

Annual Report of Trustees of the Rotary Club of Stratford 2022-23

As we reflect on the year 2022-23, we acknowledge the lingering aftereffects of the COVID-19 pandemic that have significantly impacted our activities and operations. The challenges we faced were multifaceted, particularly in our fundraising efforts, which saw a noticeable downturn as the community and our resources were in a phase of recovery.

The pandemic also affected our volunteer base. Initially, we experienced a reduction in the number of volunteers, which presented a considerable challenge. However, through the resilience and dedication of our remaining members, and with renewed outreach efforts, we were able to gradually rebuild our volunteer base and welcome new, passionate individuals into our fold.

Despite these challenges, the Rotary Club of Stratford achieved significant milestones over the past year. Our Annual Awards Function was a resounding success, where we had the privilege of recognizing over 40 community groups and individuals for their exceptional contributions. Of these, we were able to mentor four, providing them with guidance and support to further their initiatives. Additionally, we engaged in volunteering and fundraising activities for five of these groups, exemplifying our ongoing commitment to fostering community development and support.

One of the highlights of the year was the success of the Sickle Cell Charity Ball, which raised crucial funds for a cause that remains close to our hearts. This event not only raised awareness but also brought the community together in support of those affected by sickle cell disease.

Our longstanding commitment to global health initiatives continues to be a cornerstone of our work. The Rotary Club of Stratford remains deeply involved in Polio Eradication and Leprosy Control, two areas where we believe we can make a lasting impact. Our efforts in these areas have not wavered, and we continue to collaborate with international partners to move closer to our goals.

Additionally, our focus on skill development for local community leaders has seen promising results. Through programs like PM Skills for Life and Human-Centred Design Thinking, we are equipping individuals with the tools they need to drive positive change in their communities. These initiatives are vital to our mission of empowering local leaders and ensuring sustainable development.

In closing, while the year presented challenges, it also offered opportunities for growth and renewal. We are proud of the strides we have made and remain committed to our mission of service above self. As we look ahead, we are confident that the Rotary Club of Stratford will continue to be a force for good, both locally and globally.

Thank you to all our members, volunteers, and supporters for your unwavering dedication and hard work. Together, we are making a difference.

Rotary Club Of Stratford

Independent Examiners' Report To The Officers Of Rotary Club Of Stratford

We report to the Officers on our examination of the accounts of Rotary Club of Stratford for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Officers of Rotary Club of Stratford (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied ourselves that the accounts of Rotary Club of Stratford are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, we report in respect of our examination of the Club's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out our examination we have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Club as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by Charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

We 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.

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Statement of financial activities for the period ended 30 June 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Incoming Resources		
Association Fees Received	-	150.00
Awards - Sponsorship and Tickets	12,847.00	4,817.91
Club Memorabilia receipts	-	92.00
Donations Received	710.00	1,280.00
Events - Sponsorship and Tickets	-	4,349.75
Grants Received	900.00	36,453.60
Subscriptions Received	1,830.00	2,450.00
Sickel Cell Dome Climb	(3,082.53)	3,082.53
Sickel Cell Charity Ball	9,089.16	-
Total Incoming Resources	<u>22,293.63</u>	<u>52,675.79</u>
Resources Expended		
Awards Expenses	10,700.20	5,267.76
Club Expenses	586.41	751.85
Club Memorabilia payments	270.00	214.00
Donations Given	754.99	260.00
Events Expenses	-	5,154.10
Grants Given	-	34,437.02
RIBI Subscription	1,185.51	3,112.08
RI District 1130 Subscription	661.00	248.00
Bank Charges	62.40	40.81
Platform Payment Fees	57.13	-
Charity Ball expenses	9,089.16	-
Total Resources Expended	<u>23,366.80</u>	<u>49,485.62</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period ended 30 June 2023	<u>(1,073.17)</u>	<u>3,190.17</u>
General Reserve		
Balance at 1 July 2022	11,827.83	8,637.66
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period ended 30 June 2023	(1,073.17)	3,190.17
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u>10,754.66</u>	<u>11,827.83</u>



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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
HSBC - Current Account	20,929.70		18,646.83	
Debtors - Subs	75.00		-	
Debtors - Docklands	-		(429.00)	
	<u>21,004.70</u>		<u>18,217.83</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors - General	2,368.04		-	
Deferred Grants - 2023/24	7,882.00		6,180.00	
Deferred Subs - 2022/23	-		210.00	
	<u>10,250.04</u>		<u>6,390.00</u>	
Net Current Assets		10,754.66		11,827.83
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>10,754.66</u></u>		<u><u>11,827.83</u></u>
Financed by:				
General Reserve Fund		<u><u>10,754.66</u></u>		<u><u>11,827.83</u></u>