

# THE JOHN SIMONDS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1197339

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-01-05

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

## Contact

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Scratchface Lane  
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## Activities

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**Activities:** Education in the Countryside

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£232,101	£247,916	-	-
2023-12-31	£262,993	£216,082	-	-
2022-12-31	£207,226	£208,831	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANTHONY MARTIN RUANE		2022-01-05
DAVID CHRISTOPHER WRAIGHT		2022-01-05
DAVID JOHN SIMONDS		2022-01-05
ELISABETH ANNE BISHOP		2022-01-05
ELISABETH LINDSAY BISHOP		2022-01-05
HENRY ROBERT DOWNING FULLERTON OBE		2022-01-05
JOHN MILLER DL		2022-01-05
John Dexter Bishop OBE		2022-01-05
LOUISE CLARE HUTCHINS		2022-01-05
RICHARD GARETH GRIFFITHS DL		2022-01-05
Richard Henry Ronald Benyon Lord		2022-01-05
SARAH MILNER-SIMONDS		2022-01-05

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# The John Simonds Trust

“Making a difference in children’s lives”

## Trustees Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

What a privilege it is to be able to do something that contributes to the well-being of children in such a positive way. It feels as though the Trust has come of age. Each child arriving here is special and with their teaching staff need to be looked after safely, cared for, taught and hopefully inspired by the countryside at the Rushall Manor site. We have had a remarkably busy and successful year. With some generous donations we have been able to support 3 new initiatives

- *Work with a school struggling with children transitioning successfully to secondary schools.*
- A pilot making provision available to the large number of children in West Berkshire being Home Educated
- Developing leadership training for Bradfield College.

Our thanks go to William Cumber for the continual support he and his family have given the Trust since it started in 1983 and to dedicated staff who make it all work! One school recently wrote

*“What a wonderful trip! Right from the start a warm welcome. Children who on the farm for the first time will remember this day forever; lovely and caring staff as well as a very educational interactive trip. Above all we are so grateful that this trip was sponsored and we can’t say thanks enough for this opportunity to visit. Not forgetting what a beautiful farm. Thank you all.”* Ranikhet Academy.

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### Achievements over the last 12 months

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### Plans for the next 12 months

- Fully assess changes to children’s ability to thrive in school following Growing for Good intervention.
- Minimise the disruption to visit as a result of road closures in Bradfield.
- Work with “Five a day” to ensure that experiences for children are not diminished by not visiting their Englefield site.
- Reorganise working arrangements in the office and do staff appraisals.

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Trustees Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

## Governance

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E.A. Bishop  
E.L. Bishop  
J.D. Bishop OBE  
H. Fullerton OBE  
R. Griffiths DL  
Dr. L. Hutchins  
J. Miller DL  
T. Ruane  
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- The Manor farm has been used by over 3,000 campers from schools, D of E and uniformed and church organisations.
- Leadership training and provision of a healthy environment for young people also takes place through church, uniformed organisations, DoE camps, command tasks and volunteer groups
- Access to the Trust was given to 9,000 people through work camps, open days, volunteer days, church camp weekends, wedding receptions, family parties, organised walks.

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## Financial Review and Results of Year

### Summary of Results

The John Simonds Trust had a net outflow of funds of £11,803 for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (2023: inflow of £43,631)

### Income

The total income was £232,101 (2023: £262,993). Schools generated an income of £130,845 (2023: £116,715). Income from camps and functions was £39,766 (2023: £50,562) other including transport £12,589, (2023 £12,932). Donations were £40,604: (2023 £76,084). Investments income was £8,196: (2022 £7,220).

### Expenditure

Expenditure was £211,916 on charitable activities, (2023: £216,082) and £36,000 was paid as the Trust’s contribution towards the rethatching of the Black Barn.

