

FRIENDS OF STAUNTON COUNTRY PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 1184388

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-07-12

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF STAUNTON COUNTRY PARK FOR THE EDUCATION AND BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

Activities: ConservationEducationRestoration

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£6,930	£1,935	-	-
2024-04-30	£4,197	£8,486	-	-
2023-04-30	£4,566	£10,229	-	-
2022-04-30	£14,503	£4,975	-	-
2021-04-30	£31,083	£25,830	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
James Farrell	Chair	2019-02-07
Annabel Frances Dyer		2023-09-04
Elizabeth Fairhurst		2026-05-11
Geoff James		2026-05-11
Jackie Branson		2026-05-11
Sarah Nicholls		2023-12-04
Stephen Jones		2019-02-07
Thomas Joyes		2019-02-07

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Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/groups/foscp.co.uk

Annual report 2024/2025

**A review of our activities and
achievements, and priorities for the year ahead.**

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Trustees' Report 2025

“Our purpose is to promote the preservation, restoration and improvement of Staunton Country Park for the education and benefit of the public.”

Message from the Chairman

I have been the chairman of the Friends of Staunton Country Park from its initial conception in 2017 and official recognition in 2018, to this present date. In this short time, I have seen the group rise to a stable well respected partner of Hampshire County Council while operating within Staunton Country Park. Many projects, some pleasurable and some essential, have been achieved by the members of the group with the help of some very amazing friends and partners of our own. Links have been forged with other community groups to promote the local area to many people further afield.

I have gained great pleasure from my tenure as chairman, being very proud of what the team has achieved so far and wish it to continue far into the future.

J. M. Farrell FOSCP Chairman.

Objectives and Aims

To work collaboratively with Hampshire County Council and other partners at Staunton Country Park to maximise the quality of the park for the public.

To engage the public and the wider community in helping to improve the facilities at the park.

To help run events to support Staunton Country Park.

Governance

The Friends of Staunton Country Park have eight Trustees who all volunteer their time to help run this charity.

We are governed by our constitution which was registered with the Charity Commission on 12th July, 2019.

Achievements

Working with Sport England to help raise funds for a Trumper to be used for members of the public who are less mobile, so they can enjoy visiting the lake, the Shell House and Storey Gardens.



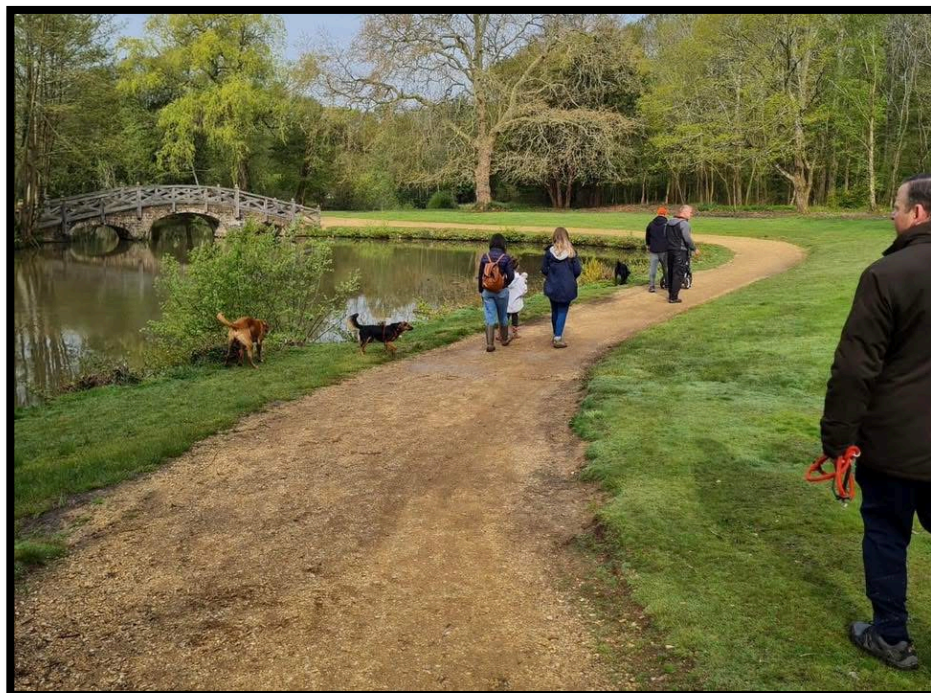
Table top sales to bring in finance for the park run by Trustees with items donated by the local community.





