

THE SOCIETY OF SHOE FITTERS

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Registered Charity Number: 1178413



CHAIR OF THE TRUSTEES REPORT 2019-2020

ELSPETH DICKINS F.S.S.F.

“The Society of Shoe Fitters has seen this last year as an extremely challenging one.

We have many members who are independent shoe retailers who have been working extremely hard to retain their businesses in a price competitive market of large chain, supermarket, and internet retailers. The Society of Shoe Fitters key objective is to ensure the public are wearing comfortable footwear that will not damage their feet, and we can only ensure this if we train retail assistants and health professionals in footwear fitting. We also advise our members in attracting and retaining customer retention to be part of their USP in an extremely price competitive market.

Sadly, we have seen many of our members close their businesses due to the perceived cost of footwear. With imports from the Far East being so much cheaper (and inferior), educating the general public on the benefits of quality, fitted footwear is another of our key objectives that we have been focussing on this year. We have been sharing our expertise through educational flyers, newsletters as well as through social media channels.

Without independent retailers offering a fitting service, the public will be forced to buy self-service without realising the damage they might be doing to their physiology, particularly children’s feet that are soft and vulnerable. It also means that our income diminishes to the point that we can no longer maintain the last and only professional shoe fitting resource and information service.

I would like to thank the Trustees for their input over the past 12 months, and I would especially like to thank our Secretary for her tireless work in running the Society and her endless commitment ensuring that our members and the general public have all the relevant and up to date information to make informed decisions.

With the approach of Brexit, we are entering uncharted waters and we will be facing further challenges in the next 12 months. However, I am confident that with the knowledge and experience of our secretary and trustees, we will continue to support our members in the ensuing years”.

07 September 2020



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Society of Shoefitters

1178413

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2020

To

Period end date
31/12/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions & donations	21,760	-	-	21,760	24,851
Course fees	11,525	-	-	11,525	14,375
Sale of gauges	1,270	-	-	1,270	1,275
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34,555	-	-	34,555	40,501
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Interest received	372	-	-	372	255
Sub total	372	-	-	372	255
Total receipts	34,927	-	-	34,927	40,756
A3 Payments					
Tutor fees	983	-	-	983	2,481
Secreterial & admin fees	6,250	-	-	6,250	25,000
Telephone	440	-	-	440	368
Post & stationery	4,310	-	-	4,310	5,241
Advertising	504	-	-	504	564
Travelling	58	-	-	58	1,331
Insurances	462	-	-	462	473
Office rental and storage	9,000	-	-	9,000	-
Sundry expenses	293	-	-	293	482
Accountancy	300	-	-	300	180
Promotions & exhibits	1,027	-	-	1,027	824
Computer expenses	728	-	-	728	945
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	14
Sub total	24,355	-	-	24,355	37,903
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,355	-	-	24,355	37,903
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,572	-	-	10,572	2,853
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	55,624
A6 Cash funds last year end	58,477	-	-	58,477	-
Cash funds this year end	69,049	-	-	69,049	58,477

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds - current account	54,049	-	-
	Lloyds - instant online account	15,000	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	69,049	-	-

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


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

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Amanda Kent

Print Name

NADIA ARDEN-SCOTT
AMANDA KENT

Dated

12/07/21
15/07/21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Society of Shoefitters

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1178413

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Jane Long

Date:

05/08/21

Name:

Jane Long

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.