

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023
for
The Presence Charitable Trust

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives are to advance the Christian religion through the holding of prayer meetings, the provision of training on Christian themes, holding events and producing and/or distributing literature on Christianity to enlighten others about the Christian religion.

The charity also exists to provide benefit to the United Kingdom without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations, in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

The trustees consider that the charity exists for the purpose of the local public benefit within the United Kingdom as defined in Section 3 of the Charities Act 2006.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The development of Wellwick House is now finished, with the completion of the Summer House, Stables, an ornamental Lake and the laying of a new driveway all accomplished in 2023. There will continue to be minor enhancement and improvements made to the facility but these are now viewed as on-going maintenance. The development plan has now be signed off by the Trustees and deemed complete.

A number of private and group retreats were held during the year. Work continued during 2023 to develop and extend the user group of Wellwick House through the 'Friends of Wellwick' scheme which grew to 85 people (2022: 51).

The Charity continued to developed materials and intellectual property which support this network.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 6 of the accounts.

PCT's policy is to hold unrestricted cash reserves equivalent to three-month's operating costs in addition to the Trust's long term income generating stock reserves.

At the end of 2023 PCT was holding unrestricted reserves of £4.26 million (2022: £4.27 million).

The financial position of the Charity was affected in 2023 primarily by expenditure on Wellwick House and capital gains on the Charity's investment gains on its FTSE stocks and shares portfolio.

PCT's investment policy precludes it from investing where the social, environmental or ethical considerations would be in breach of the Charity's Christian ethos.

The Charity's primary funding source in 2023 was investment income.

The results show a surplus for the year of £17,487 (2022: £54,852) made up of an operating surplus of £33,422 (primarily due to increased investment income less expenditure on Wellwick) and a decrease in the value of the stocks and shares portfolio of NIL (2022: £25,429).

FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees expect the objective of the Charity to remain unchanged which is to advance the Christian religion through the holding of prayer meetings, the provision of training on Christian themes, holding events and producing and/or distributing literature on Christianity to enlighten others about the Christian religion

The primary focus in 2023 will be to continue operating Wellwick House as a retreat centre and a national hub for the dissemination of the Trust's teaching material and literature.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Presence Charitable Trust is a registered charity set up as an unincorporated association on 6 July 2006. Detail's of the charity number and relevant addresses can be found on the charity information page.

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees. New trustees are appointed on the recommendation of existing trustees and who are deemed to have appropriate experience and local knowledge for the role.

The Charity is currently operated by the Trustees who meet on a quarterly basis and ad hoc as required to review decisions. No decisions or operations are currently delegated to staff.

There are no formal procedures for inducting new trustees, however, any new trustee appointed would be practically aware of the work undertaken by the charity and support is always provided by the founding trustees.

Details of related party transactions, where applicable, can be found in the notes to the accounts.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

The Presence Charitable Trust

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1119926


Principal address
50 Cassiobury Drive
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Trustees
S Cardell
Mrs K M Cardell
Ms E Pembroke

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on^{23/04/24}..... and signed on its behalf by:


.....
S Cardell - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Presence Charitable Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Presence Charitable Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Presence 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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.



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Date: 22/05/24

The Presence Charitable Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		31.12.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Investment income	2	60,659	52,956
Other income	3	12,650	280
Total		<u>73,309</u>	<u>53,236</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	4		
Other Donations		1,573	250
Other	5	37,814	23,563
Total		<u>39,387</u>	<u>23,813</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(15,935)</u>	<u>25,429</u>
NET INCOME		17,987	54,852
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		4,243,047	4,213,624
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>4,261,034</u></u>	<u><u>4,268,476</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Presence Charitable Trust

