

THE SABRE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1161190

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-04-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE THE PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DISABLED PEOPLE WITH A PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT AFFECTING THEIR LOWER LIMBS, WHO WANT TO TRAIN AND COMPETE IN THE SPORT OF WHEELCHAIR FENCING BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDING TO DISABLED ATHLETES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE, COACH AND COMPETE IN THE SPORT OF WHEELCHAIR FENCING.

Activities: Provide funds for disabled applicants to train, compete and/or coach the sport of wheelchair fencing

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,402	£4,942	-	-
2024-03-31	£3,656	£2,924	-	-
2023-03-31	£3,301	£4,189	-	-
2022-03-31	£8,033	£9,224	-	-
2021-03-31	£5,989	£4,476	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MRS PHIL FARMER	Chair	2015-04-07
Daniel Stuart Smith		2022-09-29
Darron Phillips		2023-12-06
Guy Blundell		2024-07-31
MISS VIV MILLS		2015-04-07
MS KAT MOON		2015-01-29
William David Porter		2019-03-28

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Accounts

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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BANKERS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, The Charity's Act 2011 and 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 published on 16 July 2014, as amended by Bulletin 1.

Reference and administrative details

The Sabre Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and its registration with the Charity Commission under number 1161190 was approved on 7th April 2015. The company registration number is CE003857.

The trustees acting during the year were:

Mrs Phillipa Farmer (Chair)

Mr Kevin Masters

Miss Vivien Mills

Ms Katrin Moon

Mr William Porter (Treasurer)

Mr Daniel Smith

Mr Darron Phillips

Mr. Guy Blundell (Appointed 31/07/2024)

Structure, governance and management

The governing document of the Trust is a Constitution and the governing body is made up of eight Trustees, who are the only voting members of the organisation.

The six original Trustees were hand-picked by the Founding Trustee, based on her knowledge of each individual, through their work together as volunteers for the Prince's Trust (now The King's Trust). Four new Trustees were appointed by the Board in accordance with the Constitution. Six of the Trustees perform the task of assessing the grant applications. The purpose of selecting the Trustees is to provide an unbiased and independent assessment of each applicant for funds. This process ensures fairness and openness. The assessors check the integrity of each application but also add value to the process by using their years of experience dealing with young people to make suggestions or offering other support to the applicants. All applications are discussed at regular meetings, when decisions are made about which applications should be approved and for how much.

When the need arises alternative or additional trustees will be appointed in accordance with the Constitution. New Trustees will be appointed by a vote at a Board meeting. Trustees will be sought to add value by their skill base and knowledge.

A Member of the Executive Committee wishing to resign during the term of their appointment could do so by

notifying the Secretary in writing, and their resignation takes effect from the date their resignation was received by the Secretary. In the event of a casual vacancy among the Honorary Officers or Additional Members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee could appoint another eligible person to act for an appropriate period but not beyond the next Annual General Meeting.

At the meeting of the 31st July 2024, the Trustees approved the appointment of Mr. Guy Blundell to the Board. Mr. Blundell is an IT expert and his role is to update the website and other communication and recording methods to assist the board with administrative functions.

In April 2025, the Trustees agreed to change the charity's accountants from Kreston Reeves to Revis and Co. The reason was a financial one, the former company having significantly increased their costs, which made it unsustainable for the charity. The Trustees agreed to maintain a firm of accountants to demonstrate professionalism and transparency for both current, and any future sponsors and stakeholders.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, the advancement of amateur sport, in particular, but not exclusively, by providing funds to assist disabled athletes to participate, coach and train in the sport of wheelchair fencing.

Our Vision

The Sabre Trust's mission is to help disabled persons to access a positive fencing experience and so enhance their quality of life.

Our Culture and Values

We have recognised that in order to achieve our vision we must continually improve the way we communicate with the disabled community using a variety of means.

The Sabre Trust is a registered charity, and our volunteer network is critical to our success in all we do. Our goals and vision are set out above and below. We are clear that we need to engage with:-

- Disabled people who are currently engaged in fencing;
- Disabled people who would like to fence.
- Disabled people who would like to be involved in fencing as a coach or official;

And our stakeholders are:

- British Fencing
- WheelPower
- Why Sports
- Sport and Recreation Alliance
- Any sponsors we may have
- Our celebrity supporters
- Our suppliers

The principles apply to each and all of the above. Inevitably there may be differences of approach to and for the specific groups identified, but they are all of major importance to The Sabre Trust.

Our Mission

We will always be “people-centred” concentrating our efforts and resources where we think we can make a significant difference. We are committed to the values of honesty, equality, integrity and helpfulness. We recognise we live in an increasingly diverse society and will endeavour wherever practical to carry out Grant Application assessments in a manner so as not to disadvantage through socio economic backgrounds. We have as a primary focus, disabled people interested in fencing, so have a duty of care to make reasonable adjustments to the way we communicate so that people with all disabilities are able to access the organization through the Grant Application process. We are also committed to sharing information that is within our knowledge regarding aspects of daily life that may benefit the disabled people we deal with.

