



**Trustees' Annual Report for the period
from 23rd October 2022 to 22nd October 2023**

Charity name: Evelyn's Gift CIO

Charity registration number: 1165015

Evelyn's Gift was registered as a CIO in January 2016. Our work is in memory of 7-year-old Evelyn Mary Smith, who died suddenly and unexpectedly in 2013. We carry out a diverse range of projects and provide individual acts of kindness for people in need. We promote CPR life saving skills training in the community, working with our partner charity, Warwickshire Hearts.

Objectives and Activities

- (1) To preserve and protect good health by the provision of emergency life support training through schools and councils in Warwickshire.
- (2) Such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

The public benefits from purpose (1) are evidenced by research from the Resuscitation Council that shows that training in the community improves survival rates from community cardiac arrests. Training sessions for CPR/ AED have been delivered by the charity Warwickshire Hearts, with a small number organised by Evelyn's Gift. One session included a lunch as part of a wider community event, and the food was funded by Evelyn's Gift. Since the project began, approximately ten thousand people have been trained in South Warwickshire.

The majority of our work during this period has been in the area of acts of kindness for people in need for a variety of reasons, including bereavement, serious health problems, poverty, addiction, abuse or homelessness. This work applies to objective (2). Some are individual needs, although these are applied to requests from a wide range of sources, mainly across Warwickshire. We have received requests for support from sources that include Warwickshire County Council Children's Services and Care Leaver teams,

charities supporting families with children with serious illness, community nursing teams, hospices, community centres and schools.

We provided individual items, such as household items and a laptop, for young people leaving the care system when other funding is not available. We provide items such as essential toiletries for vulnerable housed and homeless people, and people leaving prison, through social services and other organisations.

We gave a number of supermarket gift vouchers to families in financial difficulties or because of their child's serious illness.

We fund a bereavement group for parents when their child has died, run by Warwickshire Therapy, as a mutual support network. We provide bereavement support resource packs for families and schools, aimed at primary-aged children. The requests for packs increased significantly in the period, resulting in this becoming our biggest project.

We operated in Warwickshire and Coventry.

For individuals we are providing a direct benefit through objective (2) by enhancing quality of life and physical and mental wellbeing. Many of the items we provide are essential for a reasonable standard of living. We receive regular feedback from health, social care and education professionals about the direct impact on children, young people and adults. The Parents' Bereavement Group and bereavement support packs have facilitated support for bereaved people and feedback from parents, schools and other organisations shows that these projects improving outcomes for bereaved people.

Objective (2) provides the public benefit of enhancing the community by facilitating community support for local people that are in crisis or vulnerable.

Decision Making Policy

Regular projects, such as bereavement support packs and toiletries for vulnerable people, do not require trustee approval. Projects using restricted funds are reported to the trustees to ensure that the fund is being used as intended.

New projects and requests for individual support over £100 are shared electronically with the trustees if they are considered to meet our objectives. The trustees also have access to the accounts and financial status. A minimum of three trustees, in addition to the proposer, are required before the request can be approved and actioned.

All decisions are made by the trustees with consideration of the public benefit and the charity's objectives.

Structure, Governance and Management

Evelyn's Gift is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by constitution. There are twelve trustees, which is the maximum number. Four of the trustees are related to one another because the charity is in memory of Evelyn Smith. The remaining trustees have a variety of skills in other areas and were all appointed by proposal and approval by existing trustees.

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Additional information
Helen M C Smith	Chair	Also trustee of Lapworth Group Riding for the Disabled Incorporating Carriage Driving (CIO)
Trevor Smith	Treasurer	Husband of Chair
Edward Smith		Son of Chair
Kate M Pelling		Sister of Chair
Guy A P King	Secretary	
Jan Grewal		Also trustee of Barford St Peter's School Trust
Tracy Kewley		Additional bank account holder – unrelated to Treasurer and chair
Donna Marie Arnold-Kelly		
Elizabeth N Jackson		
Alan Coope		
Caroline J Beresford-Ruck		
Kathryn Pepper		



Introduction

This financial year has seen our funding increase by almost 63% and an increase in expenditure of 55%, when compared to the year ending in October 2022. Over £19k of that funding was received shortly before the end of this financial year. This increase in funding has allowed us to extend our work to reach more people, particularly through Warwickshire County Council Children's Services and with our bereavement resource support packs.