Balance Sheet

31 December 2023

	Notes	31.12.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	3,010,082	2,902,538
Investments	10	998,880	1,040,244
		<hr/> 4,008,962	<hr/> 3,942,782
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		254,412	327,430
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(2,340)	(1,736)
		<hr/> 252,072	<hr/> 325,694
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<hr/> 4,261,034	<hr/> 4,268,476
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<hr/> 4,261,034	<hr/> 4,268,476
NET ASSETS			
		<hr/> 4,261,034	<hr/> 4,268,476
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		4,261,034	4,268,476
TOTAL FUNDS		<hr/> 4,261,034	<hr/> 4,268,476

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23/04/24 and were signed on its behalf by:



S Cardell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance related conditions), where it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Investment income

Rental income received from investments held and the sub-leasing of properties rented are recognised on an accruals basis, with any amounts entitlement to and not received being accrued.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 20% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Taxation

As a registered charity the Trust benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax, but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not be designated for other purposes.

Financial instruments

Investments

Investments are accounted for at fair value.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Creditors

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Other fixed asset invest - FII	60,159	52,956
Interest received	500	-
	<u>60,659</u>	<u>52,956</u>

3. OTHER INCOME

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Other income	<u>12,650</u>	<u>280</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

		Grant funding of activities £
Other Donations		1,573
		<u>1,573</u>

5. OTHER

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Rates	3,418	3,815
Insurance	774	644
Light and heat	4,282	2,938
Repairs and maintenance	25,362	12,674
Telephone charges	320	363
Travelling expenses	156	-
Computer costs	-	204
Bank charges	116	67
Sundry expenses	1,046	338
Support costs	2,340	2,520
	<u>37,814</u>	<u>23,563</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

7. STAFF COSTS

During the year the average number of employees was nil (2022: nil).

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Investment income	52,956
Other income	280
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Total	53,236
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EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Other Donations	250
Other	23,563
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Total	23,813
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Net gains on investments	25,429
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NET INCOME	54,852
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	4,213,624
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	4,268,476
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2023	2,642,601	33,747	226,190	2,902,538
Additions	80,303	-	27,241	107,544
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At 31 December 2023	2,722,904	33,747	253,431	3,010,082
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NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2023	2,722,904	33,747	253,431	3,010,082
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At 31 December 2022	2,642,601	33,747	226,190	2,902,538
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No depreciation is being charged on assets yet to be brought into use.

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 January 2023	1,040,194	50	1,040,244
Disposals	-	(50)	(50)
Revaluations	(41,314)	-	(41,314)
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At 31 December 2023	998,880	-	998,880
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NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023	998,880	-	998,880
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At 31 December 2022	1,040,194	50	1,040,244
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There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2023 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2022	1,040,194
Cost	(41,314)
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	998,880
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Other creditors	2,340	1,736
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12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Charterhouse Property Group (1) LLP

Charterhouse Property Group (1) LLP is an LLP of which the Trust is a Designated Member.

At the year end, the LLP was owed NIL by the Trust (2022: £50).

Stephen Cardell

Stephen Cardell is a trustee and throughout the year has incurred expenses on behalf of the charity. At the year end Mr Cardell owed the charity £6,300 (2022: £784).

13. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity has been controlled throughout the year by the trustees as identified on the charity information page.

14. GOING CONCERN

No material uncertainties exist in relation to the going concern concept. The trustee's believe that there are suitable funds to continue activities for the next 12 months.

The Presence Charitable Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Investment income		
Other fixed asset invest - FII	60,159	52,956
Interest received	500	-
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	60,659	52,956
Other income		
Other income	12,650	280
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Total incoming resources	73,309	53,236
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Grants to institutions	1,573	250
Other		
Rates	3,418	3,815
Insurance	774	644
Light and heat	4,282	2,938
Repairs and maintenance	25,362	12,674
Telephone charges	320	363
Travelling expenses	156	-
Computer costs	-	204
Bank charges	116	67
Sundry expenses	1,046	338
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	35,474	21,043
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy	2,340	2,520
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Total resources expended	39,387	23,813
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Net income	33,922	29,423
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This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements