



The Gold from the Stone Foundation

Charity No. 1175167

Trustees' Annual Report & Unaudited Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

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Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name:	The Gold from the Stone Foundation
Registered Charity Number:	1175167
Trustees:	Elizabeth Fossu Simon Ruding (resigned 4 July 2023) Angela Samata (Chair) Lemn Sissay Parvinder Sohal Melissa Webster (resigned 4 July 2023)
Charity's Principal Address:	Room SL10 Martin Harris Centre The University of Manchester Oxford Road Manchester M13 9PL
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Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing Document:	Constitution
How the Charity is Constituted:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee Selection Methods:	Trustees can only be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The Foundation's principle focus is the support of projects that help address the needs of young people who are, or have been, in care.

The Trustees have complied with section 2(1)(b) of the Charities Act 2011, having due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Foundation's aims and objectives, when setting the grant-making policy and in making awards.

The Foundation's main focus is offering support to individuals and agencies working to address the disadvantages faced by those in care and care experienced young adults. The Foundation's main focus is The Christmas Dinners. Founded in 2013, the Dinners are a nationwide initiative organised by teams of volunteers who come together to provide a magical, fun-filled day, complete with special presents and a scrumptious dinner on Christmas Day to care experienced young adults aged between 18 and 25. Each of the Dinners is independent of the Foundation, overseen a steering group of volunteers who come together to make a Dinner in their local community. The Foundation supports these teams to make their dreams a reality offering guidance, advice and support, networking opportunities and funding.

The founder of the Dinners, Lemn Sissay OBE says: 'Many care leavers are sat in flats, B&Bs and hostels, away from family, or sofa-surfing, and some are indeed living on the streets on their own at Christmas. Christmas is a reminder of everything they never had... I know because I've shared their experiences... But since 2013, thanks to passionate groups of volunteers supported by generous donations, we've been able to put on scrumptious Christmas meals and create a magical day to remember... The Christmas Dinners will be a life-changing and life-saving experience.'

Achievements and Performance

The Dinner family continued to grow in 2023, and as a result, there were twenty-two steering groups Dinners providing Christmas Dinners to 475 young

people from thirty-three different towns, cities and counties across England and Wales. Our input and support resulted in Dinner teams undertaking fundraising activity which raised a further £60,397 in cash from groups and individuals local to their Dinner. This funding, plus the grants and support that the Foundation invested was in part used to cover Dinner costs such as transportation, food and gifts. As well as fundraising campaigns, many Dinners made use of online gift lists to secure some of the gifts for their Guests; the value of the gifts donated or purchased this year is estimated at £48,982. It should also be acknowledged that many of the Dinners received a considerable amount of support in kind, or benefited from significantly discounted (and in some cases, donated) food for the main meal.

While these figures are impressive, the key measure should be the experience of the Guests, and is perhaps best summarised by a Guest at the Bury & Rochdale Dinner: *"Today was much more than just Christmas. It got me to rebuild some bridges and remember that there are still positives in life and not to give up when things get hard"*

We should also acknowledge the immense contribution in time and energy made by the 165 people who acted as Dinner Steering Group members, and the 600 plus people who acted as Helpers and Hosts. The Foundation has no real way to quantify the value of this unpaid work, and perhaps we shouldn't, but without them, there would be no Dinners.

Not all Dinners receive financial support from the Foundation, as many have become self-funding local projects, driven by volunteers in communities local to the people they serve. This is entirely in keeping with our ethos. While we don't provide funding to all the Dinners, we do provide networking, support, guidance and opportunities for Dinners to be a part of a wider community of care and support

We continued to work closely with Quilts 4 Care Leavers, sharing contact information and leads in the run up to Christmas. Q4CL have their own support and supply agreements with each of the Dinners, which enables them to manage the logistics of distribution.

For a second year John Lewis/Waitrose worked with the Foundation through November and December to distribute hamper food for all the Dinners. Each of the Dinners was linked with a Waitrose/John Lewis in their locality and the goods were delivered on pallets to the stores. The Foundation made an offer to support the Dinners with any transport or storage costs that may arise from this arrangement, but none took up the offer.

Operational

When the Foundation was established in 2017 the number of Dinners was less than a dozen, but as the initiative has continued to capture the imagination,

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the workload has increased significantly and operational changes were required to ensure the continued smooth running of the national programme. As a result, Simon Ruding, who had acted as Secretary since the start of the Foundation stood down from his role as trustee and took up the role of CEO of the Foundation in October 2023.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The reserves that we have set aside provide the means for the funding of our principal activity, The Christmas Dinners project, for one year. We intend to maintain our unrestricted reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to £30,000.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:



Full Name: Simon Philip Ruding

Position: Secretary

Date: 11/09/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period January 1st 2021 to 31st December 2023, set out on the next page.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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Date: 11/09/2024

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Gold from the Stone Foundation
12/12/2023

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Individual Donations		18,153	-	18,153	14,740
Company Donations		27,039	-	27,039	7,119
Refunded Grants	-	1,135	-	1,135	6,000
Other		7,500	-	7,500	100
Bank Interest	162	-	-	162	76
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	162	53,827	-	53,989	28,035
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	162	53,827	-	53,989	28,035
A3 Payments					
Charitable Expenditure	-	41,790	-	41,790	25,000
General Expenses	2,953	-	-	2,953	2,119
Bank Charges	60	-	-	60	81
Fees	16,819	-	-	16,819	3,742
Other Costs	1,767	-	-	1,767	983
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	21,599	41,790	-	63,389	31,924
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	21,599	41,790	-	63,389	31,924
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 21,437	12,037	-	9,400	3,889
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	72,050	7,223	-	79,273	83,162
Cash funds this year end	50,613	19,260	-	69,873	79,273

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balance	50,613	19,260	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	50,613	19,260	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on
11/09/2024

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alison Shedlock	11/09/2024