1 Projects

Project		
Acts of kindness	Ongoing	We carried out 60 acts of kindness for individuals that were referred to us by WCC Social Services, schools, health professionals and other charities. Examples include a bed frame for a teenager with Leukaemia, an iPad and bracket for a child with a medical condition, supermarket vouchers for a family with child carers and a cooker for a young couple with a baby. All individual cases over £100 were approved by a minimum of four trustees.
Norma Wilson's Christmas hampers for young people leaving/ have left care	Annual Christmas project	We supported Norma's hampers again this year with two hundred boxes of biscuits. Morrisons donated food from their pick bag scheme where customers buy items for good causes. We had tin collection in store to contribute to the funding of the project. For the first time, WCC Children's Services took part and provided food for the hampers. There were food collections for us at Taylor Wimpey (Midlands), St Mary's Catholic School and Puddleducks and Posh Nursery. Warwickshire Search and Rescue delivered everything to Norma with Evelyn's Gift, social services and Morrisons. The hampers were then collected by social workers and distributed to young people throughout December.
Bereavement Support resources	Ongoing	We have provided an estimated 150 bereavement resource packs and memory boxes, which again, represents a significant increase compared with last year. This is partly because we are now supplying packs to schools and social services in North Warwickshire. Ten packs were funded from a restricted Warwickshire County Council Community fund.

Bereavement Group	Ongoing	The group is centred around sessions at Warwickshire Therapy and is specifically for bereaved parents, regardless of the age or circumstances of their child's death. Some meet individually to provide mutual support and friendship. We have found that more private sessions have been required this year, and we have been able to fund this from a donation from St James' Place
Other bereavement support	Ongoing	Our policy is to fund silver fingerprint jewellery for parents when a child dies, or for a child when they have experienced a significant loss, such as a parent or sibling. We provided pieces for three families. We funded candles for our ceremony to remember children that have died. We purchased weighted teddies for parent that experienced baby loss, at the request of hospital chaplains
Warwickshire Children's Services	Ongoing	We are members of the Child Friendly Warwickshire initiative. We work closely with social services to identify individual need and also projects that will benefit young people in care, or those being supported after leaving care. We have provided funding for an activity holiday so that siblings in different care settings can spend time together. We funded a weekend break for care leavers with young children. We continued to provide New Home packs and extended the project to young people leaving care and starting university courses. We have received reconditioned laptops from Cool Breeze Technology Ltd that have been donated to young people through our contacts.
LWS Night Shelter	Ongoing	We provided sixty chocolate oranges for their Christmas Parcels and food items at other times of the year.
Criminal Justice / Homeless outreach in Coventry	Ongoing	We supplied toiletry packs for people when they leave prison so that the team can engage with them more easily. We provided sunscreen and toiletries for people supported by Change, Grow Live Coventry team. We have increased the number of toiletry packs this year to support CGL to engage with people when they are in hospital with addiction issues. We supplied over three hundred packs, plus some underwear and sanitary products.
Other projects		There were a number of other projects, including mugs for the Myton Hospices café at Coventry and watering cans for Warwick cemetery
Be Happy Day	Annual	1 st December is Evelyn's Birthday, and we ask people to carry out acts of kindness. Alex Pearson from Morrisons walked seventeen miles to raise £727 which has now been fund matched by Morrisons. We lit candles for children and young people that have died, which we do each year.

2 Fundraising and support

A total of £ 8364 was carried over from the previous year, of which £ 618 was restricted

2.1 Income

During the year, we received £62,326 from a range of sources as shown in figure 1.

Some of these donations were received near the end of the financial year, including a donation of £16, 358.05 from The Croft Preparatory School Parents' Association on 10th and 11th of October 2023 and more than £3,000 in other donations. For this reason, our income has significantly exceeded our expenditure.

The very large amount raised by The Croft Preparatory School Parents' Association is the result of a fundraising period that was intended to be for two academic years for two charities, but was extended because of the pandemic.

£11,461 came from online platforms such as Go Fund Me and Facebook, including the 3 Peaks Challenge by Procure 4 Ltd, the 2 Castles run by Coten End School staff and donations to Morrisons Community Champion, Alex Pearson's sponsored walk for Evelyn's birthday.

The People's Local Trust, funded by the participants of People's Postcode Lottery, awarded us a grant of £7,500, to be used for our work.

Over £4,800 was raised for us in memory of Jessica Pardo (Jess Fest 21) and Lee 'Beanie' Neale (Beanie's Beach Bash). Jess Fest 21 was a Rugby festival for both Evelyn's Gift and Shine a Light.

Over £6,000 was received from various businesses, £5,000 of which was a confidential donation, and other donations included Morrisons fund matching and Bimson Haulage Ltd.

We received £1,000 in unrestricted and £3,000 restricted funding for specific projects with Children's Services from a trust fund. St James' Place gave us a £2,500 grant for our bereavement support work. We received a further £3,586 from other charities and trusts.

