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13 October 2023

Dear Jane

**2023 Signed accounts**

Please find enclosed your signed accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 which you should retain for your records.

If there is anything you wish to discuss please feel free to call me.

All the best



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Charity registration number: 1162893

# The Stone Foundation

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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## **The Stone Foundation**

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## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Chairman</b>	Rob Morris
<b>Trustees</b>	Jane Evans Angela Thompson Rob Morris Liam Mackinder Jean Poole Chris Poole Sam Poole Stephen Broughton
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1162893
<b>Principal Office</b>	Sproughton House Sproughton Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3AW
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## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Trustees' Report**

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of The Stone Foundation for the 12-month period ended 31 March 2023. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 12-14 and comply with the Foundation's Constitution and applicable law.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Stone Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) constituted on 28 July 2015. It is a registered charity no. 1162893 and the principal office can be found on the contents page.

The Trustees who have served during the period and since the period end are set out in the list below. All the Trustees have been appointed for a period of 3 years.

#### **Trustees and officers**

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Jane Evans
	Angela Thompson
	Rob Morris
	Liam Mackinder
	Jean Poole
	Chris Poole
	Sam Poole
	Stephen Broughton

Chairman:	Rob Morris
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Where there is a requirement for new Trustees, this would be identified by the remaining Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity Trustees, the Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

#### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business, and operational risks which the Foundation faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that such risks are continuously monitored and that appropriate steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the Foundation are to relieve the financial hardship of people who are in need, living in Essex, Norfolk, and Suffolk, through the provision of housing and associated support services.

Our key objectives can be detailed as:

- relieving homelessness.
- helping vulnerable individuals to access accommodation, which includes our Tenancy Training Course – Ready Steady Rent; and
- helping individuals and Local Housing Authorities by providing move-on accommodation from supported housing.

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Public Benefit**

In meeting the Foundation's objectives, the trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The Stone Foundation is responsible for the lease and full management of twenty-seven properties, providing 81 units of accommodation. During the financial year we lost two properties equating to 4 units because the landlord required the properties back: one a 3-bed house and one 1 bed flat.

All eligible tenants are in receipt of full Housing Benefit, which meets most of their rent and service charges. We are continuing to seek opportunities to acquire more properties from a variety of owners, including properties that require renovation and which can be brought back into use for vulnerable/homeless people. We have also contacted some housing associations who may be looking to dispose of properties that do not meet the high standards of energy efficiency required by the housing regulator. However, the current market economy of high demand for rental properties and significant increases in mortgage rates, owners can achieve private rents significantly higher than the Local Authority Allowance level that we can offer and therefore, are less inclined to lease properties to the Stone, despite the advantages we offer particularly regarding regular maintenance of the property etc.

#### **Assessing Success**

Our success is measured on the one hand by the size of our portfolio, occupancy rates and margins on properties. Occupancy levels during this financial year have increased slightly on last year following the cessation of the Covid 19 restrictions. We opened Lowestoft, a 10-bed facility and welcomed the first tenant in May 2022. Since then, we have gradually increased tenant numbers, at the year-end Lowestoft housed 5 tenants. We aim to have this property fully occupied by the current year end. Once this is the case then occupancy levels should increase accordingly.

Other measures relate to our non-property initiatives, which so far include only the Tenancy Training Skills course, Ready Steady Rent. Criteria for assessing success in this are in respect of numbers of attendees who successfully complete the training and the user perceived outcomes of the training. Discussions with local authorities were a priority for the current CEO on her arrival so we set about working in partnership to deliver our excellent training courses across our local area. Following the year's end, we signed a Service Level Agreement with one local authority to run a number of Ready Steady Rent courses over the next 12 months, for which we will be getting paid per session.

#### **Principal Risks**

The main risk to the Foundation is a reduction in overall occupancy rates. This is mitigated through various processes and procedures including regular property inspections and immediate action in terms of tenant neglect or damage to reduce void times because of repairs having to be undertaken. A ticketing system for maintenance allows for timely repair and refurbishment works at the end of a tenancy, again to reduce void times.

Prior to obtaining additional properties, research is conducted to ensure there is demand for the service. Tenancy training aims to increase tenants' understanding of the responsibilities of managing a tenancy, which in turn aims to minimise the risk of eviction. All tenants moving into our community flats are encouraged to attend the training.