Working with the Right to Work team to facilitate funding for the compost bays in Storey Gardens with funding help from Veolia.

Funding a section of paths at Staunton for the public to enjoy.





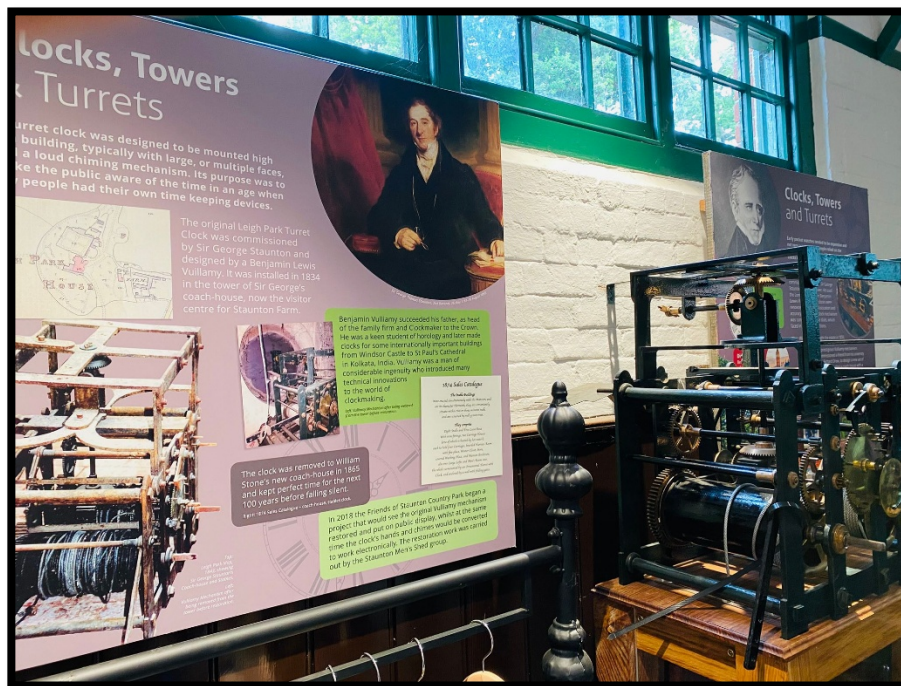
Purchase of Defibrillator for use in Staunton Country Park funded through Cllr. Jackie Branson who is a great supporter of the Friends. This is available to all members of the public.

Built in 1828 the Shell House, one of the follies at Staunton, was based on the design of the Chichester Cross and was built mainly of finely patterned flint. The internal walls were encrusted with shells. The Shell House exhibition shows that members of the public who use the park painted a shell and donated funds to the Friends.





Donation of 100 Queen Elizabeth Roses to commemorate her late Majesty which were planted by the gardening volunteers at Staunton Country Park with funds donated by the Friends.



Working with the Men's Shed to create a static display of the Coach House Clock mechanism. The Friends funded the interpretation board which is now on public display in the stables at Staunton.



Pergola for the entrance to the car park, this supports the kiwi plants and roses, these funds were provided through Cllr. Liz Fairhurst who is a good supporter of the Friends.

More achievements

Acquisition of two glass display cabinets for the Chinese exhibition.

Pictures to be displayed in the Chinese exhibition.

Historic walks by Steve Jones and Jim Farrell in the summer months with different societies. Also walks are organised around Staunton Country Park in conjunction with Havant Borough Council and Get Up & Go.

Steve Jones has produced history booklets for the coach house to sell in their shop with proceeds going to the Friends.

Azaleas were purchased and placed on Swan Island.

Future Plans

It is hoped to support educational visits for school groups.

To support the Heritage Hub at Staunton.

To provide bleed kits for Staunton.

To support Little Hedgehogs group with their forest school at Staunton.