Individual donations of £2,620 were made and £192 was claimed in Gift Aid, with further claims received in the next financial year.

Warwick Preparatory School Parents' Association made a donation of £2000.

INCOME SUMMARY 23 OCT 2022 - 22 OCT 2023 TOTAL £62,326

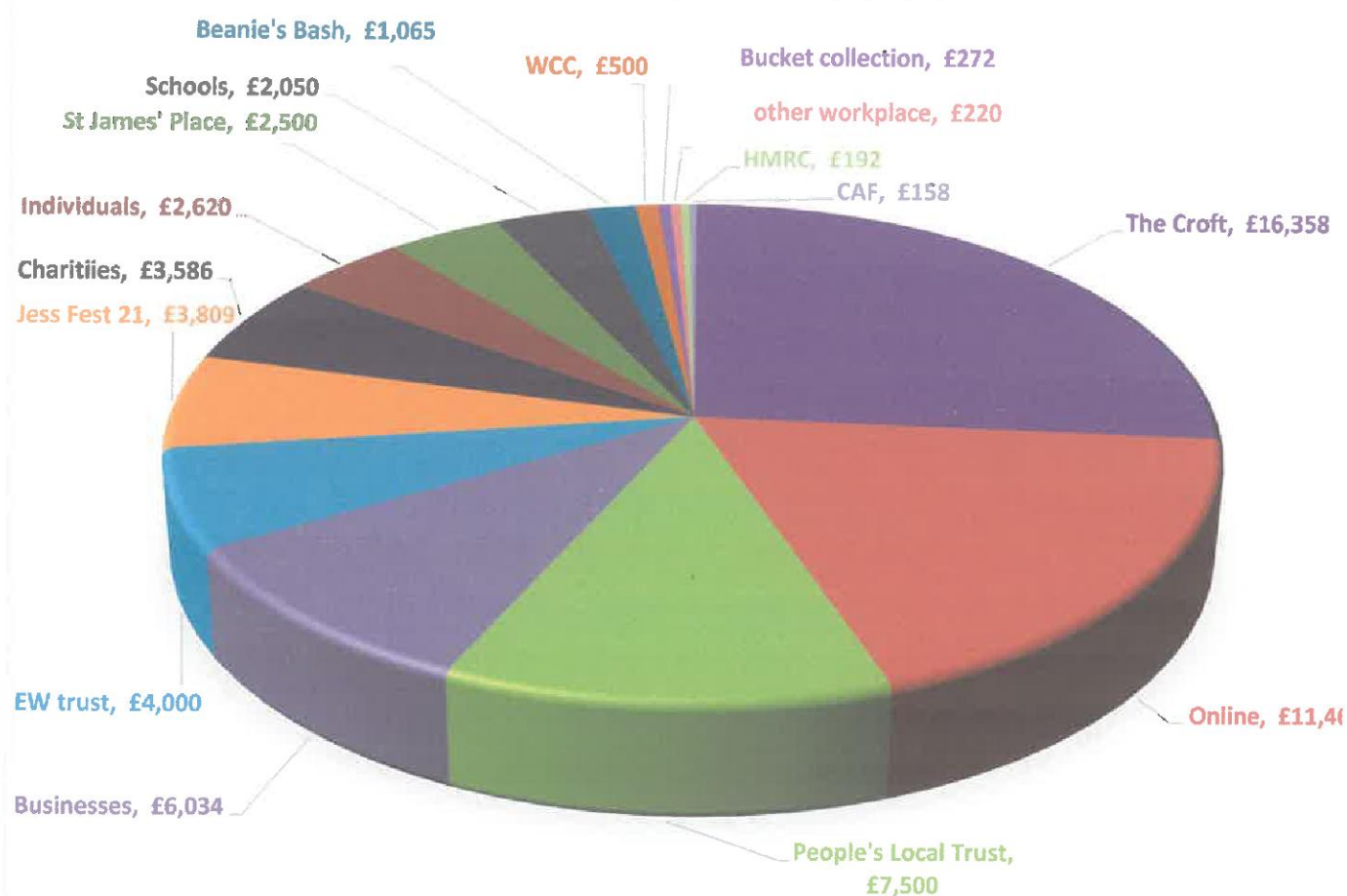


Figure 1 Income 2022 -2023

3 Expenditure

3.1 Restricted funds

Restricted funds of £618 were carried over from the year ending 22nd Oct 2022.