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Decisions**

Major decisions are discussed and agreed on at board meetings which take place every 6 weeks and/or via email.

#### **Induction Training of Trustees**

The process for inducting Trustees is simple and straightforward. The CEO and Chair will provide a brief on the organisation, board function and meetings and the expected role of the individual concerned. All Trustees receive the Charity Commission's Guide - "The Essential Trustee ...", a copy of the Constitution, previous minutes and any other relevant information. The prospective Trustee is invited to a board meeting in an observer capacity to meet the other Trustees, and vice versa.

#### **Fund Raising**

The Foundation does not have an official fund raiser - this is part of the role of the CEO, who will seek appropriate fund-giving bodies and submit bids. Trustees opt to raise funds individually or suggest fund raising strategies as part of their role on the board. The Foundation subscribes to grant aiding organisations such as The Giving Machine, Virgin and Easy Fundraising, which offer a wider target audience.

#### **Financial Review**

For the year ended 31 March 2023, the Foundation made a surplus of £28,232, an increase of £61,778 on the previous year. This is on gross income of £740,183 (year ended 31 March 2022 £610,293). On 31 March 2023 the Foundation held reserves totaling £72,619 (on 31 March 2022 £45,979).

Total rental income for the year was £695,976 (year ended 31 March 2022 £595,102). The split on this is approximately 91%/9% housing benefit/tenant contribution.

The property related costs for the Foundation are for the most part fixed in relation to its capacity to rent accommodation. For the period in question, the main provider of properties was the Mavam Group who provided sixteen properties equating to 60 units, with the balance of 10 properties, providing 12 units, rented from other private landlords.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The current level of funding is considered adequate to meet the majority of the Foundation's aims and objectives. The Trustees have a continued commitment from the Mavam Group to provide financial support should additional funds be required. There are no hard and fast rules regarding minimum and maximum amounts that should be held in reserves but The Stone Foundation Trustees have an agreed business plan to achieve c. £120,000. The Foundation's main risk of reduced income relates to high void levels (low occupancy). Forecasts currently base occupancy levels at c.85%, which provides a surplus and thus grows reserves. We have also had some uncertainty around utility/fuel costs and have made some changes to our rents and service charges going forward to protect us from such fluctuations.

#### **Going Concern**

The Trustees have considered the current occupancy and rental income levels and concluded that there are sufficient resources available to allow the Foundation to continue to operate for a period of at least twelve months. The Trustees therefore believe that the going concern basis is an appropriate basis for these financial statements.

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Plans for the future**

The Trustees will continue to seek additional properties to provide further supported accommodation on favourable terms.

The Stone Foundation remains hopeful of promoting and increasing the success of Ready Steady Rent still further and to be able to demonstrate sufficient outcomes to promote the initiative more widely and robustly with a view to ensuring a steady income stream that covers the cost of delivery and provides funds for further investment.

#### **Chief Executive Officer and the Stone Foundation Team**

During the year we welcomed Anne Bennett as our new CEO on the 1st of February 2023. Anne has many years of housing and management experience and has fitted in to her role, and the team, really well and we would like to thank her for her hard work to date. We would also like to thank everyone that works for the Stone Foundation for their hard work and commitment to what we are trying to achieve.

#### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

The law applicable to charities 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 the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 proper accounting records that 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.


## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 21 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Chris Poole  
Trustee

  
.....  
Stephen Broughton  
Trustee

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Stone Foundation**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. 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 this 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, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of The Stone Foundation 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 The Stone Foundation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since The Stone Foundation's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Stone Foundation as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting 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.

**The Stone Foundation**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Stone Foundation (continued)**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Sullivan', with a horizontal dotted line underneath.

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Date: 13/10/23

## The Stone Foundation

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	5,381	7,000	12,381	1,967	800	2,767
Charitable activities	4	727,793	-	727,793	607,526	-	607,526
Investment income	5	9	-	9	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>733,183</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>740,183</b>	<b>609,493</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>610,293</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	6	(706,543)	(5,408)	(711,951)	(643,039)	(800)	(643,839)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>(706,543)</b>	<b>(5,408)</b>	<b>(711,951)</b>	<b>(643,039)</b>	<b>(800)</b>	<b>(643,839)</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>26,640</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>28,232</b>	<b>(33,546)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(33,546)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Total funds brought forward		45,979	-	45,979	79,525	-	79,525
Total funds carried forward	15	72,619	1,592	74,211	45,979	-	45,979

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 15.

