

THE MERIEL GWYNETH LEA CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1179927

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-09-14

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

Contact

Address 8 Fulwood Place
Gray's Inn
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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES (CHARITABLE UNDER ENGLISH LAW) AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT FROM TIME TO TIME IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO:A.) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION (INCLUDING SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL TRAINING) FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN SUCH WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES THINK FIT INCLUDING BY AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS, MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE OR GRANTS TENABLE AT ANY UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER OF FURTHER EDUCATION AND PROVIDING FUNDS TO SUCH EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS SO THAT THEY MAY MAKE SUCH AWARDS.B.) THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN ENGLAND AND WALES BY PROVIDING GRANTS AND DONATIONS TO OTHER CHARITIES REGISTERED WITH THE CHARITY COMMISSION OF ENGLAND AND WALES, WHO ARE WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE WHO ARE WORKING TO ASSIST THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS.C.) THE RELIEF OF NEED OF THE ELDERLY AND INFIRM BY THE PROVISION OF HOUSING AND SUPPORT CALCULATED TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF SUCH PERSONS.

Activities: This is a charitable incorporated organisation formed in accordance with the wishes of the late Meriel Gwyneth Lea giving the Trustees a wide discretion so long as charitable to support the prevention of homelessness and the provision of scholarships and bursaries to students who might for financial reasons be unable to attend an educational establishment of higher and further education.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£10,575	£60,760	-	-
2023-12-31	£8,157	£62,010	-	-
2022-12-31	£636	£0	-	-
2021-12-31	£168	£0	-	-
2020-12-31	£682	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MICHAEL JOHN STIRTON		2017-12-14

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Financial Review of the Year

Summary:

The income for the year showed a net surplus of £10,574.97 being bank interest which will be carried forward.

A total of £60,750.00 was made in donations to the Salvation Army and to other charities providing food banks and other sustenance for either the homeless or those in dire need of financial assistance.

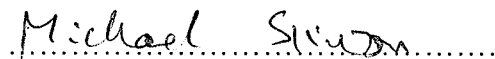
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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1 JANUARY 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

In the previous year's report reference was made to donations of £50,000.00 to worthwhile charities. In fact, during 2024 donations totalling £60,750.00 were made to worthwhile charities and related charitable causes.

During 2024 donations have been made including a payment of £3,000 to each of five students (ie. £15,000 in total) of Gower College, Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 6RD to encourage young students in financial need to go on to higher education which they might otherwise avoid through lack of funds. The late Meriel Gwyneth Lea was from the Gorseinon area of Swansea and would undoubtedly have approved of these donations. In addition, a payment of £750 was made to a student, who due to family circumstances, was effectively rendered homeless and devoid of a regular income.



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Trust Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

	£
Opening balance as at 1 January 2023	462,500.92
Interest earned	<u>10,574.97</u>
<u>Sub total</u>	473,075.89
Less payments	
(i) Donations	60,750.00
(ii) Legal fees	0.00
(iii) Bank charges	<u>10.00</u>
<u>Sub total</u>	60,760.00
Closing Balance as at 31 December 2023	<u><u>412,315.89</u></u>


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MICHAEL JOHN STIRTON (TRUSTEE)

September 2025

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	£
<u>Capital Account</u>	
Settled funds brought forward	<u>412,315.89</u>
 <u>Assets</u>	
Deposit account with bank	385,065.89
 Community Account	<u>27,250.00</u>
 TOTAL	<u>412,315.89</u>
 <u>Less Liabilities</u>	
Creditors and accrued expenses	NIL
	 <u>412,315.89</u>

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Opening balance as at 1 January 2023	516,353.90
Interest earned	<u>8,157.02</u>
<u>Sub total</u>	524,510.92
Less payments	
(i) Donations	50,000.00
(ii) Legal fees	12,000.00
(iii) Bank charges	<u>10.00</u>
<u>Sub total</u>	62,010.00
Closing Balance as at 31 December 2023	<u>462,500.92</u>

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June 2024

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<u>Capital Account</u>	
Settled funds brought forward	<u>462,500.92</u>
 <u>Assets</u>	
Deposit account with bank	424,500.92
 Community Account	<u>38,000.00</u>
 TOTAL	<u>462,500.92</u>
 <u>Less Liabilities</u>	
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	<u>462,500.92</u>

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Financial Review of the Year

Summary:

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During the Covid-19 Pandemic and the lockdown that commenced in March 2020 the Trustees decided that it was not possible for the Trustees to formulate a policy regarding the dispensation of funds and to make further decisions with regard to the Charitable Trust.

Following the end of restrictions brought about by the Covid-19 Pandemic, a meeting of the Trustees via Zoom took place on 16 June 2022 when decisions were taken upon a course of action for distributing funds to national and local charities.

The Accounts for 2022 do not show the dispensation of funds as at the date of this Report £20,000 has been donated to worthwhile charities and the Trustees will shortly decide upon further donations.

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Trust Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

		£
Opening balance as at 1 January 2021		484,979.16
Interest earned	167.55	
Balance of distribution on estate of Meriel Gwyneth Lea due to charity	<u>30,571.01</u>	<u>30,738.56</u>
Closing Balance		<u>515,717.72</u>

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Michael Stirton

MICHAEL JOHN STIRTON (TRUSTEE)

30 September 2022

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	£
<u>Capital Account</u>	
Settled funds brought forward	<u>515,717.72</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Deposit account with bank	515,717.72
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<u>Less Liabilities</u>	
Creditors and accrued expenses	NIL
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	£
Opening balance as at 1 January 2020	484,298.08
Interest earned	<u>681.08</u>
Closing Balance	<u>484,979.16</u>

Add

Balance of distribution on estate of Meriel Gwyneth Lea due to charity	<u>38,371.01</u>
	<u>523,350.17</u>

Michael Sutton
September 14 2021

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts – Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Meriel Gwyneth Lea Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

b) **Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.**

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 any restatement of comparatives were required, and no restatement was required.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Charitable income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities on a receipts basis.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on a payments basis and allocated to the appropriate heading in the accounts. All VAT has been included as part of the cost to which it relates. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities for its beneficiaries. These costs include charitable distributions made.

Trustees' remuneration and related party transactions

Trustees' remuneration during the year amounted to £nil, (2019 £nil).

There were no related party transactions during the current or previous year except that Greenhouse Stirton & Co Ltd. Solicitors acted as Solicitors in the formation of the charity and preparing the accounts, Michael Stirton a trustee of the Charity, is a director of Greenhouse Stirton & Co. Ltd.