Our funders and partners for which we are most grateful are:-

Funders

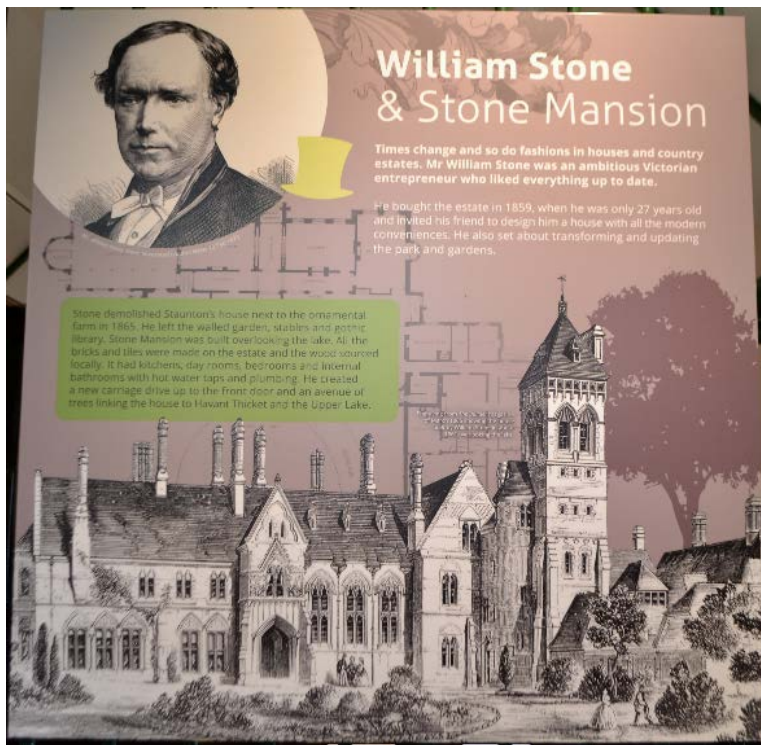
- Bruce Wake Charitable Trust
- Sport England
- Havant Rotary Club
- Havant Borough Council
- Garfield Weston
- Shilo Chou donation towards historical research
- Charles Jacob Charitable Trust
- Ed Stone
- Hampshire County Council through Cllr. Jackie Branson & Cllr. Liz Fairhurst
- Freemasons

Partners

- Get Up & Go
- The Right to Work
- Community First
- Friends of Hermitage Stream
- Staunton Country Park

Message from the FOSCP President:

I am pleased to have this opportunity of providing a few comments to this report. I am also so proud to be associated with such a great group of people, who have dedicated much of their time into supporting/achieving the various 'projects', including the preservation and history of this beautiful 'Staunton Country Park'. My Great Grandfather William Henry Stone would be amazed to know how well his 'Leigh Park Estate' has been maintained over the years (except for his house, built in 1863 and demolished in 1959!) for the benefit of all who visit the Park. Sincerely - Edmund J.A. (Ed) Stone.





ACCOUNTS FROM 2024 TO 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

As indicated in our report, F.O.S.C.P has been active this year in projects and fundraising

	2024/25		2023/24	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income	1,960	4,970	6,930	4,197
Expenditure	838	1,097	1,935	8,486
Net Movement	1,122	3,873	4,995	(4,289)
Balance	5,181	7,465	12,646	7,651

We are grateful for the contributions made by the local community through our table sales, local lottery as well as bodies that have provided us with grants during the year.

This year we commenced a major fundraising effort to purchase a mobility scooter for the park. Sports England provided the mechanism and funds in conjunction with Crowdfunder to fundraise for the scooter.

We have received a wide variety of donations for this appeal including Hampshire County Council as well as individuals.

We hope that the success with this appeal will be a driver for future appeals.

Clock reserves were also used to purchase an interpretation panel for the clock display in Coach Houses.

Unrestricted reserves were used to purchase additional storage space for the table sales goods to be held in a secure and dry area.

The reserves policy is to hold 6 months of operating costs.

We will continue to prioritise and allocate funds to pay for improvements in the next financial year. The full financial statements can be found at the end of this report.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

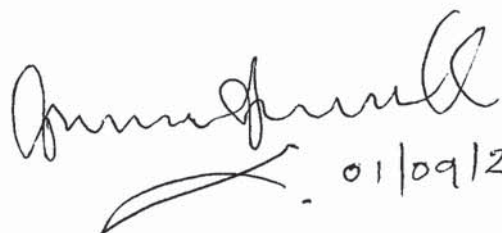
	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	TOTAL 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	TOTAL 2024 £
Income and Endowment Income						
Donations and legacies	366	4,970	5,335	883	-	883
Other trading activities	1,382	-	1,382	926	-	926
Investments	-	-	-	-	2,382	2,382
Other income	212	-	212	5	-	5
Total Income	1,960	4,970	6,930	1,815	2,382	4,197
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	320	1,097	1,416	-	8,147	8,147
Other Expenditure	518	-	518	338	-	338
Total expenditure	838	1,097	1,935	338	8,147	8,486
Net income/(expenditure)	1,122	3,873	4,995	1,476	(5,765)	(4,289)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	1,122	3,873	4,995	1,476	(5,765)	(4,289)
Reconciliation of Funds						
Fund balances at 01 May 2024	4,059	3,592	7,651	2,583	9,357	11,940
Fund balances at 30 April 2025	5,181	7,465	12,646	4,059	3,592	7,651