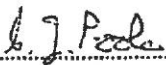


# **The Stone Foundation**

**(Registration number: 1162893)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	11	67,382	71,612
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>43,279</u>	<u>33,936</u>
		110,661	105,548
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<u>(36,450)</u>	<u>(59,569)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>74,211</u>	<u>45,979</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>			
Restricted funds		1,592	-
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>72,619</u>	<u>45,979</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	15	<u>74,211</u>	<u>45,979</u>

The financial statements on pages 9 to 21 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Chris Poole  
 Trustee

  
 .....  
 Stephen Broughton  
 Trustee

## The Stone Foundation

### Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash income/(expenditure)		28,232	(33,546)
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>			
Investment income	5	(9)	-
		28,223	(33,546)
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>			
Decrease in debtors	11	4,230	20,738
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	13	(22,446)	4,654
Decrease in deferred income		(673)	(3,819)
Net cash flows from operating activities		9,334	(11,973)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	9	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		9,343	(11,973)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		33,936	45,909
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		43,279	33,936
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds</b>			
Increase/(decrease) in cash		9,343	(11,973)
Net funds at 1 April 2022		33,936	45,909
Net funds at 31 March 2023		43,279	33,936

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### **1 Charity status**

The charity is domiciled in England and Wales.

The address of its registered office is:

Sproughton House  
Sproughton  
IP8 3AW

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 21 September 2023.

#### **2 Accounting policies**

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared 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) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

##### **Basis of preparation**

The Stone Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)**

#### **Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### **Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

#### **Grants receivable**

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

#### **Deferred income**

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

#### **Investment income**

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

#### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

#### **Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### **Support costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)**

#### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Trade creditors**

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

## The Stone Foundation

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;				
Appeals and donations	5,381	-	5,381	1,967
Grants, including capital grants;				
Babergh District Council	-	-	-	800
The Albert Hunt Trust	-	7,000	7,000	-
	<u>5,381</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>12,381</u>	<u>2,767</u>

#### 4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Tenants	79,217	79,217	62,050
Housing benefits	616,759	616,759	533,052
Consultancy	-	-	2,613
Other	31,817	31,817	9,811
	<u>727,793</u>	<u>727,793</u>	<u>607,526</u>

#### 5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

## The Stone Foundation

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Rent		390,164	375,474
Council tax		20,097	15,972
Water rates		4,981	11,774
Electricity		29,040	22,180
Gas		26,369	11,379
Oil		3,474	2,198
TV Licences		2,383	2,226
Property services and tenancy support		139,469	124,995
Repairs		535	2,430
Damages		15,199	9,302
Other		-	1,786
Charitable donations		4,920	-
Other charges		54	-
Support costs	7	75,266	64,123
		<u>711,951</u>	<u>643,839</u>

## The Stone Foundation

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 7 Analysis of support costs

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	53,739	43,889
Pension costs	2,762	2,616
Training	5,606	857
Insurance	3,490	3,649
Telephone and fax	144	74
Computer software and maintenance	91	91
Printing, postage and stationery	4	-
Refreshments	-	7
Trade subscriptions	1,713	-
Sundries	200	770
Motoring	2,292	2,400
Travel and subsistence	339	315
Advertising	701	-
Independent examination	2,678	2,100
Administration and finance services	1,255	6,120
Legal and professional	35	938
Bad debt provision	9	55
Bank charges	208	242
	<u>75,266</u>	<u>64,123</u>

#### 8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.



## The Stone Foundation

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	53,739	43,889
Pension costs	<u>2,762</u>	<u>2,616</u>
	<u>56,501</u>	<u>46,505</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Charitable activities	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

#### 10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	48,801	59,748
Due from associated undertakings	-	276
Prepayments	<u>18,581</u>	<u>11,588</u>
	<u>67,382</u>	<u>71,612</u>

#### 12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	1,655	1,094
Cash at bank	<u>41,624</u>	<u>32,842</u>
	<u>43,279</u>	<u>33,936</u>

