

**MISS KATHLEEN BERYL SLEIGH CHARITABLE TRUST**

Charity Registration Number: 1082136

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

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## MISS KATHLEEN BERYL SLEIGH CHARITABLE TRUST

### General Information

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SETTLOR	Kathleen Beryl Sleigh
MAIN DEEDS	Will dated 19 May 1998 Appointment dated 7 March 2000 to exclusively Charitable Trusts
TRUSTEES	Jonathan Michael Picken Hazel Anne French <i>Solicitors of William Sturges LLP</i>
SOLICITORS	William Sturges LLP Burwood House, 14-16 Caxton Street London SW1H 0QY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Kelly Stevens ACA 8 Stephenson Drive Bishops Stortford Hertfordshire CM23 2YU
MAIN TERMS	<p>The trust is derived from the estate of Kathleen Beryl Sleigh, who died 8 August 1998, created by appointment of funds from the discretionary trust of residue established by her Will (via various Deeds of Addition/Deeds of Appointment).</p> <p>The trustees hold the funds upon trust for exclusively charitable objects and purposes in any part of the world as they think fit.</p>
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Miss Sleigh owned the mineral rights in part of the Cauldon Low Limestone Quarry, Staffordshire and these are the main source of income and of funds for the Charitable Trust.

#### NOTE

*The above summary is intended as an aide-memoire and reference should be made to the relevant deeds before making decisions.*

## **MISS KATHLEEN BERYL SLEIGH CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **Report of the Trustees**

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The Trustees present their report and the accounts of the Miss Beryl Sleigh Charitable Trust (the charity) for the year ended 5 April 2025. The trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The Trust was constituted following Appointment dated 7 March 2000 to exclusively charitable trusts from the residue of the estate of Kathleen Beryl Sleigh. Under her Will substantial pecuniary legacies were left to various charities with the proviso that the trustees could postpone payment for up to ten years from the date of death. (A provision to pay interest was included). The charitable legacies were paid in full by 13 October 2007 and the Trust received incoming funds from that date.

#### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have considered the major risks faced by them and decided that there is in fact one material risk namely that the entire investment by the Trust is in the Caudon Low quarry and the minerals lease in favour of Aggregate Industries Ltd - see investment policy below.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Trust's main source of income is mineral royalties from quarrying. This is kept under constant review. Sale and/or sub leasing has been considered and discounted for various commercial reasons.

The Trustees have a specialist agent who is based in the area and periodically one of the Trustees makes a site visit for discussions with relevant parties. The last site visit carried out by the specialist agent was on 20th May 2025. A desktop valuation of the site was prepared in January 2023.

Output from the quarry decreased in the last year but this is not seen as a cause for concern, although a lower level of extraction is expected going forward.

The whole site is owned by the Miss Sleigh estate and the Crown Estate. Last year the greater share of extraction at the site was from the Crown Estate land.

The lease expires in 2036 with a tenant's break clause in 2026 which is unlikely to be triggered unless circumstances change dramatically. The HS2 project has been shelved and the demand for hardstone which is used for more for major infrastructure projects and less for house building has decreased.

A new planning application has been submitted by Aggregate Industries to consolidate the various planning consents in existence. Staffordshire County Council have to date responded with questions.

The only possible area of concern is that the Council might impose conditions including on the depth to which extraction can take place which could have an impact on the future working of the quarry.

A decision is still awaited and might not be made until 2026. The local council has recently undergone a change in control which might add to the delay.

The Trustees remain of the view that it would be very difficult to replace this level of income and therefore no pressing action should be taken other than to maintain an adequate cash reserve so that donations continue in the event that the rent reduces substantially in the short term.

#### **Reserves**

The Trustees' policy is to hold adequate reserves in cash form.

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### Report of the Trustees (continued)

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#### Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The Trustees hold the funds upon Trust for exclusively charitable objects and general charitable purposes in any part of the world as they see fit.

The Trustees consider applications from grant making charities and voluntary bodies. They also aim to assist the elderly, children and young people, people with disabilities (particularly loss of sight) and musical/ cultural organisations.

#### Achievements and performance

The Trustees made grants to various charities totalling £272,000 (2024 - £282,000 ) during the year

#### Financial Performance

The net incoming resources during the year was £172,348.29 (2024 - £428,172.60 in deficit). The trustees have continued to focus on an increase in grants paid to a number of institutions on an annual basis and to other organisations on receipt and consideration of requests for funding


The net assets of the Charity as at 5 April 2025 amounted to approximately £3,525,333 (2024 - £3,607,985).

On behalf of the trustees, we have read and approve the Report of the Trustees.



Jonathan Picken

Date 29/1/26



Hazel French

Date 29/1/26

# MISS KATHLEEN BERYL SLEIGH CHARITABLE TRUST

## Balance Sheet at 5 April 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS at valuation</b>				
Limestone at Cauldron Low, Stafford		3,300,000.00		3,300,000.00
Interest in quarry adjoining Cauldron Low		15,000.00		15,000.00
		<u>3,315,000.00</u>		<u>3,315,000.00</u>
Write down in value		(510,000.00)		(255,000.00)
		<u>2,805,000.00</u>		<u>3,060,000.00</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash held at William Sturges LLP				
Designated deposit	722,472.93		555,124.01	
Client account	<u>5,000.00</u>		<u>0.63</u>	
	727,472.93		555,124.64	
Less: Creditors				
William Sturges LLP fees (24/25)	4,200.00		4,200.00	
John Chivers Commercial Ltd fees	2,040.00		2,040.00	
Tittensor and Co Ltd fees (24/25)	<u>900.00</u>		<u>900.00</u>	
		720,332.93		547,984.64
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>3,525,332.93</u>		<u>3,607,984.64</u>
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		<u>3,525,332.93</u>		<u>3,607,984.64</u>

On behalf of the trustees, we have read and approve these accounts.