FRIENDS OF STAUNTON 30 APRIL 2025 BALANCE SHEET

	2025	2024
	£	£
Current bank account	12,621	7,626
Petty cash	25	25
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NET ASSETS	12,646	7,651
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Unrestricted reserves	7,465	4,059
Restricted reserves	5,181	3,592
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TOTAL RESERVES	12,646	7,651
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Approved by the Trustees on June 2025 and signed on their behalf.

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Chairman J. M. FARRELL


01/09/2025

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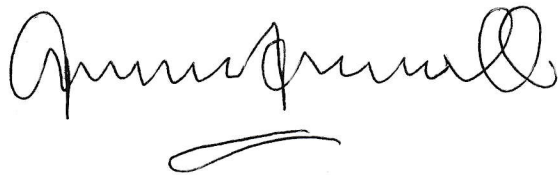
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FRIENDS OF STAUNTON 2023 - 2024 BALANCE SHEET

	£	2024 £	2023 £
Current bank account	7,625.84		11,914.63
Petty cash	25.00		25.00
NET ASSETS	7,650.84	7,650.84	11,939.63
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Unrestricted reserves	4,059.33		2,558.01
Restricted reserves	3,591.51		9,381.62
TOTAL RESERVES	7,650.84	7,650.84	11,939.63
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Approved by the Trustees on May 2024 and signed on their behalf.

..... Chairman



J. M. FARRÉN.

03/06/2024.

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FRIENDS OF STAUNTON COUNTRY PARK (F.O.S.C.P) ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23 COMMENTARY.

The annual accounts for the year ended 30 April 2023 are enclosed. They incorporate the following schedules:

- a) A commentary upon the financial schedules and points of note for the financial year under review.
- b) A detailed income and Expenditure account for the twelve- month period ending 30 April 2023. This schedule also includes a reconciliation of the bank account and a detailed analysis of closing reserves.
- c) A balance sheet as of 30 April 2023. This schedule also includes a comparison with the previous year's balance sheet.

Key points for the year:

- Continuation of table sales as a valuable source of income.
- Further restricted grants in respect of the defibrillator project were received. This enabled the park to site defibrillators in the park. Providing a valuable mechanism for mitigating heart issues arising in the park.
- The purchase of roses to develop a rose garden in a prime site.
- Further hand tools(shears) were purchased and donated to the park.
- The trustees have written to the main donors of the restricted grants for clock works advising that the charity will be unable to proceed with the original clock project and would therefore like to use the donated funds for a scaled down clock project.
- The financial position is strong with both favourable unrestricted and restricted reserves.

Recommendation:

The charity meets the exemption for audit and independent examination as set out in ChA 2011, s.144, namely that:

- a) The charity's gross income in the current year is less than £25,000
- b) The gross assets of the charity are less than £3.26m and
- c) No notice has been received from the Charity Commission requiring and audit.

Based on the presentation of the Income and Expenditure account and Balance sheet schedules as enclosed and subject to agreement re the exemption from audit or independent examination the trustees approve the schedules for submission to the Charities Commission.

It is recommended that the board of trustees approve the financial statements for sign - off and subsequent submission to the Charities Commission.

FRIENDS OF STAUNTON 2022 -2023 REPORT

	Accounts 01 May 2022 -30 April 2023			Prior year 2022
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
Income				
Tours	-	-	-	-
Donations	196.00	-	196.00	306.41
Grants	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	13,020.06
Table sales	969.02	-	969.02	1,087.45
Historic Walks	298.00	-	298.00	-
Sundry	103.15	-	103.15	89.20
Total Income	<u>1,566.17</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>4,566.17</u>	<u>14,503.12</u>
Expenditure				
Web site + IT	-	-	-	128.46
Roses	534.00	-	534.00	-
Storey Gardens	-	-	-	4,670.00
Shed	1,539.00	-	1,539.00	-
Handtools	99.95	-	99.95	36.00
PPE/First Aid	-	3,011.00	3,011.00	-
Paths	-	4,818.38	4,818.38	-
Books	120.00	-	120.00	-
Sum up	2.73	-	2.73	-
Liability insurance	104.84	-	104.84	141.02
	<u>2,400.52</u>	<u>7,829.38</u>	<u>10,229.90</u>	<u>4,975.48</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(834.35)	(4,829.38)	(5,663.73)	9,527.64
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Petty cash			25.00	25.00
Cash Balance 30/04/2023			<u>11,914.63</u>	<u>17,578.36</u>
Bank reconciliation:				
		£		
Opening balance 01 May 2022		17,578.36		
Net transactions (May -April 23)		(5,663.73)		
Petty cash		25.00		
Closing asset balance 30 April 2023		<u>11,939.63</u>		
Restricted		£		
Paths		6,756.62		
Clock		2,600.00		
Unrestricted reserves		2,583.01		
TOTAL RESERVES		<u>11,939.63</u>		

