

CORNWALL MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Charity No: 1178008

Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 December 2023

**CORNWALL MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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CORNWALL MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Cornwall Masonic Charitable Foundation ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives, activities and public benefit

Objectives and aims

The objects of the Charity are to receive donations from individual Masons, Lodges, Chapters and other Masonic Bodies, and to distribute such sums to Masonic and Non-Masonic Charities whether or not registered under the Charities Act, and to also offer help and assistance to poor and distressed Freemasons and their families who are in need. The trustees meet annually to consider the grants to be made during the forthcoming year and there is also an investment sub-committee that meets as and when required.

The Cornwall Masonic Charitable Foundation (CMCF) was formed in 2018 after the decision was taken by the Trustees to close the Cornwall Masonic Benevolent Fund (CMBF) and the Cornwall Masonic Grand Charity (CMGC) whose work had been superseded by the introduction of the Relief Chest system under the auspices of the Freemasons Grand Charity in London, where donations to local festival fund raising, would henceforth go direct from individuals and lodges to the Relief Chest, and not through the local charities.

Achievements and performances

The charity has been well supported by the Freemasons of Cornwall, individually and through their respective lodges. During the year the Charity received donations of £21,956 (2022: £23,996).

Public benefit

The Trustees consider they have complied with their duty in Section 4 of Part 1 of the Charities Act 2006 which requires them to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission. In particular, the Charity believes that in supporting the Central Masonic Charities in rotation through Festival Appeals it is reaching more than 200,000 Freemasons in England & Wales and a similar number of dependants as described above.

Financial review and investment policy

Total income for the year was £46,539 (2022: £58,125).

There are no restrictions on the Charity's power to invest. The investment strategy is reviewed annually by the trustees and takes into account the income requirements, the risk profile and the investment manager's view of the market prospects in the medium term. All the reserves of the charity are unrestricted in nature and it is the Charity's policy to invest those funds in low and medium risk investments in a balanced portfolio; to seek an annual return of between 3% and 4% such as to meet as far as possible administrative and support costs; and to hold cash balances sufficient to cover those costs and grants for the following two years.

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Structure, governance and management

The Cornwall Masonic Charitable Foundation is constituted as an unincorporated association, is governed by the constitution adopted on 1 April 2017 as amended on 2 June 2021 and is a registered charity No. 1178008.

The Trustees are the persons that hold the following positions within the Province of Cornwall:

- The Provincial Grand Master
- The Deputy Provincial Grand Master
- The Assistant Provincial Grand Masters
- The Provincial Grand Charity Steward

Induction procedures are in place for newly appointed Trustees.

Overall policy is determined by the Trustees as a whole, with day to day management delegated to the Secretary Mr A.J. Powell, and the administrator Mr I.B. Henwood. The financial transactions and bank reconciliations for the Cornwall Masonic Charitable Foundation are completed by the Assistant Treasurer Mr P.R. Moore.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is as follows:-

To hold sufficient investments with the aim that they will produce, at a minimum, a notional 4% annual return in order to meet the charity's annual running costs. Based on annual charitable expenditure of approximately £30,000 the charity aims to hold investments of at least £750,000. In addition to hold sufficient reserves held in cash at bank in sufficient to meet at least two years-worth of gross expenditure. Based on annual charitable expenditure of approximately £30,000 the charity aims to hold cash at bank of at least £60,000. As at 31 December 2023 the charity held investments of £779,929 (2022: £759,209) and cash at bank of £95,732 (2022: £95,302). Free reserves were £872,979 (2022: £852,314). The trustees are of the view that these reserves are sufficient to meet the objectives of the charity and also ensure it is able to continue in operation.

Risk management

The Trustees have reviewed the major strategic and operational risks which the Charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. The main areas of risk identified were:-

- Significant long-term loss in the value of the investment portfolio: this has been mitigated by the continued engagement of brokers and by giving them appropriate instructions.
- The possibility of donations to inappropriate charitable purposes: this has been mitigated by careful scrutiny by the Trustees of likely recipients.
- General operational risks: these have been mitigated by close control and supervision of the day-to-day operations of the Charity by the executive members and the adoption of best practice to all aspects of the Charity's activities.