### Reserves Policy

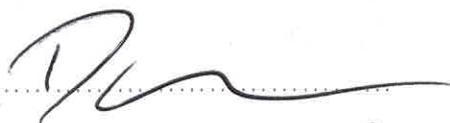
The Trustees review the reserves policy annually. Reserves are held to cover any potential commitments in the event of the charity winding up, and to cover large known costs associated with current operations. The trustees envisage any winding up to be predicted well in advance of the event, so that financial commitments will relate solely to staff redundancies and other ex gratia payments. These are estimated at £80k. Costs associated with current operations total £134k. Total reserves therefore are required to be a minimum of £214k. At December 2024 the Trust had £269k, all in liquid investments. The Trustees consider this position satisfactory.

### Provision of information to the examiner

So far as each of the trustees is aware at the time the report is approved there is no relevant audit information of which the charity’s examiner is unaware.

The above report was approved by the Trustees on... 03.07.2025

And signed on their behalf.....



John Bishop

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## Trustees Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

Statement of Trustees’ Responsibilities for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees’ Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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## Independent Examiners Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

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

### Responsibilities and basis of report:

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Olivia Evans (FCCA)  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Goringe Accountants  
1650 Waterside,  
Arlington Business Park  
Theale  
Reading  
RG7 4SA

**Statement of Financial Activities for year ending 31st December 2024**

	Note	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<b>Income and Endowment from:</b>			
Donations and Legacies	2a	40,604	76,084
Charitable Activities	2b	183,301	180,210
Investments		8196	7,220
<b>Total:</b>		<u>232,101</u>	<u>263,514</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable Activities	3	211,916	216,082
<b>Improvements to site</b>	7	36,000	14,000
Depeciation	4	0	0
<b>Total:</b>		<u>247,916</u>	<u>230,082</u>
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	5	4,012	11,626
<b>Net Income/(expenditure)</b>	minus	11,803	33,432
Transfer Between Funds		0	0
<b>Other recognised gains /(losses):</b>		0	-1,427
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		0	
<b>Net movement of funds</b>	minus	<u>11,803</u>	<u>43,631</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total Funds brought forward		281,176	237,545
Movement in Funds	minus	11,803	43,631
Transfers		0	0
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<u>269,373</u>	<u>281,176</u>

**Balance sheet as at 31st December 2024**

	Note	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	0	0
Investments			
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Stocks			
Debtors			
Investments	5	221,737	217,725
Cash at bank and in hand	6	47,585	58,711
		<u>269,322</u>	<u>276,436</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts within one year		0	0
Debtors		50	4,740
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		269,373	281,176
Creditors: amounts after more than one year			
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>269,373</u>	<u>281,176</u>
<b>The Funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted		269,373	281,176
Restricted		0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>269,373</u>	<u>281,176</u>
Check			0
L. Hutchins			
Trustee	Jan-25		

**The John Simonds Trust**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**Year ended 31 December 2024**

**1. Accounting policies**

**i. Basis of preparation**

i. These accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis and have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

**ii. Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are generally included in the SoFA only when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource. Income sources with conditions attached are included in the SoFA on receipt.

**iii. Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts, but is described in the trustee's annual report.

**iv. Current asset investments**

Current asset investments are measured at market value.

**v. Income from charitable activities**

Income from charitable activities is included in the SoFA only when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource. Income sources with conditions attached are included in the SoFA on receipt.

**vi. Current financial instruments**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

transaction  
costs  
Financing

<b>2a. Income from donations and legacies</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations	<u>40,604</u>	<u>76,084</u>

<b>2b. Income from charitable activities</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Visits & school camps	130,845	116,715
Barn & site use	39,766	50,562
Other including transport	12,589	12,933
	<u>183,200</u>	<u>180,210</u>

<b>3a. Staff costs</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	137,867	135,790
Social security costs	5,700	5,581
Other employee benefits	0	0
Contract teachers	8,037	15,133
	<u>151,604</u>	<u>156,504</u>

The number of staff throughout the year was 1 full-time and 18 part time)  
 No employee received emoluments exceeding £60,000 during the year.