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FRIENDS OF STAUNTON 2022 -2023 REPORT
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	£	2023 £	2022 £
Current bank account	11,914.63		17,578.36
Petty cash	25.00		25.00
NET ASSETS		11,939.63	17,603.36
Unrestricted reserves	2,558.01		3,703.36
Restricted reserves	9,381.62		13,900.00
TOTAL RESERVES		11,939.63	17,603.36

Approved by the Trustees on May 2023 and signed on their behalf.

..... Chairman

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FRIENDS OF STAUNTON 2021 -2022 REPORT

	Accounts 01 May 2021 -30 April 2022			Prior year 2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Tours	-	-	-	-
Donations	306.41	-	306.41	444.24
Grants	500.00	12,520.06	13,020.06	30,570.00
Table sales	1,087.45		1,087.45	-
Books	-		-	69.00
Sundry	89.20	-	89.20	-
Total Income	1,983.06	12,520.06	14,503.12	31,083.24
Expenditure				
Web site + IT	128.46	-	128.46	99.00
Storey Gardens	-	4,670.00	4,670.00	25,521.40
Handtools	36.00		36.00	-
PPE/First Aid	-	-	-	9.99
Books	-	-	-	69.00
Liability insurance	141.02	-	141.02	131.04
	305.48	4,670.00	4,975.48	25,830.43
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,677.58	7,850.06	9,527.64	5,252.81
Petty cash			25.00	-
Cash Balance 30/04/2022			17,578.36	8,075.72

Bank reconciliation:

	£
Opening balance 01 May 2021	8,075.72
Net transactions (May -April 22)	9,527.64
Petty cash float	(25.00)
Closing bank balance 30 April 2022	17,578.36

Restricted

	£
Paths	12,300.00
Clock	1,600.00
Unrestricted reserves	3,703.36
TOTAL RESERVES	17,603.36

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AGM 2021 Minutes

Held in the Garrett Rooms at Staunton Country Park Farm 28/07/2021

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 10-00 am. He welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending.

Present - Jim Farrell, Steve Jones, Tom Joyes, Ann Dyer, Michael Hart, Gary Davis, Jackie Branson.

Apologies - Steve Williams, Sandra Dawson, Steve Jenner, Kat Foxtan, Divinia Hayes.

Minutes of the last meeting - No matters arising - Proposed Tom Joyes, Seconded Gary Davis.

Chairman's annual report - No matters arising.

Secretary's annual report - No matters arising.

Treasurer's annual report - No matters arising.

Honorary & Appointed Officers

The following officers have agreed to carry on in their positions.

President - Ed Stone.

Associated Members - Tim Speller, Jackie Branson, Liz Fairhurst.

Community & Heritage Engagement Officer - Kat Foxtan.

Volunteers Co-ordinator - Divinia Hayes.

Elected Officers.

The following officers were duly elected.

Chairman - Jim Farrell.

Vice Chairperson - Vacated.

Secretary - Vacated.

Treasurer - Steve Williams.

Charity Officer - Gary Davis.

Fund Raising Officer - Michael Hart.

Media Officer - Tom Joyes.

Community Ambassador - Annabel Dyer.

The following persons are continuing as Trustees.

Jim Farrell, Steve Jones, Steve Williams, Sandra Dawson, Tom Joyes.

AOAB - None. The meeting was closed at 10-30 am.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2021

	£		£
	2021		2020
Cash at bank	<u>8,075.72</u>		<u>2,822.91</u>
Reserves:			
Restricted	3,248.60	-	
Unrestricted	<u>4,827.12</u>	<u>2,822.91</u>	
	<u>8,075.72</u>		<u>2,822.91</u>

FRIENDS OF STAUNTON 2020 -2021 REPORT
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	<u>8,075.72</u>		<u>2,822.91</u>