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**Financial Statements
year 2025**

**Period Covering
6th April 2024 to 5th April
2025**



The Stanton Guildhouse Trust

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Name of Charity

The Stanton Guildhouse Trust

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

founded 13th October 2016

Also referred to as "The Guildhouse" and "Stanton Guildhouse"

And governed by constitution.

Registered Charity Number

1169660

Executive President

Lord Mawson OBE

Trustees

Frank Creber - Chairman

Sir Dr Sam Everington OBE - Treasurer

Dr Elizabeth Hodges – Secretary

Fern Mawson - Trustee

Administrators and Employees

Angel Mawson - Manager

Julia Stanbridge - Accountant

Independent Examiner

Donald Findley

Bankers

HSBC Plc

Scottish Widows

CAF Bank

Chairman's Preface (Trustees report)

The Stanton Guildhouse Trust is a charitable organisation which exists to promote traditional arts and crafts, and to provide a restful centre for education, meditation and training. In order to maintain the arts and crafts provision in the studio, pottery and workshop, the Guildhouse generates extra income from letting its facilities as a retreat for meetings, conferences and leisure activities.

A significant proportion of income is put back into the buildings and infrastructure, improvements have been made to heating, lighting and fixtures and fittings, as well as horticultural work and hard landscaping to the exterior of the property. Where furniture is purchased to replace old or sub standard pieces, there is a focus on purchasing high-quality, locally produced items that reflect enduring British design traditions while also showcasing the best of contemporary design.

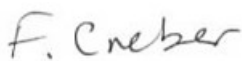
A new modern, user-friendly website has been developed to share the story of the Stanton Guildhouse—its founding, its heritage, and the current programme of arts and craft classes, along with details of its house-letting offer.

For the 12 months ending 5th April 2025, the Trust recorded a loss of £3,361 (2024 loss £30,501). The Trust's retained earnings were in deficit throughout the year. As the trust benefits from the profits of its wholly owned trading subsidiary the trustees do not foresee remedial action required.

A full range of classes were held in the year, the staff team constantly review the class programme, ensuring there is a diverse selection of arts and crafts disciplines on offer, that appeal to local people. The Art workshop spaces have undergone upgrades during the year, replacing out of date equipment, and tutors have taken part in training in line with our Health and Safety policies.

I would like to record my thanks to all our trustees, tutors and staff, for their invaluable support and good humour throughout the year.

Frank Creber



Chairman of Trustees

04/09/2025

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of The Stanton Guildhouse Trust for the Twelve Month Period Ended 5 April 2025

In accordance with the instructions given to me, I have examined the income and expenditure account, prepared by the Trustees, and compared it to the computer records, together with additional information and explanations supplied to me.

The account shows a loss of £3,361 for the year, and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities shows net assets of £2,172,732.

My examination of the financial records of the Trust was carried out in accordance with the general directions for small charities given by the Charity Commissioners. The examination included a review of the computerised cash accounting records maintained by the Trust, seeking explanations and clarification for any unusual items, where necessary, from the administrative staff or Trustees. The records appear to be robust with good regular financial reporting to the Trustees and back-up records maintained safely.

The procedures I have undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the income and expenditure of the Trust for the financial year covering the period 6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025.

In connection with my examination of the Income and Expenditure Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, no matter has come to my attention which is not covered in my comments and notes to the accounts:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act requirements, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of that act, have not been met; and
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached, provided all pages of these accounts are read.

Regards

Donald Findley

Donald Findley

01/09/2025

Dated:

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INCOME		£'s	£'s
<u>Donations and legacies</u>			
Fund Raising & Grants		685	712
Donations and legacies	4	20,846	80
<u>Charitable activities</u>			
Craft Classes, Education & Training	1	42,461	37,22
Summer Schools			
<u>Trading activities</u>			
Lettings & Accommodation	2	8,630	1,19
<u>Investment activities</u>			
Interest Earned		1,674	724
TOTAL INCOME		74,296	39,939
EXPENDITURE			
<u>raising funds</u>			
Advertising, Marketing & Website		1581	
Postages, Telephones & Photocopying		1,329	
		2,910	
<u>Charitable activities</u>			
Craft Classes & Community Activities	1	33,049	29,05
General Overhead Costs		1,094	415
		34,143	29,466
<u>Overheads</u>			
Maintenance & Repairs		1,261	
Depreciation		9,829	
Heat, Light & Water		5,009	
Insurances		3496	
Payroll Costs	3	17,483	15,234
General Office			
Bank Charges		768	
Professional Fees		2,758	
		40,604	39,500
TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE		77,657	70,440
Net income/(expenditure)		-3,361	-30,501

