

THE DOC MARTIN FUND

England & Wales - Charity number 1177280

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2018-02-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THOSE RESIDENT IN PORT ISAAC WHO ARE IN NEED BY REASON OF YOUTH, OLD AGE, ILL HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES BY THE PROVISION OF SUCH GRANTS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL THINK FIT.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Cornwall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£23,136	£33,420	-	-
2024-08-31	£35,473	£12,982	-	-
2023-08-31	£22,414	£11,876	-	-
2022-08-31	£10,288	£18,413	-	-
2021-08-31	£37,409	£22,154	-	-
2020-08-31	£2,675	£16,800	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DIANA MARION LARKIN		2017-03-16
David Lindsay		2026-05-14
JANET TOWNSEND MBE JP		2014-09-01
JONATHAN CLEAVE B.ED		2014-09-01

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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Jonathan Cleave B.ED

Diana Marion Larkin

Date of appointment

1 September 2014

1 September 2014

16 March 2017

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Richard Hambly

Cheryl Webster

Andrew Newland

David Lindsay

Clare Jon

Bank

Barclays Bank UK PLC

Liskeard Branch

Independent examiner

Mary Hopkins FCA

Higher Moon, Tintagel Terrace, Port Isaac, Cornwall, PL29 3SE

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D. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Following many years of filming activity in Port Isaac for the successful TV series Doc Martin, The Doc Martin Fund was established in 2013. The fund is sustained by variable payments into the account realised from the (worldwide) Doc Martin franchise. The fund is run by local trustees, whose brief is to evaluate applications from various sectors/ organisations/projects within Port Isaac, and if appropriate to provide grants from the Doc Martin Fund to facilitate beneficial results for the community, with particular emphasis on the old and young.

Meetings of the trustees are held whenever applications for funding are received. Applications are invited to outline their ideas to the trustees, who then appraise these using established criteria, whereby a decision is made as to whether or not the Doc Martin Fund is able to assist. Each application is considered without prejudice and on its own merits. Each such meeting is attended by Community Representatives drawn from the general community and from members of local organisations eg Parish Council, Primary School, Village Hall committee.

As at 31 August 2024 income received totalled £259,619 (in the year £35,473) with balance held of £56,956.

Examples of sectors/organisations/projects helped thus far, in total:

The school by £86,250 (in year £10,000). This includes to assist in the continuance and support of swimming transport, Breakfast and After School Clubs and Nursery activities.

The Playing Field Committee by £8,252 (in year £nil) to fund for some much needed playground equipment, to replace that which had been damaged and unsafe.

Port Isaac Village Hall by £33,237 (in year £nil). This includes to fund by £12,000 the installation of an outdoor lift.

Port Isaac Heritage (formerly PISCES) by £13,929 (in year £nil). This includes £7,000 to fund the replacement of display stands.

Port Isaac Golden Circle by £6,000 (in year £nil) to ensure the continuance and augmentation of social contact for the elderly, and commensurate events, day trips etc.

Port Isaac Christmas Lights by £17,250 (in year £nil) to fund their replacement and enhancement.

Bird feeders and feeding by £7,340 (in year £nil).

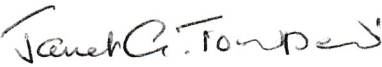
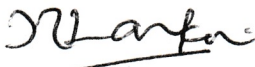
Carnival by £6,500 (in year £nil)

Provision of defibrillators and their maintenance £6,408 (in year £1,632)

Port Isaac Arts Group £3,600 (in year £1,000)

E. DECLARATION

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

Name	Signature	Date
Janet Townsend MBE JP		17 June 2025
Diana Marion Larkin		June 17 th 2025

THE DOC MARTIN FUND Registered Charity No. 1177280

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

including Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 August 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		Total funds	
RECEIPTS					
From Buffalo Pictures	34,923			34,923	
Interest	550			550	
Total receipts	£35,473	£0		£35,473	
PAYMENTS					
Grants to fund/ assist in the continuance of activities of:					
School	10,000			10,000	
Port Isaac Arts Group	1,000			1,000	
Defibrillator	1,632			1,632	
Dance class	350			350	
Total payments	£12,982	£0		£12,982	
Net of receipts/(payments)	£22,491	£0		£22,491	
Cash funds last year end	£34,465	£0		£34,465	
Cash funds this year end	£56,956	£0		£56,956	
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024					
			Belonging to:	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds
Cash funds					
Business Premium		40,421			
Community Account		16,535			
Cash		0			
	Total	£56,956		£0	£56,956
Assets retained for the charity's own use				£0	£0
Liabilities				£0	£0

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Signed all the trustees

Signature

Print name

Date of approval

Janet A. Townsend

Janet-Ann Townsend 17th June 2025

Diana M. Larkin

DIANA MARION LARKIN June 17 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DOC MARTIN FUND
Registered Charity No. 1177280

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Doc Martin Fund (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 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 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.

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: 

Name: Mary Hopkins

Retired Chartered Accountant

Address: Higher Moon, Tintagel Terrace, Port Isaac PL29 3SE

Date: 18 June 2025

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Accounts

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF 8 YEARS

From Period start date 29 August 2013 to Period end date 31 August 2021

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The governing document of The Doc Martin Fund is the Trust Deed dated 14 February 2018. Registration, at the Charity Commission, swiftly followed on 22 February 2018.