## The Stone Foundation

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	15,635	37,662
Due to associated undertakings	-	10
Other taxation and social security	797	674
Other creditors	96	1,152
Accruals	15,683	15,159
Deferred income	4,239	4,912
	<u>36,450</u>	<u>59,569</u>
	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income at 1 April 2022	4,912	8,731
Resources deferred in the period	4,239	4,912
Amounts released from previous periods	<u>(4,912)</u>	<u>(8,731)</u>
Deferred income at year end	<u>4,239</u>	<u>4,912</u>

#### 14 Pension and other schemes

##### Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

## The Stone Foundation

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 15 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	45,979	733,174	(706,543)	72,610
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Ready Steady Rent	-	7,000	(5,408)	1,592
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>45,979</u>	<u>740,174</u>	<u>(711,951)</u>	<u>74,202</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	79,525	609,493	(643,039)	45,979
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Community Restart Funding	-	800	(800)	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>79,525</u>	<u>610,293</u>	<u>(643,839)</u>	<u>45,979</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Community Restart Funding - funds received from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils to support costs of providing online tenancy skills training courses.

## The Stone Foundation

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2023 £
Current assets	109,069	1,592	110,661
Current liabilities	(36,450)	-	(36,450)
Total net assets	<u>72,619</u>	<u>1,592</u>	<u>74,211</u>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2022 £
Current assets	105,548	105,548
Current liabilities	(59,569)	(59,569)
Total net assets	<u>45,979</u>	<u>45,979</u>

#### 17 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

##### **Robert Morris**

Robert Morris, who was a trustee during the year, is also an employee of the Mavam Group. The Stone Foundation works in partnership with the Mavam Group to deliver the Foundations' objectives. At the balance sheet date the amount due to/from Robert Morris was £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

Charity registration number: 1162893

# The Stone Foundation

Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Field Sullivan Limited  
9 Hare & Billet Road  
Blackheath  
London  
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## **The Stone Foundation**

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## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Chairman</b>	Rob Morris
<b>Trustees</b>	Jane Evans Angela Thompson Rob Morris Liam Mackinder Jean Poole Chris Poole Sam Poole Stephen Broughton
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1162893
<b>Principal Office</b>	Sproughton House Sproughton Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3AW
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Field Sullivan Limited 9 Hare & Billet Road Blackheath London SE3 0RB
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank Plc 9 Buttermarket Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1DF

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Trustees' Report**

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of The Stone Foundation for the 12-month period ended 31 March 2023. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 12-14 and comply with the Foundation's Constitution and applicable law.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Stone Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) constituted on 28 July 2015. It is a registered charity no. 1162893 and the principal office can be found on the contents page.

The Trustees who have served during the period and since the period end are set out in the list below. All the Trustees have been appointed for a period of 3 years.

#### **Trustees and officers**

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Jane Evans
	Angela Thompson
	Rob Morris
	Liam Mackinder
	Jean Poole
	Chris Poole
	Sam Poole
	Stephen Broughton

Chairman:	Rob Morris
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Where there is a requirement for new Trustees, this would be identified by the remaining Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity Trustees, the Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

#### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business, and operational risks which the Foundation faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that such risks are continuously monitored and that appropriate steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the Foundation are to relieve the financial hardship of people who are in need, living in Essex, Norfolk, and Suffolk, through the provision of housing and associated support services.

Our key objectives can be detailed as:

- relieving homelessness.
- helping vulnerable individuals to access accommodation, which includes our Tenancy Training Course – Ready Steady Rent; and
- helping individuals and Local Housing Authorities by providing move-on accommodation from supported housing.



## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Public Benefit**

In meeting the Foundation's objectives, the trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The Stone Foundation is responsible for the lease and full management of twenty-seven properties, providing 81 units of accommodation. During the financial year we lost two properties equating to 4 units because the landlord required the properties back: one a 3-bed house and one 1 bed flat.