### 3b. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Activity	Activities	Grant	Support	Total	Total
	undertaker	funding of	costs		
	directly	activities			
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Visits & school camps	-	-	158,937	158,937	165,676
Barn & site use	-	-	52,979	52,979	50,356
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	211,916	-	216,032

### 3c. Analysis of support costs

	Raising	Visits	Barn &	Total	Total	Basis of
	funds	school cam	site use	2024	2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	allocation
Rent	-	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	Pro-rate per activity in
Insurance	-	4,000	15,539	5,530	5,998	Pro-rate per activity in
Site maintenance	-	12,000	7,285	19,285	18,351	{Pro-rate per activity in
		-	-	0	0	{Tractor costs all allocat
Electricity	-	4,000	1,034	5,034	5,358	Pro-rate per activity in
Human resources	-	141,890	15,000	156,890	169,916	All visits and school, exc
IT and other	-	2,417	1,000	3,417	6,409	Pro-rate per activity in
Visit Subsidy transport	-	11,760	-	11,760	0	who is provided to
<b>Total</b>	-	181,067	44,858	211,916	216,032	

The Trust has a fully repairing lease on Rushall Manor Farm from September 2019 until September 2030 at £10,000 per

**4. All investment in site is written off in year 1.**

**5. Investments**

Value at 31 December	Cost £	Mkt value	Mkt value
		2024 £	2023 £
COIF Investment Fund Income	118,180	155,951	152,505
COIF Investment Fund Fixed Interest	30,236	8,599	8344
Charities Property Fund	40,000	57,187	56,876
Total	188,416	221,737	217,725

**6. Cash at bank**

	2024	2023
	£	£
CAF bank	13,753	
CAF bank	33,837	58,667
COIF charity deposit fund	45	44
	47,635	58,711

**7. Improvements to site in 2019**

		£
	Rushall Manor Site	9,025
	Oaklands	90,054
2023 paid as rent	Rushall Barn Roof	14,000
2024 paid as rent	Rushall Barn Roof	36,000

**8. Trustees expenses**

There were no expenses paid to Trustees in either 2023 or 2024.

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It is 40 years since John Simonds died, a nineteen-year-old, full of life with, of course, hopes for the future. The immediate response by a small group of people was to set up a Trust based at the derelict farm at Rushall Manor. And what a journey it has been since then, with enormous support from the Cumber family who own the site and the generosity from surrounding family trusts and local people. Thousands of children have experienced the wonders of the countryside on visits and camps over the years. Many children’s lives have been enriched, and for some it has been transforming. There are those who have camped overnight as part of their DoE Award. Others have been on scout, guide or Christian youth camps, with the bonus of being baptised in the River Pang. Many on school visits will have measured the velocity and more of the river and studied the rich aquatic life beneath the surface. For others Rushall Manor has been a place for family celebration or reflection, a place which always demonstrates the fullness and diversity of creation from the bluebells in the spring to the mystery and colours of autumn in the ancient oak and hazel woodlands. So the Trust completes another year with gratitude to those who have supported the appeal for £90k this year, especially Jane Patrick our administrator who raised over £11k by cycling from Lands’ End to John O’Groats. We are so grateful to our staff, all of whom are dedicated to the well-being of children coming here. Finally the Trustees thank Jason Morley and his team, returning after 25 years to rethatch the barn, and doing it with a minimum of disruption and such high craftsmanship. it really does look great!

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### Achievements over the last 12 months

- Raise £50k towards the rethatching of the barn.
- Raise the profile of the Trust and donations.
- Be able to demonstrate with data the benefits of the Growing for Good work.
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- The Manor farm has been used by over 3,000 campers from schools, D of E and uniformed and church organisations.
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- Access to the Trust was given to 9,000 people through work camps, open days, volunteer days, church camp weekends, wedding receptions, family parties, organised walks.

# The John Simonds Trust

“Making a difference in children’s lives”

Trustees Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

## Financial Review and Results of Year

### Summary of Results

The John Simonds Trust had a net inflow of funds of £43,631 for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (2022: outflow £20,056)

### Income

The total income was £262,993 (2022: £207,226). Schools generated an income of £116,715 (2022: £120,539). Income from camps and functions was £50,562 (2022: £40,460) other including transport. £12,932. Donations were £76,084: 2022 £37,530. Investments income was £7,220: 2022 £6,913.