The way we relate to one another, with key partners and the wider community, will be characterised by a respect for the views of others and the integrity of our approach. We will treat people with fairness and equality at all times.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust’s aims and objectives and in planning future activities

Achievements and performance

Following pressure from the international wheelchair fencers, the National Governing Body was forced into a U-turn about the term ‘seated fencing’ and has adopted the correct term, Para Fencing, bringing it in line with World Ability Sport. The sport is still an all-inclusive sport, and national competitions allow all people to partake in the sport, even if their disability is not one that can be officially recognised by the international federation.

On the international stage, Great Britain’s wheelchair fencers have continued to dominate the scene, and in the last year several new fencers have represented Great Britain, all of them supported by The Sabre Trust. A total of two females and five males received grants from the Trust in this financial year. All applicants are new to the sport, and for the first time, one applicant is taking part in the new sport of Disability Modern Pentathlon. Of the other applicants, two required the equipment to fence in their first international competitions. Three are likely to fence internationally in the next year. All of the athletes have competed in the domestic competitions, during the year and all of them have won medals in those competitions. The final applicant is another first for the Sabre Trust. A young man with Downs Syndrome has started fencing at the fencing club where one of the Trustees is a coach. Although not a wheelchair fencer. The young man has a learning disability and requires one-to-one coaching. He has an awkward body shape, and none of the conventional fencing clothing is able to fit him, so help has been given to supply bespoke fencing clothing enabling the young man to take part in the sport. The help given to this individual is in line with the objectives of the charity, to provide help to people of all disabilities.

The Trust has a policy that all equipment provided to applicants must be returned to the Trust if the applicant has no further need for it. Some of the equipment is supplied to other applicants, thus saving money, and making best use of the Trust’s resources. Of the applicants listed above, most of them received some used equipment.

The main organization linking disabled people with disability sports is WheelPower and The Sabre Trust is developing a stronger working relationship with this organization to enhance future activities, and encourage more people to take up the sport. WheelPower is organizing activities throughout the UK and throughout the year, for people to come and try disability sports. These events are supported by The Sabre Trust.

Marketing and Communications

Our website has been completely re-built by Trustee, Guy Blundell, a professional website developer. The new website is fresh, modern and inviting, giving up-to-date information. The Trustees now have a professional email address and the whole function of the charity has been updated. The final book in the trilogy of stories about the Wheelchair Musketeers has been published, and copies have been distributed. All proceeds from sales go to the Sabre Trust. Copies of the books have been circulated to the Spinal Injury Units in the UK and Republic of Ireland, together with the military rehabilitation establishments, and children's hospitals. We are committed to meeting the needs of customers in a professional manner and we have developed a Customer Charter to show that commitment.

Engaging our Partners and Stakeholders

The Sabre Trust has continued to work alongside a number of stakeholders in an effective manner, and will continue to do so to deliver this plan over the next year. We continue to work closely with WheelPower, by delivering wheelchair fencing camps, and assisting at WheelPower events; Why Sports, by supporting their events, and who, in return, have offered to publicise our charity on their website, and Sport and Recreation Alliance, of which The Sabre Trust is a member.

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £3402 a decrease of around £253 on the previous twelve-month period. The only source of income during the year was donations £3402
Expenditure for the year amounted to £4942 an increase of around £2018 on the previous twelve-month period. This resulted in a loss for the year of £1540.

The Trustees established that funds would remain capped at £500 per person for new applicants, but the increase in costs of fencing equipment, due mainly to the war in Ukraine, where a lot of fencing equipment is produced, means that the figure for established athletes would have to be increased, and measured on a case by case basis, and measured against available funds.

The figure will be reviewed at the beginning of the next financial year.

Reserves Policy

The executive committee will confirm and review on an annual basis the policy in respect of the reserves held by The Sabre Trust and to ensure that these are normally maintained at a minimum level equivalent to the essential activities of the organisation for a minimum three months, should all other income, including but not limited to: grants, donations and sponsorship fail to materialise. The trustees believe that the level of free reserves is necessary in order to safeguard the future of the charity. The trustees aim to keep at least one year's average general expenditure, equivalent to around £5,000.

Plans for the future

To review the objects of the charity following the decision by World Ability Sport (formerly IWAS) to change the name of the sport from wheelchair fencing to Para Fencing, thereby enabling athletes with a visual impairment to partake in a form of fencing.

Increase the available resources to assist people with all disabilities who would like to take up the sport of fencing.

Secure funds to help pay for new wheelchairs for talented athletes who want to become international wheelchair fencers.

Continue to improve the IT for the charity, - the website, e-Newsletters and GDPR compliant emails.
Continue to improve communication to the disabled community via e-Newsletters and the books.

To develop the new Wheelchair Musketeers Fencing club.