This Declaration of Trust was made by Buffalo Pictures Ltd (the Donor) and the Trustees. This Deed refers to the Trustees holding £25,000 and expect that more money or assets will be acquired by them on the same trusts. The sum referred to is taken to be a general reference to the balance of money already received in excess of spending. Bank accounts were opened on 29 August 2013, with first money paid in by Buffalo Pictures Ltd on 12 September 2013. In the four years ending 31 August 2017 (ie all periods prior to execution of the Trust Deed) money received totalled £120,202, with balance held at 31 August 2017 of £43,920.

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As at 31 August 2021 income received totalled £191,443 (in the year £37,409) with balance held of £32,051.

Examples of sectors/organisations/projects helped thus far, in total:

The school by £66,250 (in year £10,700). This includes to assist in the continuance and support of swimming transport, Breakfast and After School Clubs and Nursery activities.

The Playing Field Committee by £8,252 (in year £nil) to fund for some much needed playground equipment, to replace that which had been damaged and unsafe.

Port Isaac Village Hall by £25,746 (in year £nil). This includes to fund by £12,000 the installation of an outdoor lift.

Port Isaac Heritage (formerly PISCES) by £12,861 (in year £7,000). This includes £7,000 to fund the replacement of display stands.

Port Isaac Golden Circle by £6,000 (in year £nil) to ensure the continuance and augmentation of social contact for the elderly, and commensurate events, day trips etc.

Port Isaac Christmas Lights by £17,250 (in year £1,750) to fund their replacement and enhancement.

Bird feeders and feeding by £5,240 (in year £1,000).

Carnival by £4,500 (in year £nil)

Provision of defibrillators and their maintenance £4,320 (in year £384)

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Under the terms of the Trust Deed the Trustees have obligations, under the Charities Act 2011 (and also any legislation that adds to, modifies or replaces that legislation), with regard to the keeping of accounting records for the Charity; the preparation of Accounts; and the transmission to the Charity Commission of the Annual Return, and where required, ie when income is in excess of £25,000, Accounts and Trustees Annual Return.

For the purposes of financial reporting, the charity was established by the opening of bank accounts, suitable for small unregistered charity, on 29 August 2013. Proper accounting records have been kept from this date. The first year of financial reporting was to 31 August 2014. Accounts have been prepared for this year, and for each of the subsequent years, together with cumulative Accounts for all 8 years to 31 August 2021, and for the 4 years to 31 August 2017 (ie financial years prior to registration at the Charity Commission). The full history of income and spending, as per the Accounts, tells those interested in the work of the charity, what income it has been donated and how it is spent.

The Trust Deed was not executed until 14 February 2018, and, by reason of this delay, the Charity was not successfully registered with Charity Commission until 22 February 2018. From this date Annual Returns have been required by Charity Commission. The Annual Return gives the Charity Commission basic financial details.

In common with many small charities, the financial information in the Annual Return does not reflect that of the Annual accounts compiled for these years. The recognised way of

correcting the amounts declared is by way of email to the Charity Commission. The amounts to be emailed are:

31/08/2018	Income	£6,207	Spending	£21,174
31/08/2019		£17,622		
31/08/2020		£10,004		

By reason of the delay in executing the Trust Deed, the information registered at the Charity Commission does not fully record the financial history of the Charity. It only records that for the years ending after registration. Prior to registration some £120,202 of income was received and £76,281 of spending had taken place in the 4 years to 31 August 2017.

Further, had the Charity been registered at the time, the income of years ended 31 August 2014, 2015 and 2017 exceeded the £25,000 threshold for requiring an independent examination.

The scope of the examination by the Independent Examiner covers the Charity's full financial history.

Further, it is acknowledged, that prior to the execution of Trust Deed (a necessary step in registering the Charity), income had exceeded £5,000 each year ie that of the threshold for registration with Charity Commission.

F. DECLARATION

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

Name	Signature	Date
Janet Townsend MBE JP		30/5/22.
Jonathan Cleave B.ED		30.5.22
Diana Marion Larkin		30.5.22

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From Buffalo Pictures	37,399			37,399	
Interest	10			10	
Total receipts	£37,409	£0		£37,409	
PAYMENTS					
Grants to fund/ assist in the continuance of activities of:					
School	10,700			10,700	
PISCES	7,000			7,000	
Illuminations	1,750			1,750	
Memorial Garden	1,200			1,200	
Bird feeding	1,000			1,000	
Defibrillator	384			384	
Dance class	120			120	
Total payments	£22,164	£0		£22,164	
Net of receipts/(payments)	£15,255	£0		£15,255	
Cash funds last year end	£16,796	£0		£16,796	
Cash funds this year end	£32,051	£0		£32,051	
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021					
			Belonging to:	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds
Cash funds					
Active Saver		28,444			
Community Account		3,607			
Cash		0			
	Total	£32,051		£0	£32,051


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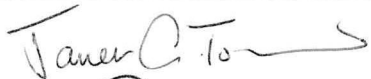
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Assets retained for the charity's own use			£0	£0
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Liabilities			£0	£0
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Signed all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	JANA MARION LARKIN	30.5.22

 JANET ANN TOWNSEND 30.5.22

 JONATHAN ROBERT
CLEAVE 30.5.22

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Date: 7 June 2022