

Essex Provincial Charity Fund (EPCF)
Trustees Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

This is the Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st December 2023 for EPCF which is registered at the Provincial Office, 2 Station Court, Station Approach, Wickford, Essex, SS11 7AT. The charity's bankers are Barclays Bank PLC and the independent examiners of the charity's accounts are I.V. Jones and C.D. Sampson.

The Essex Provincial Charity Fund CIO is registered with the Charity Commissioners as Charity No. 1185801

The names of the Trustees of the charity at December 2022 were: C. Hicks (Chairman), P.J. Harris (Secretary), G.J. Felton (Treasurer), N. Franklin, C L Felton, P.M. Lovelock and J Curtis

The charity works to further such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees in their absolute discretion determine. The aspects of relief of poverty and distress to Masons and their dependants is now undertaken by EPAF and as such the EPCF continues to support that charity. The Trustees also administer the Essex Freemasons' Community Fund and make grants on behalf of EFCF.

The accounts are set out on the annexed Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and accompanying notes and to the best of the Trustees' knowledge comply with current statutory requirements and the charity's governing document. The Trustees believe that the annexed accounts give a clear understanding of how the charity's funds have been applied and of its financial position as at the year end.

The Trustees consider that a satisfactory result has been achieved during the year under review, and that the charity's funds are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Signed on behalf of the trustees by:

C. Hicks (Chairman of Trustees)

ESSEX PROVINCIAL CHARITY FUND AND ESSEX FREEMASONS COMMUNITY FUND

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2023

	General Funds 2023 £	General Funds 2022 £
Income and expenditure		
Donations to EFCF:		
PGLE & PGCE	65,208	75,000
Masonic Charitable Foundation	21,390	0
Lodge Donations	24,501	2,330
Other Donations	230	5,500
Donation to EPCF:		
Lodge Donations	8,595	2,303
PGLE	0	0
MISC	93	1,619
Total income	120,017	86,752
Resources expended		
Direct charitable expenditure:		
Matched Funding	34,618	7,010
HRA Schools	9,500	0
Donations by EPCF	9,297	0
Grants	108,648	77,643
Admin Costs	231	220
Bank Charges	14	8
		0
Total expenditure	162,308	84,881
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	(42,291)	1,871
Fund balances brought forward @01.01-23	58,238	60,209
Fund balances carried forward @ 31.12.23	17,996	58,238
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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors		
Cash at bank EPCP	3,053	3,908
Cash at bank EFCF	14,943	56,380
	<u>17,996</u>	<u>60,288</u>
Current liabilities		
Creditors	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net current assets	17,996	60,288
Total assets	17,996	60,288
Represented by:		
Charity funds:		
Unrestricted:		
General Fund	17,996	60,288
Restricted:		
Masonic Charitable Foundation	0	0
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Approved by the trustees on
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Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Essex Provincial Charity Fund

We report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.

Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

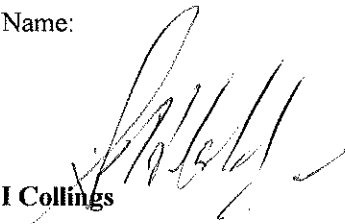
Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners' Statement

In the course of our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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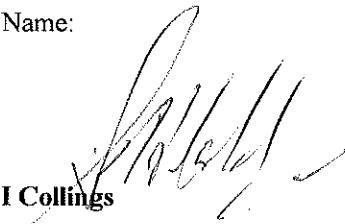
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