To help and support several visually impaired fencers who have approached The Sabre Trust for assistance.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Miss Vivien Mills

Date:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SABRE TRUST

I report to the charity's Trustees on the examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 10.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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:

Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

the accounts do not accord with those records; or

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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Cosham

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	<u>2025</u> Total Funds £	<u>2024</u> Total Funds £
RECEIPTS			
Donations	3,402	3,402	3,075
Other Income	0	0	580
Total receipts	<u>3,402</u>	<u>3,402</u>	<u>3,656</u>
PAYMENTS			
Grants made	957	957	1,000
Just giving charges	0	0	36
Equipment Purchases	303	303	1,888
Website Costs	202	202	0
Legal & professional fees	3,480	3,480	0
Total payments	<u>4,942</u>	<u>4,942</u>	<u>2,924</u>
Net (payments)/receipts	-1,540	-1,540	732
	7,529	7,529	7,529
Cash and bank deposits at 1 April 2024			
Cash and bank deposits at 31 March 2025	<u>5,989</u>	<u>5,989</u>	<u>5,989</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	7,529	7,529	6,797
Net (payments)/receipts	-1540	-1540	732
Total funds carried forward	<u>5,989</u>	<u>5,989</u>	<u>7,529</u>

The Sabre Trust has not acquired or discontinued any fundamental activities during the above financial year. The Charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the above Receipts and Payments Account. Therefore, no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses is needed.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
ASSETS		
Current Account	5,989	7,529
	<u>5,989</u>	<u>7,529</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
General Fund	5,989	7,529
	<u>5,989</u>	<u>7,529</u>
MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		
Balance at 1 April 2024	7,529	6,797
Excess of receipts over payments	<u>-1,540</u>	<u>732</u>
Balance at 31 March 2025	<u>5,989</u>	<u>7,529</u>
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These accounts were approved by the Trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

Miss Vivien Mills Trustee

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At the start of the financial year, the Treasurer, Mr Kevin Masters requested to stand down for personal reasons, but asked to remain on the Board as a Trustee. Mr William Porter replaced Kevin Masters as the Treasurer.

At the meeting of the 6th December 2023, the Trustees approved the appointment of Mr. Darron Phillips to the Board.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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Achievements and performance

Since the merger between British Disability Fencing and British Fencing, the National Governing Body has chosen to refer to wheelchair fencing as 'seated fencing' causing dismay among the wheelchair using members. The reason is to create a more inclusive environment, but the fear is that wheelchair users are being discouraged from taking part. To counter this one of the Trustees, and a coaching colleague have established the Wheelchair Musketeers Fencing Club, and they are running a series of fencing camps, to which new and current wheelchair fencers are invited to attend.

On the international stage, the Great Britain's wheelchair fencers have continued to dominate the scene, with four athletes qualifying for the Paris Paralympics. Three of the four fencers have been previous recipients of Sabre Trust grants. In addition, a junior athlete, supported by the Trust, has become the Under 23 World Champion in Men's Epee, in the Category A classification. The number of international athletes is steadily growing, and thanks to the support and help of the Trust, they have been equipped with wheelchairs and fencing equipment, and helped with funds for coaching, and attending international competitions.

(Great Britain won six medals at the Paralympics, two gold, three silver and one bronze)

A total of six females and eight males received grants from the Trust. One male won a bronze medal in Men's Sabre, Category B classification, and one female won a bronze medal in Women's Epee in the Category B classification, both at the Pisa World Cup. A junior fencer won a bronze medal in Men's Sabre and a bronze medal in the Men's Epee in the Category A classification, at the National Championships. In the same Championships, one female won gold in Women's Sabre, and gold in the Women's Epee both in the Category A classification.

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Marketing and Communications

Our website is currently being redeveloped by a professional website developer, and newsletters, giving up-to-date information are being prepared. The final book in the trilogy of stories about the Wheelchair Musketeers has been written and will be published soon. All proceeds from sales go to the Sabre Trust. Copies of the books have been circulated to the Spinal Injury Units in the UK, together with the military rehabilitation establishments, and children's hospitals.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Financial review

Receipts for the year amounted to £3,656 an increase of £355 on the previous twelve-month period. The main source of income during the year was donations £3,075.

Payments for the year amounted to £2,924 a decrease of around £1,265 on the previous twelve-month period. This resulted in a surplus for the year of £731.