Jonathan Picken

Date 29/1/26



Hazel French

Date 29/1/26



## Miss Kathleen Beryl Sleigh Charitable Trust

## Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year ended 5 April 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
Rental income received		419,528.72		697,521.64
Forestry England Grant from 23-24 returned		5,000.00		-
Deposit interest - William Sturges LLP Gross		27,109.57		19,790.96
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<u>451,638.29</u>		<u>717,312.60</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<b>CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE</b>				
Grants paid in year		272,000.00		282,000.00
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURE</b>				
William Sturges LLP fees :				
Trust administration 24-25	3,600.00		3,500.00	
VAT	<u>720.00</u>		<u>700.00</u>	
	4,320.00		4,200.00	
Tittensor and Co Ltd accountancy fees				
Accountancy 23-24	930.00		900.00	
John Chivers Mineral agent				
Valuation fee	-		-	
Annual fee	2,040.00		<u>2,040.00</u>	
		7,290.00		7,140.00
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<u>279,290.00</u>		<u>289,140.00</u>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		172,348.29		428,172.60
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		3,607,984.64		3,434,812.04
<b>WRITE DOWN IN VALUE OF QUARRY</b>		(255,000.00)		(255,000.00)
<b>REVALUATION IN VALUE OF QUARRY</b>				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>3,525,332.93</u>		<u>3,607,984.64</u>

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For the Year ended 5 April 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Royal College of Music		10,000.00		10,000.00
Royal School of Church Music		10,000.00		10,000.00
RSPB		10,000.00		10,000.00
RNLI		5,000.00		10,000.00
RNIB		10,000.00		10,000.00
Safe Anaesthesia Worldwide		10,000.00		10,000.00
Salvation Army		10,000.00		10,000.00
Sightsavers International		10,000.00		10,000.00
Wetland & Wildlife Trust Slimbridge		5,000.00		10,000.00
Butterfly Conservation		5,000.00		10,000.00
Winchfield Music Festival				
English National Opera		10,000.00		10,000.00
Young Classical Artists trust		10,000.00		10,000.00
British Wireless for the Blind Fund		5,000.00		2,000.00
Age UK		10,000.00		10,000.00
Mind		10,000.00		10,000.00
Trussell Trust				20,000.00
Tax Aid				5,000.00
Refuge		10,000.00		15,000.00
Concern Worldwide				5,000.00
Royal Society for Blind Children (RSBC)		10,000.00		5,000.00
St Mungo's				10,000.00
Veterans with dogs				5,000.00
Dartington International Summer School				5,000.00
MyVision Oxfordshire				5,000.00
Live Music Now South West				5,000.00
Ipswich Community Playbus				5,000.00
British Eye Research Foundation				5,000.00
Bucks Vision				5,000.00

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	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
DrumWorks CIC			5,000.00	
Braille Chess association			5,000.00	
Compass Disability Services			5,000.00	
Unseen			10,000.00	
Kingswood Trust			5,000.00	
Leeds Weekend Care			10,000.00	
Forestry England			5,000.00	*returned in 24-25
Retina UK		5,000.00		
Aylsham and District Care Trust		5,000.00		
The Amber Trust		5,000.00		
Armonico Consort		5,000.00		
Community Council of Shropshire		5,000.00		
Richard Shepard Music Foundation		5,000.00		
Bristol Ensemble		5,000.00		
Sight Advice South Lakes		5,000.00		
Blind Veterans UK		10,000.00		
Derbyshire Association for the Blind		5,000.00		
The Northam Care Trust		5,000.00		
Sebastian's action Trust		5,000.00		
CoActive Arts R/C		10,000.00		
Refresh Carers		10,000.00		
Cerebal Palsy Plus		5,000.00		
RBG Kew Friends and Supporters		20,000.00		
Wealden Consort		2,000.00		
The Macular Disease Society		10,000.00		
		<u>272,000.00</u>		<u>282,000.00</u>



## MISS KATHLEEN BERYL SLEIGH CHARITABLE TRUST

### Accounting Policies

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#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

#### 1.2 Fund accounting

The Charity maintains a general fund which is unrestricted and is available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for any other purpose.

The Charity has no restricted or designated funds.

#### 1.3 Income

Rental income represents rent from the Charity's interest in the Cauldon Low Limestone quarry and is based on amounts received during the accounting year. The amount of rent payable is based on a royalty calculated on the basis of the tonnage sold in the year, less a wayleave rent payable in recognition of the fact that the limestone has to be taken across a neighbouring property and which is also calculated on the basis of tonnage sold. Guaranteed rental payments are payable to the Charity each quarter (termed certain rents) based on the output of the quarry for the previous financial year. In the event that the amounts of certain rents received during an accounting year exceed the net royalty amounts due, such sum (termed a shortfall) is carried forward, ie. it is not repayable by the Charity. In the event that the amounts of certain rents received during an accounting year are less than the net royalty amounts due, such sum, after deduction of any cumulative shortfall brought forward, is payable to the Charity. From 31 March 2022 there has been no shortfall to be carried forward.

All deposit income is recognised on a receipts basis

#### 1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Charitable activities are those costs wholly for the furtherance of the Charity's objectives including grants and donations.

Other expenditure are those costs incurred in connection with the administration of the Charity.

#### 1.5 Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The quarry was valued on a desk top basis in January 2023 at £3,300,000.

Amortisation is provided so as to write off the value over the period of the lease to 2036.

**MISS KATHLEEN BERYL SLEIGH CHARITABLE TRUST**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

**Year ended 5 April 2025**

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I report to the Trustees on the accounts of the Trust (Charity number 1082136) for the year ended 5 April 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3. 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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Date: 26/1/26.