All eligible tenants are in receipt of full Housing Benefit, which meets most of their rent and service charges. We are continuing to seek opportunities to acquire more properties from a variety of owners, including properties that require renovation and which can be brought back into use for vulnerable/homeless people. We have also contacted some housing associations who may be looking to dispose of properties that do not meet the high standards of energy efficiency required by the housing regulator. However, the current market economy of high demand for rental properties and significant increases in mortgage rates, owners can achieve private rents significantly higher than the Local Authority Allowance level that we can offer and therefore, are less inclined to lease properties to the Stone, despite the advantages we offer particularly regarding regular maintenance of the property etc.

#### **Assessing Success**

Our success is measured on the one hand by the size of our portfolio, occupancy rates and margins on properties. Occupancy levels during this financial year have increased slightly on last year following the cessation of the Covid 19 restrictions. We opened Lowestoft, a 10-bed facility and welcomed the first tenant in May 2022. Since then, we have gradually increased tenant numbers, at the year-end Lowestoft housed 5 tenants. We aim to have this property fully occupied by the current year end. Once this is the case then occupancy levels should increase accordingly.

Other measures relate to our non-property initiatives, which so far include only the Tenancy Training Skills course, Ready Steady Rent. Criteria for assessing success in this are in respect of numbers of attendees who successfully complete the training and the user perceived outcomes of the training. Discussions with local authorities were a priority for the current CEO on her arrival so we set about working in partnership to deliver our excellent training courses across our local area. Following the year's end, we signed a Service Level Agreement with one local authority to run a number of Ready Steady Rent courses over the next 12 months, for which we will be getting paid per session.

#### **Principal Risks**

The main risk to the Foundation is a reduction in overall occupancy rates. This is mitigated through various processes and procedures including regular property inspections and immediate action in terms of tenant neglect or damage to reduce void times because of repairs having to be undertaken. A ticketing system for maintenance allows for timely repair and refurbishment works at the end of a tenancy, again to reduce void times.

Prior to obtaining additional properties, research is conducted to ensure there is demand for the service. Tenancy training aims to increase tenants' understanding of the responsibilities of managing a tenancy, which in turn aims to minimise the risk of eviction. All tenants moving into our community flats are encouraged to attend the training.

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Decisions**

Major decisions are discussed and agreed on at board meetings which take place every 6 weeks and/or via email.

#### **Induction Training of Trustees**

The process for inducting Trustees is simple and straightforward. The CEO and Chair will provide a brief on the organisation, board function and meetings and the expected role of the individual concerned. All Trustees receive the Charity Commission's Guide - "The Essential Trustee ...", a copy of the Constitution, previous minutes and any other relevant information. The prospective Trustee is invited to a board meeting in an observer capacity to meet the other Trustees, and vice versa.

#### **Fund Raising**

The Foundation does not have an official fund raiser - this is part of the role of the CEO, who will seek appropriate fund-giving bodies and submit bids. Trustees opt to raise funds individually or suggest fund raising strategies as part of their role on the board. The Foundation subscribes to grant aiding organisations such as The Giving Machine, Virgin and Easy Fundraising, which offer a wider target audience.

#### **Financial Review**

For the year ended 31 March 2023, the Foundation made a surplus of £28,232, an increase of £61,778 on the previous year. This is on gross income of £740,183 (year ended 31 March 2022 £610,293). On 31 March 2023 the Foundation held reserves totaling £72,619 (on 31 March 2022 £45,979).

Total rental income for the year was £695,976 (year ended 31 March 2022 £595,102). The split on this is approximately 91%/9% housing benefit/tenant contribution.

The property related costs for the Foundation are for the most part fixed in relation to its capacity to rent accommodation. For the period in question, the main provider of properties was the Mavam Group who provided sixteen properties equating to 60 units, with the balance of 10 properties, providing 12 units, rented from other private landlords.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The current level of funding is considered adequate to meet the majority of the Foundation's aims and objectives. The Trustees have a continued commitment from the Mavam Group to provide financial support should additional funds be required. There are no hard and fast rules regarding minimum and maximum amounts that should be held in reserves but The Stoen Foundation Trustees have an agreed business plan to achieve c. £120,000. The Foundation's main risk of reduced income relates to high void levels (low occupancy). Forecasts currently base occupancy levels at c.85%, which provides a surplus and thus grows reserves. We have also had some uncertainty around utility/fuel costs and have made some changes to our rents and service charges going forward to protect us from such fluctuations.

#### **Going Concern**

The Trustees have considered the current occupancy and rental income levels and concluded that there are sufficient resources available to allow the Foundation to continue to operate for a period of at least twelve months. The Trustees therefore believe that the going concern basis is an appropriate basis for these financial statements.

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Plans for the future**

The Trustees will continue to seek additional properties to provide further supported accommodation on favourable terms.

The Stone Foundation remains hopeful of promoting and increasing the success of Ready Steady Rent still further and to be able to demonstrate sufficient outcomes to promote the initiative more widely and robustly with a view to ensuring a steady income stream that covers the cost of delivery and provides funds for further investment.

#### **Chief Executive Officer and the Stone Foundation Team**

During the year we welcomed Anne Bennett as our new CEO on the 1st of February 2023. Anne has many years of housing and management experience and has fitted in to her role, and the team, really well and we would like to thank her for her hard work to date. We would also like to thank everyone that works for the Stone Foundation for their hard work and commitment to what we are trying to achieve.

#### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

The law applicable to charities 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 the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 proper accounting records that 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

## **The Stone Foundation**

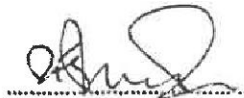
### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 21 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Chris Poole  
Trustee



Stephen Broughton  
Trustee

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Stone Foundation**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. 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 this 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, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of The Stone Foundation 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 The Stone Foundation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since The Stone Foundation's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

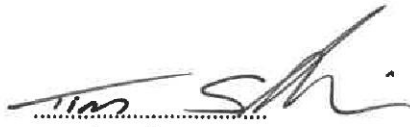
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Stone Foundation as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting 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.

**The Stone Foundation**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Stone Foundation (continued)**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Sullivan', written over a dotted line.

Timothy Sullivan FCA  
Field Sullivan Limited  
9 Hare & Billet Road  
Blackheath  
London  
SE3 0RB

Date: 13/10/23...

## The Stone Foundation

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	5,381	7,000	12,381	1,967	800	2,767
Charitable activities	4	727,793	-	727,793	607,526	-	607,526
Investment income	5	9	-	9	-	-	-
Total income		733,183	7,000	740,183	609,493	800	610,293
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	6	(706,543)	(5,408)	(711,951)	(643,039)	(800)	(643,839)
Total expenditure		(706,543)	(5,408)	(711,951)	(643,039)	(800)	(643,839)
Net movement in funds		26,640	1,592	28,232	(33,546)	-	(33,546)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Total funds brought forward		45,979	-	45,979	79,525	-	79,525
Total funds carried forward	15	72,619	1,592	74,211	45,979	-	45,979

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

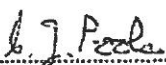
The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 15.

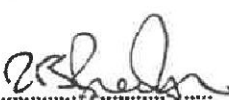
# **The Stone Foundation**

**(Registration number: 1162893)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	11	67,382	71,612
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>43,279</u>	<u>33,936</u>
		110,661	105,548
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<u>(36,450)</u>	<u>(59,569)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>74,211</u>	<u>45,979</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>			
Restricted funds		1,592	-
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>72,619</u>	<u>45,979</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	15	<u>74,211</u>	<u>45,979</u>

The financial statements on pages 9 to 21 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Chris Poole  
 Trustee

  
 .....  
 Stephen Broughton  
 Trustee



## The Stone Foundation

### Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash income/(expenditure)		28,232	(33,546)
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>			
Investment income	5	(9)	-
		28,223	(33,546)
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>			
Decrease in debtors	11	4,230	20,738
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	13	(22,446)	4,654
Decrease in deferred income		(673)	(3,819)
Net cash flows from operating activities		9,334	(11,973)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	9	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		9,343	(11,973)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		33,936	45,909
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		43,279	33,936
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds</b>			
Increase/(decrease) in cash		9,343	(11,973)
Net funds at 1 April 2022		33,936	45,909
Net funds at 31 March 2023		43,279	33,936

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### **1 Charity status**

The charity is domiciled in England and Wales.

The address of its registered office is:

Sproughton House

Sproughton

IP8 3AW

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 21 September 2023.

#### **2 Accounting policies**

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared 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) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

##### **Basis of preparation**

The Stone Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)**

#### **Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### ***Donations and legacies***

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

#### ***Grants receivable***

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

#### ***Deferred income***

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

#### ***Investment income***

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

#### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

#### ***Charitable activities***

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### **Support costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

## **The Stone Foundation**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)**

#### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Trade creditors**

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

## The Stone Foundation

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;				
Appeals and donations	5,381	-	5,381	1,967
Grants, including capital grants;				
Babergh District Council	-	-	-	800
The Albert Hunt Trust	-	7,000	7,000	-
	<u>5,381</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>12,381</u>	<u>2,767</u>

#### 4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Tenants	79,217	79,217	62,050
Housing benefits	616,759	616,759	533,052
Consultancy	-	-	2,613
Other	31,817	31,817	9,811
	<u>727,793</u>	<u>727,793</u>	<u>607,526</u>

#### 5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

## The Stone Foundation

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Rent		390,164	375,474
Council tax		20,097	15,972
Water rates		4,981	11,774
Electricity		29,040	22,180
Gas		26,369	11,379
Oil		3,474	2,198
TV Licences		2,383	2,226
Property services and tenancy support		139,469	124,995
Repairs		535	2,430
Damages		15,199	9,302
Other		-	1,786
Charitable donations		4,920	-
Other charges		54	-
Support costs	7	<u>75,266</u>	<u>64,123</u>
		<u>711,951</u>	<u>643,839</u>

## The Stone Foundation

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 7 Analysis of support costs

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	53,739	43,889
Pension costs	2,762	2,616
Training	5,606	857
Insurance	3,490	3,649
Telephone and fax	144	74
Computer software and maintenance	91	91
Printing, postage and stationery	4	-
Refreshments	-	7
Trade subscriptions	1,713	-
Sundries	200	770
Motoring	2,292	2,400
Travel and subsistence	339	315
Advertising	701	-
Independent examination	2,678	2,100
Administration and finance services	1,255	6,120
Legal and professional	35	938
Bad debt provision	9	55
Bank charges	208	242
	<u>75,266</u>	<u>64,123</u>

#### 8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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#### 9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	53,739	43,889
Pension costs	<u>2,762</u>	<u>2,616</u>
	<u>56,501</u>	<u>46,505</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Charitable activities	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

#### 10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	48,801	59,748
Due from associated undertakings	-	276
Prepayments	<u>18,581</u>	<u>11,588</u>
	<u>67,382</u>	<u>71,612</u>

#### 12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	1,655	1,094
Cash at bank	<u>41,624</u>	<u>32,842</u>
	<u>43,279</u>	<u>33,936</u>



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#### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	15,635	37,662
Due to associated undertakings	-	10
Other taxation and social security	797	674
Other creditors	96	1,152
Accruals	15,683	15,159
Deferred income	4,239	4,912
	<u>36,450</u>	<u>59,569</u>
	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income at 1 April 2022	4,912	8,731
Resources deferred in the period	4,239	4,912
Amounts released from previous periods	<u>(4,912)</u>	<u>(8,731)</u>
Deferred income at year end	<u>4,239</u>	<u>4,912</u>

#### 14 Pension and other schemes

##### Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

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#### 15 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	45,979	733,174	(706,543)	72,610
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Ready Steady Rent	-	7,000	(5,408)	1,592
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>45,979</u>	<u>740,174</u>	<u>(711,951)</u>	<u>74,202</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	79,525	609,493	(643,039)	45,979
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Community Restart Funding	-	800	(800)	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>79,525</u>	<u>610,293</u>	<u>(643,839)</u>	<u>45,979</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Community Restart Funding - funds received from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils to support costs of providing online tenancy skills training courses.

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#### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2023 £
Current assets	109,069	1,592	110,661
Current liabilities	(36,450)	-	(36,450)
Total net assets	<u>72,619</u>	<u>1,592</u>	<u>74,211</u>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2022 £
Current assets	105,548	105,548
Current liabilities	(59,569)	(59,569)
Total net assets	<u>45,979</u>	<u>45,979</u>

#### 17 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

##### **Robert Morris**

Robert Morris, who was a trustee during the year, is also an employee of the Mavam Group. The Stone Foundation works in partnership with the Mavam Group to deliver the Foundations' objectives. At the balance sheet date the amount due to/from Robert Morris was £Nil (2022 - £Nil).