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Reserves Policy

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Plans for the future

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7. To help and support several visually impaired fencers who have approached The Sabre Trust for assistance.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Miss Vivien Mills

Date:

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	<u>2024</u> Total Funds £	<u>2023</u> Total Funds £
RECEIPTS			
Donations	3,075	3,075	3,301
Other Income	580	580	-
Total receipts	<u>3,656</u>	<u>3,656</u>	<u>3,301</u>
PAYMENTS			
Grants made	1,000	1,000	2,923
Just giving charges	36	36	216
Equipment Purchases	1,888	1,888	-
Legal and professional fees	-	-	1,050
Total payments	<u>2,924</u>	<u>2,924</u>	<u>4,189</u>
Net (payments)/receipts	732	732	(888)
Cash and bank deposits at 1 April 2023	6,797	6,797	7,685
Cash and bank deposits at 31 March 2024	<u>7,529</u>	<u>7,529</u>	<u>6,797</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	6,797	6,797	7,685
Net (payments)/receipts	732	732	(888)
Total funds carried forward	<u>7,529</u>	<u>7,529</u>	<u>6,797</u>

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THE SABRE TRUST
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 MARCH 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
ASSETS		
Current Account	7,529	6,797
	7,529	6,797
	7,529	6,797
REPRESENTED BY		
General Fund	7,529	6,797
	7,529	6,797
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MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		
Balance at 1 April 2023	6,797	7,685
Excess of receipts over payments	732	(888)
Balance at 31 March 2024	7,529	6,797

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

Miss Vivien Mills
Trustee

THE SABRE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1161190

Accounts

CHARITY NUMBER: 1161190

THE SABRE TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

THE SABRE TRUST

Charity Registration Number: 1161190

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THE SABRE TRUST

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THE SABRE TRUST

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Miss Vivien Mills

Ms Katrin Moon

Mr Kenneth Jamieson (Resigned 08/03/2023)

Mr John Chambers (Resigned 28/07/2022)

Mr William Porter

Mr Daniel Smith (Appointed 29/09/2022)

Structure, governance and management

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The six original Trustees were hand-picked by the Founding Trustee, based on her knowledge of each individual through their work together as volunteers for the Prince's Trust. Three new Trustees were appointed by the Board in accordance with the Constitution. Six of the Trustees perform the task of assessing the grant applications. The purpose of selecting the Trustees is to provide an unbiased and independent assessment of each applicant for funds. This process ensures fairness and openness. The assessors check the integrity of each application but also add value to the process by using their years of experience dealing with young people to make suggestions or offering other support to the applicants. All applications are discussed at regular meetings, when decisions are made about which applications should be approved and for how much.

When the need arises alternative or additional trustees will be appointed in accordance with the Constitution. New Trustees will be appointed by a vote at a Board meeting. Trustees will be sought to add value by their skill base and knowledge.

A Member of the Executive Committee wishing to resign during the term of their appointment could do so by notifying the Secretary in writing, and their resignation takes effect from the date their resignation was received by the Secretary. In the event of a casual vacancy among the Honorary Officers or Additional Members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee could appoint another eligible person to act for an appropriate period but not beyond the next Annual General Meeting.

During the year one of our trustees gave cause for concern, when he stopped communication with the Board. The last point of contact, a Board meeting in July 2022, the trustee reported having been unwell, but hospital tests showed no diagnosis of the cause of the illness. At that meeting the trustee also reported an impending change of address. A phone call to the trustee in December 2022 led to further confusion about the well-being and the whereabouts of the trustee. At the next Board meeting the remaining trustees discussed the course of action to be taken. The known home address of the trustee was visited, but the house was unoccupied. A further phone call to the trustee led the Chairman of the Board to conclude, the trustee was not well-enough to continue their duties as a trustee, and the decision was made to remove the trustee from the Board.

THE SABRE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Objectives and activities

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We have recognised that in order to achieve our vision we must continually improve the way we communicate with the disabled community using a variety of means.

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- Disabled people who are currently engaged in fencing;
- Disabled people who would like to fence;
- Disabled people who would like to be involved in fencing as a coach or official.

And our stakeholders are:

British Fencing

WheelPower

Why Sports

Sport and Recreation Alliance

Any sponsors we may have

Our celebrity supporters

Our suppliers

The principles apply to each and all of the above. Inevitably there may be differences of approach to and for the specific groups identified, but they are all of major importance to The Sabre Trust.

Our Mission

We will always be "people-centred" concentrating our efforts and resources where we think we can make a significant difference. We are committed to the values of honesty, equality, integrity and helpfulness.

We recognise we live in an increasingly diverse society and will endeavour wherever practical to carry out Grant Application assessments in a manner so as not to disadvantage through socio economic backgrounds.

We have as a primary focus, disabled people interested in fencing, so have a duty of care to make reasonable adjustments to the way we communicate so that people with all disabilities are able to access the organization through the Grant Application process. We are also committed to sharing information that is within our knowledge regarding aspects of daily life that may benefit the disabled people we deal with.

The way we relate to one another, with key partners and the wider community, will be characterised by a respect for the views of others and the integrity of our approach. We will treat people with fairness and equality at all times.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

THE SABRE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Achievements and performance

On the 1st of April 2022, British Disability Fencing merged with British Fencing, bringing the wheelchair fencers under the control of the much larger organization, recognized for the non-disabled arm of the sport. This move brought immediate funds from Sport England to enhance the facilities for disabled athletes.

As an independent coach, Viv Mills ran some training camps for new and existing wheelchair fencers, at Stoke Mandeville Stadium and Moulton College. Several new athletes took the opportunity to try the sport. In addition, WheelPower hosted two events at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, the National Junior Games for youngsters with disabilities, and the Spinal Games, for adults. A number of new athletes emerged from these opportunities, and The Sabre Trust has stepped in to support the new athletes moving forward.

On the international stage, the Great Britain fencers have continued to dominate the scene, with four athletes gaining medals at the qualifying competitions for the Paris Paralympics. The number of international athletes is steadily growing, and thanks to the support and help of the Trust, they have been equipped with wheelchairs and fencing kit.

The international federation (WorldAbility Sport, formerly IWAS) decided to change the criteria for disability fencing, to include visually impaired fencers, and they changed the name of the sport to Para Fencing. To recognize this change, the Sabre Trust made the decision to expand its remit to include the visually impaired fencers, and a change to the constitution to reflect this change was agreed at the January 2023 meeting.

The main organization linking disabled people with disability sports is WheelPower and The Sabre Trust is developing a stronger working relationship with this organization to enhance future activities, and encourage more people to take up the sport. WheelPower is organizing activities throughout the UK and throughout the year, for people to come and try disability sports.

Marketing and Communications

We have improved our website and most recently a sequel children's book (Wheelchair Musketeers: Pret). Has been published and is available from Amazon. All proceeds from sales go to the Sabre Trust. We are committed to meeting the needs of customers in a professional manner and we have developed a Customer Charter to show that commitment. The third book in the trilogy is currently being written.

Copies of the books have been circulated to all the Spinal Injury Units in the UK, together with the military rehabilitation establishments, and children's hospitals.

Engaging our Partners and Stakeholders

The Sabre Trust has worked alongside a number of stakeholders in an effective manner, and will continue to do so to deliver this plan over the next year. We continue to work closely with WheelPower, Why Sports and Sport and Recreation Alliance.

THE SABRE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £3,301, a decrease of around £4,732 on the previous twelve-month period. The main source of income during the year was donations £3,301.

Expenditure for the year amounted to £4,189, a decrease of around £5,035 on the previous twelve-month period. This resulted in a loss for the year of £888.

The Trustees established that funds would remain capped at £500 per person for new applicants, but the increase in costs of fencing equipment, due mainly to the war in Ukraine, where a lot of fencing equipment is produced, means that the figure for established athletes would have to be increased, and measured on a case by case basis, and measured against available funds. The figure will be reviewed at the beginning of the next financial year.

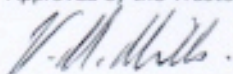
Reserves Policy

The executive committee will confirm and review on an annual basis the policy in respect of the reserves held by The Sabre Trust and to ensure that these are normally maintained at a minimum level equivalent to the essential activities of the organisation for a minimum three months, should all other income, including but not limited to: grants, donations and sponsorship fail to materialise. The trustees believe that the level of free reserves is necessary in order to safeguard the future of the charity. The trustees aim to keep at least one year's average general expenditure, equivalent to around £5,000.

Plans for the future

1. To review the objects of the charity following the decision by the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS) to change the name of the sport from wheelchair fencing to Para Fencing, thereby enabling athletes with a visual impairment to partake in a form of fencing.
2. Increase the available resources to assist people with all disabilities who would like to take up the sport of fencing.
3. Secure funds to help pay for new wheelchairs for talented athletes who want to become international wheelchair fencers.
4. Improve the IT for the charity, - the website, e-Newsletters and GDPR compliant emails.
5. Improve communication to the disabled community via e-Newsletters and the book.
6. To help and support several visually impaired fencers who have approached The Sabre Trust for assistance.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Miss Vivien Mills

Date: 24th January 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SABRE TRUST

I report to the charity's Trustees on the examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 26 January 2024

THE SABRE TRUST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

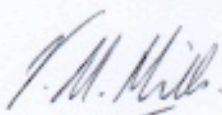
	Unrestricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	<i>2022 Total Funds</i>
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Donations	3,301	3,301	8,033
Total receipts	<u>3,301</u>	<u>3,301</u>	<u>8,033</u>
 PAYMENTS			
Grants made	2,923	2,923	7,804
Insurance	-	-	-
Just giving charges	216	216	216
Subscriptions	-	-	220
Legal and professional fees	1,050	1,050	984
Total payments	<u>4,189</u>	<u>4,189</u>	<u>9,224</u>
Net (payments)/receipts	(888)	(888)	(1,191)
 Cash and bank deposits at 1 April 2022	 7,685	 7,685	 8,876
 Cash and bank deposits at 31 March 2023	 <u>6,797</u>	 <u>6,797</u>	 <u>7,685</u>
 Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	7,685	7,685	<i>8,876</i>
 Net (payments)/receipts	 (888)	 (888)	 <i>(1,191)</i>
Total funds carried forward	<u>6,797</u>	<u>6,797</u>	<u><i>7,685</i></u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 MARCH 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
ASSETS		
Current Account	6,797	7,685
	6,797	7,685
	6,797	7,685
REPRESENTED BY		
General Fund	6,797	7,685
Restricted Fund	-	-
	6,797	7,685
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MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		
Balance at 1 April 2022	7,685	8,876
Excess of receipts over payments	(888)	(1,191)
Transfer of funds	-	-
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	6,797	7,685

