

St. John's Housing Trust
Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

Charity Registration No. 1172228

Annual Report and Accounts
31 December 2023

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St. John's Housing Trust

Report and Financial Statements 2023

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name	St. John's Housing Trust
Charity Registration no.	1172228
Registration Date	23 March 2017
Registered Address	St. John at Hackney Church Lower Clapton Road London, E5 0PD
Correspondence Address	Hackney Church House 1 Spiller House Prodigal Square London, E8 1FX
Governing Document	CIO-Foundation
Objectives	St. John's Housing Trust has been set up to assist those in need of accommodation, accommodation maintenance, or financial assistance in the London Borough of Hackney along with the advancement of Christian religion for the public benefit by the provision and maintenance of accommodation for Church of England Clergy, Staff, Interns and Volunteers.
Trustees	The Trustees who served during the year or who were serving at the date this report was approved were: Rev'd Alexander Gordon Sam Lawson Johnston John Parmiter Joshua Olomolaiye
Bankers	CAF Bank
Independent Examiner	John Helm ACA Tandem Accounting 17 Heathville Road London N19 3AL

ST. JOHN'S HOUSING TRUST

Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31 December 2023

St. John's Housing Trust ("the Trust") submits its report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in the format prescribed by the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP2019 (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report.

1. Structure, Governance and Management

1.1 Trustees

St John at Hackney (Charity Number 1158545) has the power to appoint all of the trustees of the Trust. Throughout 2023, the appointed Trustees were, Reverend Al Gordon, Mr Sam Lawson Johnston, Mr John Parmiter and Mr Joshua Olomolaiye.

The Trustees meet regularly throughout the year to discuss a full range of matters relating to finance, fabric, general administration and the objectives of the Trust.

2. Activities and Strategies

The Trustees have reviewed the activities and strategies of SJHT. The Trustees believe that the current activities of renting the held properties to people involved in the local promotion of Christian faith is in line with the objectives of the Trust.

3. Achievements and Performance

The Trust continues to rent out the two leasehold properties that were gifted in June 2020, in Blackburn House, Hackney Gardens. The two properties form the asset foundation for the objectives of the Trust. Both apartments are rented out to the clergy and staff of Hackney Parish.

4. Financial Review

4.1 Financial Activity and Financial Position

The Trust's main source of income is from the rents of the leasehold properties.

The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 6 and 7 respectively. The charities reserves decreased by £5,889 during the year (2022: decreased by £6,794). The balance sheet shows total net assets of £429,483 (2022: £435,373).

4.2 Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves, i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the Trust's objectives, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately 6 months' routine general fund expenditure, plus committed and forecast future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. In addition, the Trustees intend to hold sufficient reserves to cover any potential future assessments on the Leasehold building. At 31 December 2023 the Trust had net free reserves of £11,733 (2022: £8,623) as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Total reserves	429,483	435,373
Less: tangible fixed assets held for the long term	(417,750)	(426,750)
Free reserves	11,733	8,623
Free reserves requirement:		
6 month's budgeted routine expenditure	5,000	5,000

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4.3 Grants Policy

The task of deciding how to distribute grants is undertaken by the Trustees. All grants follow the Trust's charitable objectives.

4.4 Risk assessment and mitigation

The risks which the organisation faces have been considered and measures will be implemented to ensure that appropriate systems, policies and procedures are in place to manage and mitigate the risks. These risks, including health and safety are being mitigated through modern management systems and practices. As a matter of general policy, independent professional advice is taken where appropriate.

5. Plans for Future Periods

The short and medium term plan is to continue with the same objectives and activities in support of them.

6. Responsibilities of Trustees for the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law in England and Wales 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 Trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Trust for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any 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 activities of the Trust will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

7. Approval

The report of the Trustees was approved by the Trustees on 18 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



John Parmiter
Trustee

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of St John's Housing Trust

I report on the financial statements of St John's Housing Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, set out on pages 6 to 10.

This report is made solely to the Trustees in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). My independent examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by the law, I do not accept responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Trustees for my independent examination, for this report, or the opinions I have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures 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 accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



John Helm ACA
18 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023 £	2022 £
Income from:	Note		
Donations and legacies	2	-	-
Charitable activities		34,800	32,181
Investments		57	31
Total Income		34,857	32,212
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	40,747	39,006
Total Expenditure		40,747	39,006
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-
Net Income		(5,890)	(6,794)
Transfers between funds		-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-
Net movement in funds		(5,890)	(6,794)
Total funds brought forward		435,373	442,167
Total funds carried forward		429,483	435,373

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	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	4	417,750	426,750
		417,750	426,750
Current Assets			
Cash At Bank And In Hand		15,953	42,216
		15,953	42,216
Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	5	4,220	33,593
Net Current Assets		11,733	8,623
Net Assets		429,483	435,373
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Income Funds		429,483	435,373
Total Funds		429,483	435,373

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 18 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



John Parmiter
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102)). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting except for the initial valuation of freehold land and buildings.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the trustees are responsible in law.

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern and accordingly the accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis.

Income recognition

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for once the Trust has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

The income from charitable activities includes rental income from the letting of leasehold properties which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in the expenditures.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The Trust is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT where appropriate.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs in fulfilling the Trust's principal objects, as outlined in the Annual Report. These include governance costs and support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Trust and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.

Tangible Fixed Assets

The leasehold land and buildings are depreciated on a straight line basis over the effective useful life of the asset, which has been estimated as 50 years.

Debtors

Debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Trust has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

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2. Income

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Charitable Activities				
Lettings income	34,800	-	34,800	32,212
Investments				
Bank Interest	57	-	57	31
	34,857	0	34,857	32,243

3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Repairs & maintenance	5,611	-	5,611	3,746
Depreciation	9,000	-	9,000	9,000
Grants made (Ecclesiastical Parish of St John at Hackney)	25,200	-	25,200	25,200
Office costs	202	-	202	245
Bank fees	74	-	74	95
Governance – independent examination	660	-	660	720
	40,747	0	40,747	39,006

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4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Leasehold land & buildings £
Cost/valuation	
At 1 January 2023	450,000
Additions	-
Disposals	-
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At 31 December 2023	450,000
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Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023	23,250
Charge for Period	9,000
Disposals	-
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At 31 December 2023	32,250
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Net Book Value	
At 31 December 2023	417,750
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At 31 December 2022	426,750
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The leasehold land and buildings are represented by two residential flats: 3 and 10 Blackburn House, Prodigal Square, London E8 1FX. The flats were granted to the Trust as part of a s106 agreement with the developers of the new residential scheme adjacent to St John's Church, for nil consideration. The initial valuation of the flats was provided by William Saxby, Chartered Surveyors. The leases are for 254 years (less three days) from and including 12 October 2017.

5. Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2023 £	2022 £
Deposits held	2,900	2,900
Accruals	1,320	660
Due to Hackney Church	-	26,468
Trade Creditors	-	3,565
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	4,220	33,593
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6. Related Party Transactions

All of the trustees are also members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John at Hackney (charity reg no 1158545) ("the PCC"). The Trust made grants to the PCC totalling £25,200 (2022: £25,200). At 31 December 2023 the PCC owed the charity £nil (2022: £nil).

The Trustees made £nil (2022: £nil) donations to the Trust during the year.