Restricted funds £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Hire of community centre | 60,921 | - | 60,921 | 48,841 |

4 Other income

| | Unrestricted funds General £ | Restricted funds £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Other income | - | - | - | 5,314 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

| | | Unrestricted | | Total | Total |
|--|------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Note | General | Restricted | 2024 | 2023 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Rates | | 3,506 | - | 3,506 | 189 |
| Light, heat and power | | 14,601 | - | 14,601 | 13,906 |
| Insurance | | 2,146 | - | 2,146 | 1,340 |
| Telephone and fax | | 313 | - | 313 | 246 |
| Printing, postage and stationery | | 476 | - | 476 | 502 |
| Trade subscriptions | | 968 | - | 968 | 882 |
| Sundry expenses | | 46 | - | 46 | 382 |
| Cleaning | | 1,899 | - | 1,899 | 1,472 |
| Advertising | | - | - | - | 708 |
| Computer consumables and maintenance costs | | 527 | - | 527 | 372 |
| Costs of donated time | | 21,738 | - | 21,738 | 19,672 |
| Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs | | 2,495 | - | 2,495 | 2,284 |
| Staff costs | 8 | 27,975 | - | 27,975 | 25,500 |
| Governance costs | 6 | 1,548 | - | 1,548 | 1,170 |
| Repairs and maintenance | | 5,853 | - | 5,853 | 14,207 |
| | | <u>84,091</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>84,091</u> | <u>82,832</u> |

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

| | Unrestricted | Total | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | General | 2024 | 2023 |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Accountancy fees | | | |
| Other fees paid to accountants | 144 | 144 | 195 |
| Independent examiner fees | | | |
| Examination of the financial statements | <u>1,404</u> | <u>1,404</u> | <u>975</u> |
| | <u>1,548</u> | <u>1,548</u> | <u>1,170</u> |

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

7 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No trustee, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Staff costs during the year were: | | |
| Wages and salaries | 25,571 | 23,163 |
| Social security costs | 343 | 233 |
| Pension costs | 2,061 | 2,104 |
| | <u>27,975</u> | <u>25,500</u> |

The monthly average number of persons employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

| | 2024 No | 2023 No |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Average employees | <u>3</u> | <u>3</u> |

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

9 Independent examiner's remuneration

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|--------------|------------|
| Examination of the financial statements | <u>1,404</u> | <u>975</u> |

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore potentially exempt from taxation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

11 Tangible fixed assets

| | Furniture and equipment £ | Office equipment £ | Other tangible fixed asset £ | Total £ |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Cost | | | | |
| At 1 April 2023 | 9,497 | 596 | 1,804 | 11,897 |
| Additions | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>2,818</u> | <u>2,818</u> |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>9,497</u> | <u>596</u> | <u>4,622</u> | <u>14,715</u> |
| Depreciation | | | | |
| At 1 April 2023 | 4,450 | 596 | 722 | 5,768 |
| Charge for the year | <u>1,900</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>595</u> | <u>2,495</u> |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>6,350</u> | <u>596</u> | <u>1,317</u> | <u>8,263</u> |
| Net book value | | | | |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>3,147</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>3,305</u> | <u>6,452</u> |
| At 31 March 2023 | <u>5,047</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,082</u> | <u>6,129</u> |

12 Debtors

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Trade debtors | 3,522 | 2,508 |
| Prepayments | <u>797</u> | <u>1,094</u> |
| | <u>4,319</u> | <u>3,602</u> |

13 Cash and cash equivalents

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cash at bank | <u>31,362</u> | <u>37,084</u> |

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Trade creditors | 965 | - |
| Other creditors | - | 3 |
| Accruals | 4,099 | 8,991 |
| | <u>5,064</u> | <u>8,994</u> |

15 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £2,104 (2023 - £2,015).

16 Funds

| | Balance at 1 April 2023 £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | Balance at 31 March 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | |
| <i>General</i> | | | | | |
| Unrestricted General Funds | 35,773 | 83,338 | (84,091) | 2,049 | 37,069 |
| <i>Designated</i> | | | | | |
| Fixtures and fittings | 2,049 | - | - | (2,049) | - |
| Total funds | <u>37,822</u> | <u>83,338</u> | <u>(84,091)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>37,069</u> |
| | Balance at 1 April 2022 £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | Balance at 31 March 2023 £ |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | |
| <i>General</i> | | | | | |
| Unrestricted General Funds | 35,261 | 74,457 | (76,885) | 2,940 | 35,773 |
| <i>Designated</i> | | | | | |
| Fixtures and fittings | 10,046 | - | (5,947) | (2,050) | 2,049 |
| Total unrestricted funds | 45,307 | 74,457 | (82,832) | 890 | 37,822 |
| Restricted | | | | | |
| TV Monitor | - | 890 | - | (890) | - |
| Total funds | <u>45,307</u> | <u>75,347</u> | <u>(82,832)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>37,822</u> |

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The unrestricted funds relate to general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

The Stevenson Centre designated monies in previous years to improve the Hall's facilities and equipment.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted funds General £ | Total funds at 31 March 2024 £ |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Tangible fixed assets | 6,452 | 6,452 |
| Current assets | 35,681 | 35,681 |
| Current liabilities | (5,064) | (5,064) |
| Total net assets | <u>37,069</u> | <u>37,069</u> |
| | Unrestricted funds General £ | Total funds at 31 March 2023 £ |
| Tangible fixed assets | 6,130 | 6,130 |
| Current assets | 40,686 | 40,686 |
| Current liabilities | (8,994) | (8,994) |
| Total net assets | <u>37,822</u> | <u>37,822</u> |

18 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

During the period, donations amounting to £22,417 (2023: £20,302) were provided to the charity from Great Cornard Parish Council, the sole managing trustee. These were provided with no conditions attached.

At the balance sheet date the amount due to/from was £Nil (2023 - £Nil).