

THE UNCLE BILL TRUST

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Trustees

Mr J R Perrin
Mrs H M Walker
Mrs F M Tibbitts (appointed 4 October 2022)
Mr Adam B Williams (appointed 4 October 2022)

Charity registered number

1139577

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Accountants

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Chartered Accountants
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their yearly annual report together with the financial statements of The Uncle Bill Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2019.

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

The Uncle Bill Trust is constituted by a Trust Deed made in October 2010 and is a registered charity, number 1139577.

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

In setting the charity's policy and planning its activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The principal object of the charity is to provide gifts to charitable organisations, taking into account the wishes of the founder.

The charitable objects are to apply the income, and all such parts of the capital as the Trustees think fit (whether through donations to other charities or by any other charitable means), for or towards such charitable purposes the Trustees think fit.

Public benefit

The Charity Commission in its "Charities and Public Benefit" Guidance states that there are two key principles to be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit: firstly, there must be an identifiable benefit and secondly, that the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public. The Trustees are satisfied that the aims and objectives of the charity, and the activities reported on below to achieve those aims, meet these principles. The charity is providing public benefit to charitable organisations by making donations to them.

The charity is making grants to other charities or any other charitable means for the public benefit.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Achievement and performance

a. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The charity made gifts of £55,570 (2022: £48,249) to various charities for public benefit purposes in the year.

The main achievement during the year has been the provision of charitable donations to various local and national charities.

Financial review

a. RESERVES POLICY

The Charity's principal funder is the founder of the charity. Grant funding is only committed after consideration of the funds available after deducting running costs. The Trustees do therefore not consider it necessary or appropriate to hold significant free reserves.

b. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Charity's plans for the future are to continue to provide grants of a charitable nature to other UK registered charities taking into account the wishes of the founder.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on

J R Perrin

J R Perrin (Oct 24, 2024 14:53 GMT+1)

Mr J R Perrin

Oct 24, 2024

and signed on their behalf by:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Uncle Bill Trust ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: 

Dated: 24 October 2024

Helen Blundell LLB FCA FCIE DChA

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	70,000	70,000	50,000
Total income		<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	68,437	68,437	62,180
Total expenditure		<u>68,437</u>	<u>68,437</u>	<u>62,180</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>1,563</u>	<u>1,563</u>	<u>(12,180)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		5,157	5,157	17,337
Net movement in funds		1,563	1,563	(12,180)
Total funds carried forward		<u>6,720</u>	<u>6,720</u>	<u>5,157</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		11,261	9,007
		<u>11,261</u>	<u>9,007</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(4,541)	(3,850)
		<u></u>	<u></u>
Net current assets		6,720	5,157
		<u></u>	<u></u>
Total net assets		6,720	5,157
		<u><u></u></u>	<u><u></u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	10	-	-
Unrestricted funds	10	6,720	5,157
		<u></u>	<u></u>
Total funds		6,720	5,157
		<u><u></u></u>	<u><u></u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on Oct 24, 2024
and signed on their behalf by:

J R Perrin
J R Perrin (Oct 24, 2024 14:53 GMT+1)

Mr J R Perrin

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. General information

The Uncle Bill Trust, formerly The Night Garden Charity, is a charity constituted by a Deed of Trust in England, whose principal office is Waresley Grange, Worcester Road, Waresley, Kidderminster, DY11 7XL. It has no share capital. Its principal activity is to provide gifts to charitable organisations.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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 the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Uncle Bill Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The charity has cash resources and has no requirement for external funding. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

The names of the institutions receiving grants out of trust funds administered by the reporting charity are not disclosed during the lifetime of the founder or spouse, as provided by the Charities Act 2011.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.6 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.7 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.8 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are 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 other purposes.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Donations	70,000	70,000	50,000
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<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>50,000</i>	<i>50,000</i>	
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4. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Grants to institutions	55,570	55,570	48,249
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<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>48,249</i>	<i>48,249</i>	
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5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Support costs	12,867	12,867	13,931
Grants to institutions	55,570	55,570	48,249
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	68,437	68,437	62,180
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<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>62,180</i>	<i>62,180</i>	
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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Support costs	-	12,867	12,867	13,931
Grants to institutions	55,570	-	55,570	48,249
	<u>55,570</u>	<u>12,867</u>	<u>68,437</u>	<u>62,180</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>48,249</u>	<u>13,931</u>	<u>62,180</u>	

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Independent examination fees	1,154	1,154	1,138
Administration charges	11,713	11,713	12,793
	<u>12,867</u>	<u>12,867</u>	<u>13,931</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>13,931</u>	<u>13,931</u>	

7. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £1,154 (2022 - £1,138).

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

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9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	1,104	-
Accruals and deferred income	3,437	3,850
	<u>4,541</u>	<u>3,850</u>

10. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	5,157	70,000	(68,437)	6,720

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2022 £</i>
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	17,337	50,000	(62,180)	5,157

11. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
General funds	5,157	70,000	(68,437)	6,720

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11. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2022 £</i>
General funds	17,337	50,000	(62,180)	5,157

12. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	11,261	11,261
Creditors due within one year	(4,541)	(4,541)
Total	6,720	6,720

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Current assets	9,007	9,007
Creditors due within one year	(3,850)	(3,850)
Total	5,157	5,157

13. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.