

Company registration number: 10633216
Charity registration number: 1172471

THE SEKFORDE HOUSE TRUST
(A Company Limited by Guarantee and Registered Charity)

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE TRUST, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024**

Trustees	D Lonsdale M Kostov H Sarmadi
Company registered number	10633216
Charity registered number	1172471
Registered office	34 Sekforde Street London EC1R 0HA
Company secretary	D Lonsdale
Accountant	MHA Chartered Accountants MHA House Charter Court Swansea Enterprise Park Swansea SA7 9FS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Sekforde House Trust for the year 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024. The Annual Report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under Company Law. The Trustees confirm the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Charitable comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charitable Company's governing document and the 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).

Since the charity qualifies as small under Section 382 of the Companies Act 2008, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulation 2013 has been omitted.

Purpose and Objectives

The Trust was inspired by the chairman Mr David Lonsdale's grandmother, Professor Dame Kathleen Lonsdale FRS. She was the youngest of ten children from an impoverished Irish family but received a scholarship at the age of 16 in 1919 which enabled her to attend university in London. Without this scholarship she would not have been able to pursue a scientific career.

The purpose and objectives of the Trust as per the Memorandum and Articles of Association are to advance education by making grants to students and by engaging in other activities that will enable children and young people to have access to good education.

In setting objectives and planning for current and future activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to the guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit including the guidance "Public Benefit running a charity (PB2)".

Activities and Achievements

The main activities undertaken in relation to the Trusts purpose as per its governing document and for the furtherance of public benefit are those of grant giving.

The main achievements of the Trust in the year to February 2024 are as follows:

Grant giving

During the past year, the Trust has made grants of £132,000 to university students. These consisted of six scholarships of £20,000, one of £12,000. Accordingly, it made total charitable grants of £132,000 during the year.

School building project

In early 2019, the Trust began to build a six-classroom secondary school in Baluchestan, Iran. Baluchestan is an extremely remote and rural province. It is the second largest province by land area. It borders Pakistan and Afghanistan. It is extremely poor and neglected. Few children receive secondary education, and the provision is extremely inadequate for girls.

The trustees, David Lonsdale and Mihail Kostov remain concerned about the rate of progress being made and have been informed that the project is "on hold" by Hadi Sarmadi who is responsible for the delivery of the project. They have been assured by Hadi Sarmadi that the school will be built and that he will ensure that it is completed and will function as a well-run secondary school. The trustees have decided not to make any further financial contributions to the school project and will continue to press for information about the school and will hold Hadi Sarmadi to account for the money that he received on trust.

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Financial Review

On 3rd April 2021 the Trustee David Lonsdale donated a 30-year long leasehold to the Sekforde House Trust of 35B Tierney Road London SW2. The property is a two-bedroom property which provides rental income to the Trust of £1,200 per month. The value of the leasehold at the date of the donation was calculated as being £300,000.

The trust received rental income in the year of £14,400 from the above property. The trust received private donations of £2,533 from individuals other than David Lonsdale.

The trust incurred accountancy fees of £4,800.

As of 29th February 2024, the Trust held unrestricted reserves of £317,204 (2023: £317,471).

Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those related to the finances of the Trust and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Grant making

Each year the Trust invites students with places at City University and UCL to apply for scholarships. The reason for limiting applications to two universities is to prevent the Trust being overwhelmed with applications that it would be unable to handle. It has occasionally disappplied this general limitation for an exceptional person or situation.

The selection criteria are advertised by the universities. They are:

- (i) Outstanding academic or other ability;
- (ii) Serious financial need;
- (iii) A desire and ability to make the world fairer and /or more sustainable.

The applications are reduced to 15 and these are interviewed. The trust pays reasonable costs of attending interview. Four external interviewers join the trustees and have an equal say in the selection. The external interviewers include a solicitor and a councillor.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserved for the Trust to be able to continue as a going concern.

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Reserves Policy

The Trust aims to retain sufficient funding to meet all future obligations at the Balance Sheet date. At present all activities are funded by Trustee donations given on a "as needed basis" (apart from the income from property). The Trust has no financial commitments as grants are given at the discretion of the Trustees. As such no formal reserve policy is required at this time.

Structure governance and management

Constitution

The Trust was incorporated on 22nd February 2017 and is a Company Limited by Guarantee with the Registrar of Companies for England and Wales (Registration number 10633216) and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Registration number 1172471). The Trust is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The management of the Trust is the responsibility of the Trustees who are co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association. The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on the role and responsibilities of Trustees and seek further advice as required. The Trustees consider that the board comprises an appropriate mix of individuals with complimentary skills and experiences so as to meet the needs of the charity. Induction is given by the chairman on the roles and responsibilities of Trustees and the operation of the charity.