Source	Amount	Project	Balance to be carried over
EW Trust	£87.08	Children's Services	0
LNS closure	£410.03	Vulnerable adults	0
Rooted in our Community	£121.00	Allotment	£121.00
Total Restricted fund brought forward from funds to end 2022			£121

Carried over funds from the closure of Leamington Night Shelter and from the EW Trust were spent on CGL Coventry and Children's Services, respectively. A further £3,640 of restricted funding was received during the financial period, with £1,374.18 carried over for Children's Services and for the Parents' Bereavement Group

Restricted funds received between 23/10/2022 and Oct 22/10/2023

Source	Amount	Remaining funds
Individual for memorial fingerprints	£240.00	0
EW trust Children's Services	£3,000.00	£396.02
St James' Place bereavement support	£2,500	£978.16
Warwickshire County Council bereavement packs	£500	0
Total of restricted funds received this year and carried over		£1,374.18

Total restricted fund carried over £ 1,495.18

Restricted fund Expenditure

Project	Expenditure
LNS rough sleepers and vulnerable	£410.03
Individual acts of kindness	£240
St James' place	£1,521.84
Bereavement Resource packs	£500
EW Care Leavers	£2,691.06
Total	£5,363

Total expenditure for the year was £ 35910, shown in figure 2

The bereavement support resource packs and memory boxes, aimed at anyone supporting a bereaved child, and young people, cost £7,973. This project has continued to grow, as more schools, community groups, charities and social workers have become aware of their availability. There has been a particularly significant increase in requests for North Warwickshire, following a schools' conference looking at bereavement.

There were sixty individual acts of kindness from referrals from schools, social services, health professionals and other charities. There were other acts of kindness from the EW trust. The total cost for these was £7,188. Examples of expenditure in this category include food parcels and vouchers, specialist disability equipment, white goods and beds, and baby items. Individual cases were approved by the trustees.

Apart from funding from the EW Trust, a further £6,309 was spent on projects with Children's Services at Warwickshire County Council. Projects include our annual contribution to Norma's Christmas Hampers for care leavers, New Home Packs and University Packs for

care leavers, and funding towards a weekend trip for young people with small children that have not been on holiday before.

Using funding from a trust, we were able to fund a holiday to an activity centre for children that live in separate foster homes from their siblings.

We have continued to fund a Parents' Bereavement Group at Warwickshire Therapy, and have been able to extend this funding to individual sessions for those in most need of urgent support. Warwickshire Therapy is a fully insured and trained provider and the total funding used for this project was £4,650.

Other bereavement support has been provided in the form of weighted teddies for bereaved parents, at the request of hospital chaplains, and silver fingerprint jewellery. It is our policy to fund silver fingerprints or handprints when a child dies, or when a child experiences a significant bereavement.

We have provided toiletry packs, underwear and sanitary products to Change Grow Live in Coventry. Our regular supply has meant that they have been able to extend this work to reach people in hospital with addiction issues. Other homeless and vulnerably housed support included food for LWS Night Shelter and Christmas dinner at the Way Ahead Project.

Our running costs have increased this year, although some of these costs resulted from investment in branding for collection buckets, a vertical banner, stickers, some stationery and t shirts for fundraising events, all of which will be used in the future. We half funded the temporary toilets for Jess Fest 21 so that the event could go ahead. Our public liability insurance, website, share of storage, and accounts with Amazon Business and Zoom, make up the majority of the other costs.