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Reference and administration details

The Charity number is 1178008. The address of its principal office and details of the Charity's advisers are set out below, as is a list of the trustees who served during the year.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Trustees during the year ended 31 December 2023 were:

Mr D G Leaity, President

Mr A J Powell, appointed 4 April 2023. Secretary and Treasurer from 6 February 2023

Mr M B Pritchard, Secretary and Treasurer until 6 February 2023

Mr D G Maskell

Mr G N Bennett

Mr L J Sleep, appointed 6 February 2023

Principal Office

7A New Bridge Street, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 2AA

Independent Examiner

Matthew Webb, Azets Audit Services, Unit A, Woodlands Court, Truro Business Park,
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Lloyds Bank Plc, 7 Boscawen Street, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 2QT

Brokers

Brewin Dolphin, 24 Lemon Street, Truro, TR1 2LS.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & 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 Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable 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 trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Report of the trustees, approved by order of the board of trustees on 29-01-2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE



.....
D.G. Leaity - President



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A.J. Powell - Secretary

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Cornwall Masonic Charitable Foundation

Registered Charity Number 1178008

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Cornwall Masonic Charitable Foundation (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Matthew Webb

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CORNWALL MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<i>Note</i>	Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Income and endowments			
Donations (unrestricted)	3	17,079	23,996
Donations (restricted)	3	4,877	-
Investment income (unrestricted)	4	24,583	34,129
Total income		46,539	58,125
Expenditure			
Donations (unrestricted)	5	16,300	22,764
Donations (restricted)	6	4,873	-
Charitable expenditure (unrestricted)	7	33,007	30,308
Total expenditure		54,180	53,072
Net (deficit)/income		(7,641)	5,053
Changes in fair value of investments (unrestricted)	9	28,306	(115,219)
Net movement in funds		20,665	(110,166)
Total funds brought forward (unrestricted)		852,314	962,480
Total funds carried forward (unrestricted)		872,975	852,314
Total funds carried forward (restricted)		4	-
Total funds carried forward		872,979	852,314

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form an integral part of these accounts.

CORNWALL MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	<i>Note</i>	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	9	779,929	759,209
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	10	95,732	95,302
Debtors	11	158	151
		<hr/> 95,890	<hr/> 95,453
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,840)	(2,348)
Net Current Assets		<hr/> 93,050	<hr/> 93,105
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<hr/> 872,979	<hr/> 852,314
Funds of the Charity			
Reserves (restricted)	13	4	-
Reserves (unrestricted)	14	872,975	852,314
		<hr/> 872,979	<hr/> 852,314

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 29-01-2024
and signed on its behalf by:


D.G. Leaity - President

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CORNWALL MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments that are measured at fair value.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound sterling.

1.2 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements and have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The trustees are of the view that there are no material uncertainties that may create significant doubt over the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income comprises money received from its principal sources, namely the receipt of subscriptions, donations, investment income and bank interest. Subscriptions and donations are recognised when receivable. Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made.

All income received during the year was derived in the United Kingdom.

1.5 Investment Income

Investment income is accounted for using the accrual method. Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

1.6 Expenditure

Expenses are recognised on an accruals basis.

Donations are charged in the year when paid or accrued when a liability is established.

Costs of generating funds comprise costs for the running of the Charity itself as an organisation and the cost of promotional items.

Governance costs are those associated with the Charity's constitutional and statutory requirements and its strategic management responsibilities.

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1.7 Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are measured at fair value. All gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.8 Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are classified into specified categories. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial asset or liability and is determined at the time of recognition.

Basic financial assets, which include other receivables, cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, unless the arrangement constitute a financing transaction, where the transaction is measure at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Basic financial liabilities, which include trade and other payables are initially measured at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when, and only when, the charity's obligations are discharged, cancelled, or they expire.

2. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

	2023	2022
	£	£
3. Donations		
Donations and subscriptions (unrestricted)	10,164	17,396
Donations and subscriptions (restricted)	4,877	-
Office contributions – Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall	6,915	6,600
	<hr/> 21,956	<hr/> 23,996
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	2023	2022
	£	£
4. Investment income (unrestricted)		
Income from investments	23,810	34,084
Bank Interest	773	45
	<hr/> 24,583	<hr/> 34,129
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5. Charitable donations (unrestricted)

During the year the Fund made donations to local Charities and Bodies as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cornwall Blood Bikes	1,000	1,000
Merlin MS Centre	1,000	1,000
Cornwall Community Foundation	1,000	1,000
Cornwall Air Ambulance	1,000	1,000
Lifelites	1,000	1,000
MacMillan Cancer Care	1,000	1,000
Marie Curie	1,000	1,000
Children's Hospice SW	1,000	1,000
Cornwall Hospice Care	1,000	1,000
National Coastwatch		
	Nare Point	350
	Penzance	350
	Poluran	350
	Portscatho	350
	Charlestown	0
	Gwennap Head	0
	Boscastle	0
	Cape Cornwall	0
RNLI		
	Fowey	350
	Penlee	350
	Bude	350
	Port Isaac	350
	Padstow	0
	Sennen	0
	Lizard	0
	St Ives	0
	Falmouth	0
PMS International - Teddies for		
Loving Care	-	2,495
Georgia's Voice	500	500
Oasis Centre	500	0
Royal Cornwall Hospital	1,000	1,000
SSAFA The Armed Forces Charity	500	0
Just Breath Cornwall	500	0
WILD - Young Parents	1,000	0
Chestnut Appeal	500	0
Disability Cornwall	0	1,070

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5. Charitable donations (unrestricted) (continued)

	2023	2022
	£	£
YMCA Penzanace	0	500
Emergency grant donations	0	500
Porthtowan Surf Lifesaving Club	0	500
Hayle Day Centre	0	1,500
Funeral Costs	0	2,999
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	16,300	22,764

6. Charitable donations (restricted)

	2023	2022
	£	£
PMS International - Teddies for Loving Care	4,873	-
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	4,873	-

7. Charitable expenditure

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs (note 8)	9,571	8,461
Rent and rates	6,764	6,727
Heat and light	4,362	2,950
Telephone and internet	1,756	1,627
Computer costs	75	75
Hire of equipment	250	168
Buffet and drinks	600	600
Independent examiner's remuneration	2,310	1,953
Portfolio management fees	7,270	7,747
Miscellaneous	49	-
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	33,007	30,308

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	2023	2022
	£	£
8. Staff Costs and Trustees' Remuneration		
Salaries	9,571	8,461
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The average number of employees during the period was:	1	1
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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either period.

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the period ended 31 December 2022.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the period ended 31 December 2022.

	2023	2022
	£	£
9. Investments		
Fair value at beginning of year	712,997	824,862
Additions	99,757	108,955
Disposals	(95,942)	(105,601)
Change in fair value	28,306	(115,219)
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Fair value at end of year	745,118	712,997
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Fair value of Investments (as above)	745,118	712,997
Cash held in portfolio	34,811	46,212
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Total Investments	779,929	759,209
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Investments at market value comprised:

	2023	2022	£	£
UK Fixed interest securities	(21%) / (22%)		167,352	165,437
UK Equities	(12%) / (15%)		90,250	111,514
Overseas Equities and Funds	(37%) / (31%)		289,330	238,153
Other investments	(25%) / (26%)		198,186	197,893
Cash	(5%) / (6%)		34,811	46,212
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			779,929	759,209
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There were no individual investments representing in excess of 5% of the investment portfolio at 31 December 2023 or 31 December 2022.

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	2023	2022
	£	£
10. Cash at bank and in hand		
Instant Access Account	94,314	91,558
Treasurers Account	1,418	3,744
	<hr/> 95,732	<hr/> 95,302

	2023	2022
	£	£
11. Debtors		
Due within one year:-		
Prepayments	158	151
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	2023	2022
	£	£
12. Creditors		
Due within one year:-		
Accruals and deferred income	2,840	2,348
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13. Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes.

	Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1	Incoming	Resources
	January 2023	Resources	Expensed
	£	£	£
PMS International - Teddies for			
Loving Care	-	4,877	4,873
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 4,877	<hr/> 4,873
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14. Unrestricted reserves

Unrestricted reserves comprise £872,975 (2022: £852,314) which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

15. Related parties

There were no related party transactions during the year.