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 24/01/2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Miss Vivien Mills
Trustee

THE SABRE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1161190

Accounts

CHARITY NUMBER: 1161190

**THE SABRE TRUST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

THE SABRE TRUST

Charity Registration Number: 1161190

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FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Achievements and performance

In June 2021, with the opening up of sport facilities and activities, British Disability Fencing ran some training camps for new and existing fencers, at Stoke Mandeville Stadium and Moulton College. Several new athletes took the opportunity to try the sport.

This was enhanced by a wonderful performance by the Great Britain Wheelchair fencers at the Tokyo Paralympics, where they achieved one gold, one silver and three bronze medals. Four athletes qualified for the championships and of these, three were previous recipients of Sabre Trust grants.

Two days before the athletes were due to fly out to Tokyo, two athletes were training on Tokyo time in Bath. They rose at midnight and went out in their wheelchairs for exercise. Around 2am, they encountered a young man on a bridge about to do himself serious harm. The athletes stopped and spent several hours talking to the man, until he eventually was persuaded to come off the bridge and return home to his wife and family. The athletes were traumatized by the event, so it's to their huge credit they managed to go to Tokyo and win medals.

The sudden high profile given to wheelchair fencing was used to good advantage. Training camps were organized with the help of WheelPower, a charity based at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. New fencers from all over the UK, including Scotland, attended, and many are now established with coaches in clubs, and are enjoying the pleasures the sport brings. Several new athletes have been helped with fencing equipment, and coaching fees.

From April 2021 British Disability Fencing entered into negotiations with British Fencing for a merger. The move made good sense, but a lot of work had to go into preparing the right environment to achieve the goal, and funding had to be sought to pay for all the administrative and legal work. The merger was completed on 1st April 2022.

The main organization linking disabled people with disability sports is WheelPower and The Sabre Trust is developing a stronger working relationship with this organization to enhance future activities, and encourage more people to take up the sport.

In the New Year's Honours, (January 2022) the very first recipient of a Sabre Trust Award, Piers Gilliver was awarded the MBE for services to wheelchair fencing.

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THE SABRE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £8,033, an increase of around £2,044 on the previous twelve-month period. The main source of income during the year was donations £8,033.

Expenditure for the year amounted to £9,224, a increase of around £4,748 on the previous twelve-month period. This resulted in a loss for the year of £1,191.

The Trustees established that funds would remain capped at £500 per person for new applicants, and priority would be given to athletes competing in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics this financial year. Where an experienced athlete required additional funds, the Trustees would measure the needs against available funds. Athletes qualified for the Tokyo Paralympics have to increase their training and upgrade their equipment.

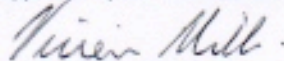
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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Miss Vivien Mills

Date: 30th January 2023.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SABRE TRUST

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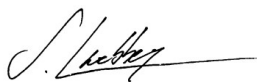
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Independent examiner's statement

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1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
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Date: 30 January 2023

THE SABRE TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	<i>2021 Total Funds £</i>
RECEIPTS			
Donations	8,033	8,033	5,989
Total receipts	<u>8,033</u>	<u>8,033</u>	<u>5,989</u>
PAYMENTS			
Grants made	7,804	7,804	3,300
Insurance	-	-	-
Just giving charges	216	216	216
Subscriptions	220	220	-
Legal and professional fees	984	984	960
Total payments	<u>9,224</u>	<u>9,224</u>	<u>4,476</u>
Net (payments)/receipts	(1,191)	(1,191)	1,513
Cash and bank deposits at 1 April 2021	8,876	8,876	7,363
Cash and bank deposits at 31 March 2022	<u>7,685</u>	<u>7,685</u>	<u>8,876</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	8,876	8,876	7,363
Net (payments)/receipts	(1,191)	(1,191)	1,513
Total funds carried forward	<u>7,685</u>	<u>7,685</u>	<u>8,876</u>

The Sabre Trust has not acquired or discontinued any fundamental activities during the above financial year. The Charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the above Receipts and Payments Account. Therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses is needed.

THE SABRE TRUST
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 MARCH 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
ASSETS		
Current Account	7,685	8,876
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	<u>7,685</u>	<u>8,876</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
General Fund	7,685	8,876
Restricted Fund	-	-
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	<u>7,685</u>	<u>8,876</u>
MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		
Balance at 1 April 2020	8,876	7,363
Excess of receipts over payments	(1,191)	1,513
Transfer of funds	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2021	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<u>7,685</u>	<u>8,876</u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 23/11/2022 and signed on its behalf by:


Miss Vivien Mills
Trustee

THE SABRE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1161190

Accounts

CHARITY NUMBER: 1161190

THE SABRE TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

THE SABRE TRUST

Charity Registration Number: 1161190

TRUSTEES

Mrs Phillipa Farmer
Mr Kevin Masters
Miss Vivien Mills
Ms Katrin Moon
Mr John Chambers
Mr Kenneth Jamieson
Mr William Porter

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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THE SABRE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their report and examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, The Charity's Act 2011 and 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 published on 16 July 2014, as amended by Bulletin 1.

