



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 Period start date.

To 31/12/2023 Period end date.

Charity name: St Helens General Charitable Trust

Charity registration number: 1076122

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	(A) For the furtherance of any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of the ecclesiastical parish of St Helens, St Helen including all or any of the following purposes:- (a) the provision and support of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; (b) the provision and support of educational facilities; (c) the relief of sickness, the aged, impotent, and poor; (d) the advancement of religions; (B) To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre (hereinafter called "The Centre") and to maintain and manage or to cooperate with any local authority in the maintenance and management of such a Centre for the activities promoted by the association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Distribution of annual income from endowment monies invested upon the sale of the Parish Church Field and annual maintenance as required of the community centre currently used as a scout hut.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had due regard for the public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Grants have been given to local churches scout groups, foodbanks, woodland, homeless centres, defibrillator, Parish School, youth groups, asylum seeker groups, residents within the old St Helens Parish Church boundaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education/training - The advancement of health or saving of lives - The prevention or relief of poverty - Religious activities - Amateur sport

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Small reserves as the majority of income is distributed each year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Small reserves held in case of any repairs to the community building.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Approximately £18k
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Conveyance dated 25 March 1935 as varied by a scheme dated 17 January 1997
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed from local churches.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	St Helens General Charitable Trust
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1076122
Charity's principal address	c/o Secretary, Windle Grange, Rainford Road, St Helens, Merseyside

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nigel Lea-Wilson	Chair		
2	Anne Morris	Treasurer		
3	Richard Denno	Secretary	5 Oct 2023	
4	Sharon Davies	Secretary (grants)	20 Nov 23	
5	Christine Spencer	Trustee		
6	Sue Kirkham	Trustee	12 Jun 2023	
7	Phillip Watkins	Trustee		
8	Paul Prescott	Trustee		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Fixed asset - Community Centre
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	See governing document
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Building and other assets are endowment funds.

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	/Richard Denno/	/Nigel Lea-Wilson/
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Full name(s)	Richard Denno	Nigel Lea-Wilson
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chair
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Date	29 Sep 2024
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ST HELENS GENERAL CHARITABLE TRUST
CHARITY REG. NO. 1076122

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
RECEIPTS		
CBF Deposit Fund Interest	160.32	64.94
Nat West Bank Interest	237.87	38.68
CBF Investment Fund Dividends	59,989.03	59,658.94
	<u>60,387.22</u>	<u>59,762.56</u>
PAYMENTS		
Insurance Premiums	842.31	790.78
Water Rates	1,164.85	1,034.07
General Rates	108.75	102.40
Signage and trees	4,911.45	1,131.40
Grants Paid	52,495.31	53,151.61
Sundries	25.00	0.00
	<u>59,547.67</u>	<u>56,210.26</u>
SURPLUS RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	<u>£ 839.55</u>	<u>£ 3,552.30</u>

GRANTS PAID
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

St Helens Carers Centre - Young Carers	5,000.00	3,500.00
Hope Centre	0.00	1,973.71
Scouts	4,182.20	0.00
St Andrews Church PCC	4,694.00	114.90
St Helens Parish Church PCC	23,269.00	16,250.00
St Helens Parish Church Bowling Club	1,715.18	225.00
St Helens Parish Primary School	0.00	20,000.00
Workers' Memorial	0.00	500.00
Fearless Youth	920.00	2,208.00
Sylvia Bhatti	2,725.00	5,500.00
Watch This Space	589.93	0.00
Our Warm Welcome	9,400.00	2,880.00
	<u>£ 52,495.31</u>	<u>£ 53,151.61</u>

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

INCOME ACCOUNT

Reserves	2,320.00	2,320.00
Income not attributed	20,426.61	19,587.06
	<u>£ 22,746.61</u>	<u>£ 21,907.06</u>

Represented by

NatWest Current account	3,432.55	10,480.22
NatWest Business Reserve account	14,151.48	6,424.58
CBF Deposit account	5,162.58	5,002.26
	<u>£ 22,746.61</u>	<u>£ 21,907.06</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

At 1 January 2023	2,004,414.43	2,270,505.95
Surplus/(Deficit) on Revaluation	190,229.03	(266,091.52)
At 31 December 2023	<u>£2,194,643.46</u>	<u>£2,004,414.43</u>

Represented by:

97,085.35 CBF Investment Fund Income Shares	2,194,643.46	2,004,414.43
	<u>£2,194,643.46</u>	<u>£2,004,414.43</u>

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of St Helens General Charitable Trust

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Helens General Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 Trust 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 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.

Signed:



Name: M H SCOTT

Address: Wilmslow, Cheshire

Date: 1st May 2024