

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1159922

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 July 2023

for

The Marden House Centre

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for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 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

These remain unchanged from the previous year and are:

- To provide facilities for recreation, leisure-time occupation, education and social welfare
- To provide facilities for fundraising activities for the Marden House Centre and other voluntary organisations and charities
- To provide facilities for hire of part or all of the Marden House centre for commercial activities that do not compromise the purpose to establish a community centre at Marden House.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and have taken it into account when reviewing our aims and objectives and planning our future activities. The Trustees are satisfied that our work is carried out wholly in pursuit of our charitable aims for the public benefit.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the period usage of the facility returned to more normal levels that is more approaching pre covid activities by community groups. Indeed, very few community groups had failed to return to using the facility by the end of the period. Such groups include choirs, Women Institutes, Craft groups, and an Art Group. However, it was noticeable that bookings for events remained below previous levels.

The family action charity considerably increased its numbers of users of the facility deciding to combine its Chippenham and Calne operations at Marden House. This has resulted in them booking the main hall for two days each week as well as the use of the Mill Race rooms four days a week. This is particularly encouraging as their work with vulnerable adults with learning disabilities fits in well with the priorities and objectives of our charity. Other groups in that category include Bernado's and those that support those with early dementia and social activities for the aged.

The Calne Music and Arts festival was held in the facility again over ten days in October and in a most generous gesture they waived their usual bulk discount that their usage warrants as they were aware of the large cost of structural work that would be needed. The Music and Arts festival is important to the facility as it provides a large part of the annual footfall in the centre as well as bringing in new users.

The Sunday concert series continue in the period and saw good attendance. The combination of ticket sales and the afternoon teas ensured that that this concert series is a net cash generator despite the costs of the professional musicians, which is quite rare for such events that often must be supported by grants or subsidies.

The period saw some new community users including an environmental group Friends of the Marden Valley and the River Warriors who held a river day with activities for children there were over a hundred attendees, not including the many children who participated. Attendees included the Bishop of Ramsbury who waded into the river to bless it!

The Trustees provided the facility at no cost to about twenty Ukrainians and their host families to allow them to celebrate the Ukrainian Easter.

Overall, the usage of the centre in the period was good with a strong community impact.

Planning of Structural Repairs and Improvements

As noted in the previous year's report a lease with Wiltshire Council was signed in November 2021 which allowed the charity to consider the structural work needed. Thus, a major focus of the Trustees in the period was the planning for the essential structural repairs needed to the building. Discussions with contractors, obtaining listed building consent, and obtaining the Approval of Environment Agency to allow building works to be conducted over the river were all completed. By the end of the period, it was planned that building work would be performed for entire the month of September 2023 while the facility would be closed to the public. It was also estimated that the cost of the work would be approximately £120,000.

In addition to these essential structural repairs, it is also hoped to improve the facility as funds allow in particular to improve the toilet facilities for those who have limited mobility. As well as to completely refurbish the kitchen.

Fund Raising

Another focus of the Trustees in the period was fund raising in support of these works and future improvements with the following results: A grant of £10,000 from Calne Town Council, a grant of £5,000 from the Wiltshire Council, a grant of £5,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation.

Volunteers

An open day was held to attract additional volunteers with somewhat mixed results. Most seemed to be interested in volunteering in the garden which is now very well supported rather than general maintenance or administrative roles.

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The Garden

The garden is a considerable asset to the facility and can be used by hirers for all sorts of outdoor events and marquees for receptions as well as an impressive son et lumiere during the period.

Safety and Maintenance

While not perhaps the most exciting of activities all regular servicing including emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, boiler inspection and a five yearly electrical inspection were undertaken. Upgrade to the electrical consumer unit was also carried out as well as replacement of some old wiring.

Looking Ahead

The Trustees are confident that the charity continues to provide an important benefit to the town and the surrounding area. It has an ambitious plan of improvements and, encouraged by the success of the fund raising in the period, is confident that they will be achieved.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity has net assets of £156,907 (2022: £115,671) as at 31 July 2023. There is a surplus in the year of £41,237 (2022: £3,128).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The Trustees consider that the reserve at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in income, will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. The charity's current level of free general reserves is £35,039 (2022: £74,325), which is in excess of this level.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a foundation constitution, for a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) that was registered on 13 January 2015.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Trustees are, as a collective, responsible for recruiting new Trustees. The Trustees aims are to ensure the board of Trustees has a broad mix of skills and backgrounds. This process involves an application form, nomination and interview to ensure the appropriate individuals are recruited.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1159922

Principal address

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Trustees

G Spencer
Mrs M Garratt
P J Spencer
I Thorn
A S J Jones

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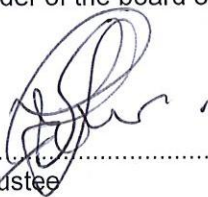
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 March 04 and signed on its behalf by:



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G Spencer - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Marden House Centre**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Marden House Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Marden House Centre (the Trust) for the year ended 31 July 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.