Reference and administrative details

The Sabre Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and its registration with the Charity Commission under number 1161190 was approved on 7th April 2015. The company registration number is CE003857.

The trustees acting during the year were:

Mrs Phillipa Farmer (Chair)
Mr Kevin Masters (Treasurer)
Miss Vivien Mills
Ms Katrin Moon
Mr Ken Jamieson
Mr John Chambers
Mr William Porter

Structure, governance and management

The governing document of the Trust is a Constitution and the governing body is made up of seven Trustees, who are the only voting members of the organisation.

The six original Trustees were hand-picked by the Founding Trustee, based on her knowledge of each individual through their work together as volunteers for the Prince's Trust. Three new Trustees were appointed by the Board in accordance with the Constitution. Six of the Trustees perform the task of assessing the grant applications. The purpose of selecting the Trustees is to provide an unbiased and independent assessment of each applicant for funds. This process ensures fairness and openness. The assessors check the integrity of each application but also add value to the process by using their years of experience dealing with young people to make suggestions or offering other support to the applicants. All applications are discussed at regular meetings, when decisions are made about which applications should be approved and for how much.

When the need arises alternative or additional trustees will be appointed in accordance with the Constitution. New Trustees will be appointed by a vote at a Board meeting. Trustees will be sought to add value by their skill base and knowledge.

A Member of the Executive Committee wishing to resign during the term of their appointment could do so by notifying the Secretary in writing, and their resignation took effect from the date their resignation was received by the Secretary. In the event of a casual vacancy among the Honorary Officers or Additional Members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee could appoint another eligible person to act for an appropriate period but not beyond the next Annual General Meeting.

THE SABRE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, the advancement of amateur sport, in particular, but not exclusively, by providing funds to assist disabled athletes to participate, coach and train in the sport of wheelchair fencing.

Our Vision

The Sabre Trust's mission is to help disabled persons to access a positive fencing experience and so enhance their quality of life.

Our Culture and Values

We have recognised that in order to achieve our vision we must continually improve the way we communicate with the disabled community using a variety of means.

The Sabre Trust is a registered charity, and our volunteer network is critical to our success in all we do. Our goals and vision are set out above and below. We are clear that we need to engage with:-

- Disabled people who are currently engaged in fencing;
- Disabled people who would like to fence.
- Disabled people who would like to be involved in fencing as a coach or official;

And our stakeholder are:-

- British Fencing and British Disability Fencing;
- Any sponsors we may have;
- our celebrity supporters;
- our suppliers.

The principles apply to each and all of the above. Inevitably there may be differences of approach to and for the specific groups identified, but they are all of major importance to The Sabre Trust.

Our Mission

We will always be "people centered" concentrating our efforts and resources where we think we can make a significant difference. We are committed to the values of honesty, integrity and helpfulness.

We recognise we live in an increasingly diverse society and will endeavor wherever practical to carry out Grant Application assessments in a manner so as not to disadvantage through socio economic backgrounds.

We have as a primary focus, disabled people interested in fencing, so have a duty of care to make reasonable adjustments to the way we communicate so that people with all disabilities are able to access the organization through the Grant Application process. We are also committed to sharing information that is within our knowledge regarding aspects of daily life that may benefit the disabled people we deal with.

The way we relate to one another, with key partners and the wider community, will be characterised by a respect for the views of others and the integrity of our approach. We will treat people with fairness and equality at all times.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities

THE SABRE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Achievements and performance

In March 2020 the Government was forced to declare a pandemic and all services and facilities, businesses, schools, education and sports facilities were forced to close their doors to visitors and to people wishing to undertake business or leisure activities. The lockdown continued in various stages until July 2021, so all the activities of British Disability Fencing and British Fencing, such as competitions, training camps and visits were postponed until further notice. During the lockdown, contact was maintained with disabled fencers via video link and through emails and phone calls.

Some contact was maintained with the spinal injury units via the charity Spinal Injuries Association, which ran a series of online "coffee lounge" sessions on a Wednesday. Numerous organisations connected to sport and leisure, ran workshops which were attended by representatives of The Sabre Trust.

The lockdown period was also used to improve administrative practices and to enhance links with, and influence through government departments, such as DCMS. The process was particularly useful in pursuing an issue of discrimination against disabled pupils at secondary schools, whereby the list of included sports for pupils studying the GCSE and A level PE is disproportionately favoured towards non-disabled pupils, who can choose three sports from a list of fifty-two, whereas the disabled pupil chooses three sports from a list of eight. Fencing and wheelchair fencing are sports excluded from both lists.