The report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of the Companies Act 2006. Approved by order of the Members of the Board and signed on their behalf by:

David Lonsdale
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David Lonsdale
(Chairman of trustees)

Date: December 16, 2024

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

David Lonsdale
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D Lonsdale

Date: December 16, 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Sekforde House Trust ('the Trust')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 29 February 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Trust (and its Directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Trust are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

Signed:

Dated:

Rachel Doyle FCCA ACA DChA

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Chartered Accountants

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Charter Court

Swansea Enterprise Park

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income:				
Donations		2,533	2,533	750
Rental income	7	14,400	14,400	14,400
Charitable Gift from D Lonsdale		119,600	119,600	20
Total income		136,533	136,533	15,170
Expenditure on:				
Grants to individuals	3	132,000	132,000	174,000
Grants to institutions	3	-	-	30,000
Accountancy and Examination fees		4,800	4,800	3,600
Interview expenses		-	-	2,600
Total expenditure		136,800	136,800	210,200
Net movement in funds		(267)	(267)	(195,030)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		317,471	317,471	512,501
Net movement in funds		(267)	(267)	(195,030)
Total funds carried forward		317,204	317,204	317,471

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Investment property	5		300,000		300,000
			<u>300,000</u>		<u>300,000</u>
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		22,004		21,071	
		<u>22,004</u>		<u>21,071</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(4,800)		(3,600)	
Net current assets			<u>17,204</u>		<u>17,471</u>
Total net assets			<u><u>317,204</u></u>		<u><u>317,471</u></u>
Charity funds					
Unrestricted funds			317,204		317,471
Total funds			<u><u>317,204</u></u>		<u><u>317,471</u></u>

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AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

The Trust was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

David Lonsdale
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D Lonsdale
Chair

Date: December 16, 2024

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

1. General information

The Sekforde House Trust is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charity Commission (Charity Registered Number: 1172471) and Registrar of Companies (Company Registration Number: 10633216) in England and Wales.

In the event of the Trust being wound up the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per Member of the Trust.

The address of the registered office is given in the Trust information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the Trust's operations and principal activities are detailed in the Trustees Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Sekforde House Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling which is the presentational and functional currency of the Trust and amounts are rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Trust to be able to continue as a going concern.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Trust's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Trust which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Other income and donations are recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Trust's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Taxation

The Trust 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 Trust 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Investment properties

Investment properties are carried at realisable value determined by the Trustees and derived from the current market rents and investment property yields for comparable real estate, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. No depreciation is provided. Changes in realisable value are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.7 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 acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Trust only holds basic Financial Instruments. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Trust are as follows:

Debtors - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 6. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Liabilities – accruals and other creditors will be classified as financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 6.

2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Trust and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2024 £	Grants to Individuals 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Advancement of education	-	132,000	132,000

During the accounting period the Trust made 7 (2023 - 13) grants to individuals to fund scholarships.

	Grants to Institutions 2023 £	Grants to Individuals 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Advancement of education	30,000	174,000	204,000

The Trust has made the following material grants to institutions during the year:

	2024 £	2023 £
Name of institution		
Mount Kelly College	-	30,000
	-	30,000

4. Staff costs, Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The Trust does not have employees and the Trustees are considered to be the Trust's Key Management Personnel.

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £Nil).

During the year ended 29 February 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

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5. Investment property

	Leasehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 March 2023	300,000
At 29 February 2024	<u>300,000</u>

In April 2021, the Trustee David Lonsdale donated a 30 year leasehold in a property at 35B Tierney Road, London, to the Trust. The leasehold at the date of the donation was valued at £300,000.

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6. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	4,800	3,600

7. Related party transactions

In 2021, The Sekforde House Trust was gifted a 30 year leasehold in a property at 35B Tierney Road, London by one of it's Trustees, David Lonsdale. This property has been used to generate annual rental income of 2024 - £14,400 (2023: £14,400). The amount is received into David's personal bank account and recognised as an outstanding balance owed by David to the charity.

At year ended 29 February 2024, the balance owed to the charity by David is £Nil (2023: £Nil) and the balance owed to David by the charity is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

8. Post balance sheet events

After the year end the leasehold held in investment properties was sold and the charity received £300,000.