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY 23 OCT 2022 - 22

OCT 2023 TOTAL £35,910

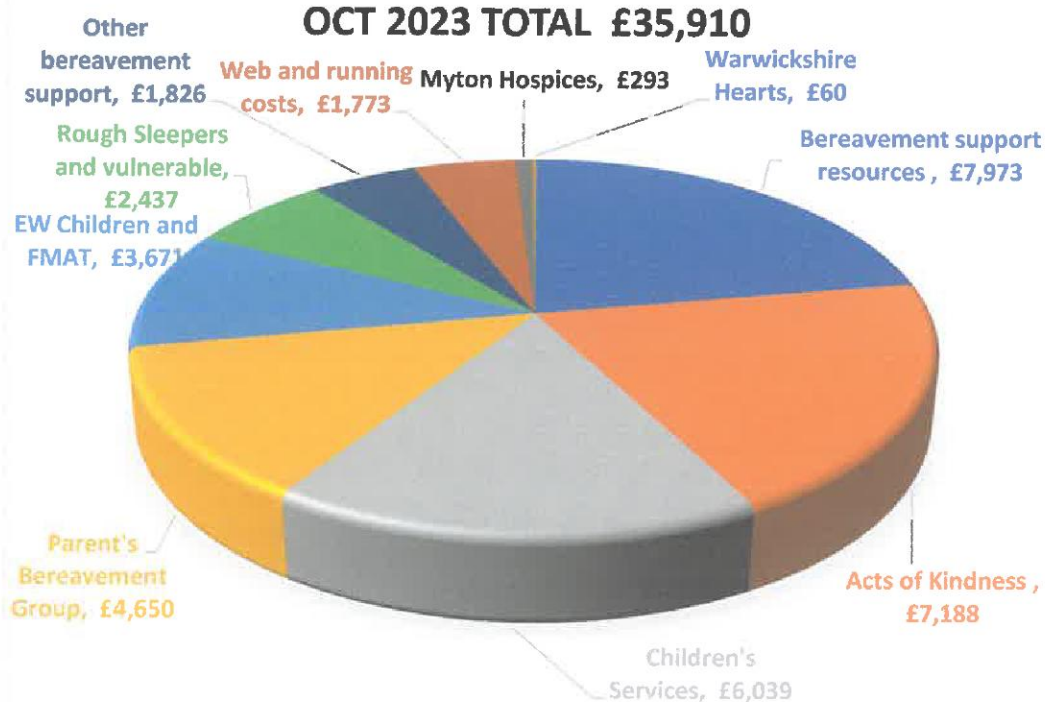


Figure 2 Expenditure 2022-2023

4 Summary of activity 23/10/22- 22/10/23

Carried over from 2022	Income	Expenditure	Carried over to 2023/24
£8364	£62,326	£35,910	£34,780

Bank Accounts carried over

Santander unrestricted	£33,016.72
Santander restricted	£ 1,495.18
Santander total	£34,511.90
Cash and cheques	£ 268.39

Total carried over £34,780.29



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Evelyn's Gift

Charity No
1165015

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

23/10/2022

To

22/10/2023

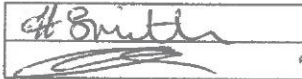
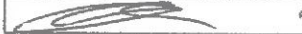
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Schools	18,408	-	-	18,408	209
Charities and Trusts	12,086	5,600	-	17,686	5,100
Online Fundraising	11,461	-	-	11,461	5,139
Businesses	6,413	-	-	6,413	6,858
Events	5,146	-	-	5,146	2,477
Individuals	2,386	240	-	2,620	3,124
Local authority funding	-	500	-	500	-
Gift Aid	192	-	-	192	496
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	56,086	6,240	-	62,326	23,313
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	56,086	6,240	-	62,326	23,313
A3 Payments					
Bereavement support resources	7,473	500	-	7,973	3,923
Acts of Kindness	7,188	-	-	7,188	6,470
Children's Services	6,039	-	-	6,039	2,355
Parent's Bereavement Group	3,128	1,622	-	4,650	2,605
EW Children and FMAT	980	2,691	-	3,671	3,360
Rough Sleepers and vulnerable	2,027	410	-	2,437	1,248
Other bereavement support	1,586	240	-	1,826	1,021
Web and running costs	1,773	-	-	1,773	708
Milton Hospices	293	-	-	293	446
other projects	60	-	-	60	1,017
Sub total	30,547	5,363	-	35,910	23,152
(see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	56,086	6,240	-	62,326	23,313
A3 Payments					
Bereavement support resources	7,473	500	-	7,973	3,923
Acts of Kindness	7,188	-	-	7,188	6,470
Children's Services	6,039	-	-	6,039	2,355
Parent's Bereavement Group	3,128	1,622	-	4,650	2,605
EW Children and FMAT	980	2,691	-	3,671	3,360
Rough Sleepers and vulnerable	2,027	410	-	2,437	1,248
Other bereavement support	1,586	240	-	1,826	1,021
Web and running costs	1,773	-	-	1,773	708
Milton Hospices	293	-	-	293	446
other projects	60	-	-	60	1,017
Sub total	30,547	5,363	-	35,910	23,152
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,547	5,363	-	35,910	23,152
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,539	877	-	26,416	161
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,746	618	-	8,364	8,283
Cash funds this year end	33,285	1,495	-	34,780	8,364

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Santander Business Account	33,017	1,495	-
	Cash and cheque	268	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	33,285	1,495	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	HELEN SMITH	22/11/23
	GUY KING	22/11/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Evelyn's Gift

On accounts for the year
ended

22/10/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1165015

Set out on pages

11 and 12 of the Annual Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 22 / 10 / 2023.

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 Trust'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.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

15/5/2024

Name:

J. R. Plumb

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Accountant (1973 to 2006)

Address:

2 News Cottages, Cloister Crofts,

Leamington Spa CV32 6AQ

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.