The matter is still ongoing

For the fun fencers and those wishing to start the sport, there were unfortunately no opportunities to provide any activity. All the training camps had to be cancelled, as were the competitions.

For the elite athletes, under certain conditions they were permitted to recommence training in certain specific locations, from the beginning of July 2020. Although not ideal, it provided some opportunities for training, albeit, not full contact, and activity at a distance, but not sparring. The training was only available to elite athletes, so those lower down the Pathway and wanting to improve their skills were not included in training sessions.

There was, however an opportunity for the wider fencing audience to learn about disability fencing through a series of virtual workshops organized and conducted by the international federation (IWAS)

There were also awards from British Fencing for the top wheelchair fencer of the year, a former recipient of a grant from this Charity, and for the Founder of The Sabre Trust and BDF Secretary, the award of British Fencing's Volunteer of the Year, and also England Fencing's award of the Gold Medal for services to England Fencing.

Marketing and Communications

We have improved our website and produced a newsletter (Cut and Thrust). Most recently we have produced a sequel children's book (Wheelchair Musketeers: Pret) which is being prepared for publication. We are committed to meeting the needs of customers in a professional manner and we have developed a Customer Charter to show that commitment.

Engaging our Partners and Stakeholders

The Sabre Trust has worked alongside a number of stakeholders in an effective manner, and will continue to do so to deliver this plan over the next year. We continue to work closely with British Fencing and British Disability Fencing.

THE SABRE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £5,989, an increase of around £3,657 on the previous twelve-month period. The main source of income during the year was donations £5,989

Expenditure for the year amounted to £4,476, a decrease of around £870 on the previous twelve-month period. This resulted in a profit for the year of £1,513.

The Trustees established that funds would remain capped at £500 per person for this financial year. The figure will be reviewed at the beginning of the next financial year, because of the need for the athletes qualified for the Tokyo Paralympics to increase their training nearer to the competition, and the need to renew and or upgrade their equipment.

Reserves Policy

The executive committee will confirm and review on an annual basis the policy in respect of the reserves held by The Sabre Trust and to ensure that these are normally maintained at a minimum level equivalent to the essential activities of the organisation for a minimum three months, should all other income, including but not limited to: grants, donations and sponsorship fail to materialise. The trustees believe that the level of free reserves is necessary in order to safeguard the future of the charity. The trustees aim to keep at least one year's average general expenditure, equivalent to around £5,000.

Plans for the future

1. To review the objects of the charity following the decision by the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS) to change the name of the sport from wheelchair fencing to Para Fencing, thereby enabling athletes with a visual impairment to partake in a form of fencing.
2. Increase the available resources to assist people with all disabilities who would like to take up the sport of fencing.
3. Secure funds to help pay for new wheelchairs for talented athletes who want to become international wheelchair fencers.
4. Improve the IT for the charity, - the website, e-Newsletters and GDPR compliant emails.
5. Improve communication to the disabled community via e-Newsletters and the book.
6. To help and support several visually impaired fencers who have approached The Sabre Trust for assistance.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Miss Vivien Mills

Date:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SABRE TRUST

I report to the charity's Trustees on the examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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PO20 7AJ

Date:

THE SABRE TRUST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	2021 Total Funds	<i>2020 Total Funds</i>
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Donations	5,989	5,989	2,332
Total receipts	<u>5,989</u>	<u>5,989</u>	<u>2,332</u>
PAYMENTS			
Grants made	3,300	3,300	3,435
Insurance	-	-	291
Just giving charges	216	216	216
Subscriptions	-	-	216
Legal and professional fees	960	960	1,188
Total payments	<u>4,476</u>	<u>4,476</u>	<u>5,346</u>
Net (payments)/receipts	1,513	1,513	(3,014)
Cash and bank deposits at 1 April 2020	7,363	7,363	10,377
Cash and bank deposits at 31 March 2021	<u>8,876</u>	<u>8,876</u>	<u>7,363</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	7,363	7,363	10,377
Net (payments)/receipts	1,513	1,513	(3,014)
Total funds carried forward	<u>8,876</u>	<u>8,876</u>	<u>7,363</u>

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The Charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the above Receipts and Payments Account.
Therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses is needed.

THE SABRE TRUST
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 MARCH 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<i>2020</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
ASSETS		
Current Account	8,876	<i>7,363</i>
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	<u>8,876</u>	<i><u>7,363</u></i>
 REPRESENTED BY		
General Fund	8,876	<i>7,363</i>
Restricted Fund	-	-
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	<u>8,876</u>	<i><u>7,363</u></i>
 MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		
Balance at 1 April 2020	7,363	<i>10,377</i>
Excess of receipts over payments	1,513	<i>(3,014)</i>
Transfer of funds	<hr/> -	<hr/> <i>-</i>
Balance at 31 March 2021	<u>8,876</u>	<i><u>7,363</u></i>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

Miss Vivien Mills
Trustee