Andy Davis FCA

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Date: 15 April 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.7.23 Total funds £	31.7.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		71,547	5,689	77,236	44,342
Investment income	2	<u>805</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>30</u>
Total		<u>72,352</u>	<u>5,689</u>	<u>78,041</u>	<u>44,372</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	3	<u>31,544</u>	<u>5,260</u>	<u>36,804</u>	<u>41,244</u>
 NET INCOME		 40,808	 429	 41,237	 3,128
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>120,725</u>	<u>9,946</u>	<u>130,671</u>	<u>127,543</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 <u>161,533</u>	 <u>10,375</u>	 <u>171,908</u>	 <u>130,671</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 July 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.7.23 Total funds £	31.7.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	80	-	80	79
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>153,111</u>	<u>4,353</u>	<u>157,464</u>	<u>116,168</u>
		153,191	4,353	157,544	116,247
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(637)	-	(637)	(576)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>152,554</u>	<u>4,353</u>	<u>156,907</u>	<u>115,671</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>167,554</u>	<u>4,353</u>	<u>171,907</u>	<u>130,671</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>167,554</u>	<u>4,353</u>	<u>171,907</u>	<u>130,671</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				167,554	126,697
Restricted funds				<u>4,353</u>	<u>3,974</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>171,907</u>	<u>130,671</u>

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



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G Spencer - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

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.

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.

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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>805</u>	<u>30</u>

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3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
Concert Expenses	5,260	4,906
Support costs	<u>31,544</u>	<u>36,338</u>
	<u>36,804</u>	<u>41,244</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £
COST	
At 1 August 2022 and 31 July 2023	<u>15,000</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2023	<u>15,000</u>
At 31 July 2022	<u>15,000</u>

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
Prepayments	<u>80</u>	<u>79</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>637</u>	<u>577</u>
	<u>637</u>	<u>577</u>

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	74,325	(39,286)	35,039
Damage Deposits Held	400	(350)	50
Steinway Piano Fund	15,000	-	15,000
Projects & Works	30,000	82,000	112,000
Projects Treloar	1,000	(1,000)	-
Music reserve Fund	5,972	50	6,022
	126,697	41,414	168,111
Restricted funds			
Concert Fund	3,974	379	4,353
	130,671	41,793	172,464
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>130,671</u>	<u>41,793</u>	<u>172,464</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	75,432	(114,718)	(39,286)
Damage Deposits Held	-	(350)	(350)
Projects & Works	82,000	-	82,000
Projects Treloar		(1,000)	(1,000)
Music Reserve Fund	50	-	50
	157,482	(116,068)	41,414
Restricted funds			
Concert Fund	5,639	(5,260)	379
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>163,121</u>	<u>(121,328)</u>	<u>41,793</u>

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.7.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	71,471	2,834	20	74,325
Damage Deposits Held	-	420	(20)	400
Steinway Piano Fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
Projects & Works	30,000	-	-	30,000
Projects Treloar	1,000	-	-	1,000
Music Reserve Fund	5,892	80	-	5,972
	123,363	3,334	-	126,697
Restricted funds				
Concert Fund	4,180	(206)	-	3,974
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>127,543</u>	<u>3,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,671</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,072	(36,338)	2,734
Damage Deposits Held	520	-	520
Music Reserve Fund	80	-	80
	39,672	(36,338)	3,334
Restricted funds			
Concert Fund	4,700	(4,906)	(206)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>44,372</u>	<u>(41,244)</u>	<u>3,128</u>

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.7.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	71,471	22,568	(59,000)	35,039
Damage Deposits Held	-	50		50
Steinway Piano Fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
Projects & Works	30,000	22,000	60,000	112,000
Projects Treloar	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Music Reserve Fund	5,892	130	-	6,022
	123,363	44,748	-	168,111
Restricted funds				
Concert Fund	4,180	173	-	4,353
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>127,543</u>	<u>44,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,464</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	114,504	(151,046)	(36,542)
Damage Deposits Held	170	-	170
Projects & Works	82,000	-	82,000
Projects Treloar		(1,000)	(1,000)
Music Reserve Fund	120	-	120
	196,794	(152,046)	44,748
Restricted funds			
Concert Fund	10,339	(10,166)	173
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>207,133</u>	<u>(162,212)</u>	<u>44,921</u>

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9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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

	31.7.23 £	31.7.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Hire and rentals	29,414	24,153
Donations	286	161
Membership	571	655
Concert tickets	4,226	3,411
Family action	20,996	12,630
Other income	743	665
Grants Received	<u>21,000</u>	<u>2,667</u>
	77,236	44,342
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>805</u>	<u>30</u>
Total incoming resources	78,041	44,372
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Concert Expenses	5,260	4,906
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	94	50
Other		
Sundries	290	701
Other 2		
Cleaning	8,715	7,730
Maintenance Costs	1,987	4,264
Rates and water	3,529	1,332
Insurance	3,200	3,512
Advertising	68	98
Light and heat	3,462	3,891
Telephone	286	340
Postage and stationery	1,120	231
Major Works	<u>7,927</u>	<u>10,258</u>
	30,294	31,656
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>866</u>	<u>3,931</u>
Total resources expended	<u>36,804</u>	<u>41,244</u>
Net income	<u><u>41,237</u></u>	<u><u>3,128</u></u>

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