	(A)	2025	2024
FIXED ASSETS			
Freehold Property		2,006,776	2,007,114

Fixture and Fittings		69,442	74,913
Plant & Equipment		11,562	7,172
Investments			
Stanton Guildhouse Ltd	(B)	1	1
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	(C)	22,086	29,913
prepayments and accrued income		4,614	202
HSBC account	(D)	0	14,025
CAF cash account		23,094	3,821
Scottish Widows		0	19,466
CAF Deposit account		78,966	25,379
Total Cash Balances		102,060	62,691
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		128,760	92,805
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(E)	43,809	5,913
NET CURRENT ASSETS		84,951	86,892
Total net assets/(liabilities)		2,172,732	2,176,092
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	(F)		
Unrestricted funds b/f		86,174	116,676
transfer from designated funds		9,392	
Current year earnings		-3,361	-30,501
Unrestricted funds c/f		92,205	86,174
Revaluation reserve		2,008,867	2,008,867
Unrestricted designated funds		71,660	81,051
Total funds		2,172,732	2,176,092

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

Note 1 Income

A full range of classes over two terms was held in the year. A price increase of 5% was added to class fees to allow for inflationary increases.

Tutor payments increased by a further 10% in the year to reflect inflation.

Note 2 Letting activity

The Trust granted a 7 year lease from April 2019 to its trading subsidiary, Stanton Guildhouse Ltd, to operate the holiday let business on behalf of the trust. The company, which has a December year end, gift-aids its taxable trading profits back to the trust to be spent on charitable purposes. In the year the trading company has been charged £1,000 lease and 50% of utilities and salary costs, net of furlough grants. Where the Trust rents out to other providers of daytime art and craft courses, this is seen as part of our charitable activities not ancillary trading activities. Some charitable letting continues to be managed by the trust directly.

Note 3 Payroll Costs

The trust has one employee Mr Angel Mawson who manages the property, and earned £31,000 (2024 £30,500) in salaries (excl. statutory pensions and NIC). The trust allocates 50 % of the managers wage to the holiday letting business which is a reflection of the time spent on managing that work.

Note 4 Donations

Stanton Guildhouse Ltd, (the trading company) made a gift-aided donation of its taxable profits in the year to December 2024 of £20,766. This was paid during the year and is reflected in the 2024/5 accounts (2023 £5,733).

Other donations received were £80.

Note 5 Accounting Principles

The Trust is a non-company charity with gross income of less than £250,000. As such, and in compliance with Charity Commission requirements and SORP (FRSSE), these accounts have not been prepared on the accruals basis, but in accordance with the Trust's existing accounting policies and practices. In particular, transactions are analysed by their "nature", rather than by their "activity".

Note A Fixed Assets and Freehold Property

Legal title to the freehold property known as "The Guildhouse", including the house, land and outbuildings, was passed over to the Trust on application due to its change of status to CIO. The transfer is pending formal conveyancing to transfer the title of the property to the CIO.

The freehold land and buildings are held at valuation costs basis and not subject to depreciation. A professional valuation has not been commissioned as the Trustees do not consider that the expense would be justified. However, they have insured the property and its contents for the sum of £2,596,872 on a replacement cost basis, which they believe to be adequate.

The trust capitalises its furniture and equipment on either 2 or 5 year straight line depreciation, based on the amount of use the item will be subjected to.

Fixture and fittings are depreciated on a 15 year straight line basis.

Note B Investment

The Trust owns 100% of the share capital of Stanton Guildhouse Ltd which run the furnished holiday lettings business and donate all profits from that business back to the Trust. See note 4.

Note C Debtors

Included in Debtors is £nil (2024: £16,420) owed by Stanton Guildhouse Ltd which is responsible for running the furnished holiday let business. This loan is unsecured and repayable on demand.

Note D Bankers

The company finalised its moving of banking facility to CAF bank in the year and both the HSBC and Scottish Widows account were closed.

Note E Creditors

Included in creditors payable within one year is £24,069 (2024: debtor £16,420) owed to Stanton Guildhouse Ltd for joint services paid for the trust.

Note F Funds

The Trust has no restricted or endowment funds. At the end of the year The trust holds £71,660 (2024 £81,051) of unrestricted designated funds toward the upkeep and maintenance of its classroom equipment, building and grounds. In the year it transferred £9,392 of these funds to its undesignated unrestricted reserves which represented expenditure on capital assets purchased.

The revaluation reserve represents the value of the property upon transfer to the CIO from unincorporated trust in 2016.