### Expenditure

Expenditure was £216,082 on charitable activities, (2022: £208,831) and £14,000 was paid as the Trust’s contribution towards the rethatching of the Black Barn.

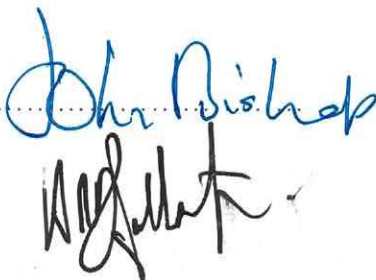

### Reserves Policy

The Trustees review the reserves policy annually. Reserves are held to cover any potential commitments in the event of the charity winding up, and to cover large known costs associated with current operations. The trustees envisage any winding up to be predicted well in advance of the event, so that financial commitments will relate solely to staff redundancies and other ex gratia payments. These are estimated at £80k. Costs associated with current operations total £170k which includes £36k needed next year toward the rethatching of the barn. Total reserves therefore are required to be a minimum of £251k. At December 2023 the Trust had £281k, all in liquid investments. The Trustees consider this position satisfactory.

### Provision of information to the examiner

So far as each of the trustees is aware at the time the report is approved there is no relevant audit information of which the charity’s examiner is unaware.

The above report was approved by the Trustees on..... 23rd May 2023

And signed on their behalf.....  
  


# **The John Simonds Trust**

**“Education in the Countryside”**

**Trustees Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023**

Statement of Trustees’ Responsibilities for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

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In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# The John Simonds Trust

“Education in the Countryside”

## Independent Examiners Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

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

Responsibilities and basis of report:

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Crowson*

Emily Crowson (FCCA)  
16<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Goringe Accountants  
1650 Waterside,  
Arlington Business Park  
Theale  
Reading  
RG7 4SA

Statement of Financial Activities for year ending 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Income and Endowment from:</b>			
Donations and Legacies	2a	76,084	37,530
Charitable Activities	2b	179,689	162,783
Investments		7,220	6,913
<b>Total:</b>		<u>262,993</u>	<u>207,226</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable Activities	3	216,082	208,830
Improvements to site	7	14,000	
Depreciation	4	0	
<b>Total:</b>		<u>230,082</u>	<u>208,830</u>
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	5	11,626	-24,682
		0	0
<b>Net Income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>44,587</b>	<b>-1,606</b>
Transfer Between Funds		0	0
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>		<b>-956</b>	<b>518</b>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		0	0
		0	0
<b>Net movement of funds</b>		<u><b>43,631</b></u>	<u><b>-25,770</b></u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total Funds brought forward		237,545	263,315
Movement in Funds		43,631	-25,770
Transfers		0	0
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<u><b>281,176</b></u>	<u><b>237,545</b></u>

Balance sheet as at 31st December 2023

	Note	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	0	0
Investments		0	0
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Stocks			
Debtors			
Investments	5	217,725	208,099
Cash at bank and in hand	6	58,711	25,470
		<u>276,436</u>	<u>233,569</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts within one year		0	0
Debtors		4,740	3,976
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>281,176</u>	<u>237,545</u>
Creditors: amounts after more than one year			
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>281,176</u></u>	<u><u>237,545</u></u>
<b>The Funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted		281,176	237,545
Restricted		0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u><u>281,176</u></u>	<u><u>237,545</u></u>
Check			0
L. Hutchins			
Trustee			

**The John Simonds Trust**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**Year ended 31 December 2023**

**1. Accounting policies**

**i. Basis of preparation**

i. These accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis and have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

**ii. Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are generally included in the SoFA only when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources. Income sources with conditions attached are included in the SoFA on receipt.

**iii. Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts, but is described in the trustee's annual report.

**iv. Current asset investments**

Current asset investments are measured at market value.

**v. Income from charitable activities**

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Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

**2a. Income from donations and legacies**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	<u>76,084</u>	<u>37,530</u>

**2b. Income from charitable activities**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Visits & school camps	116,715	122,413
Barn & site use	50,562	40,460
Other including transport	<u>12,933</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>180,210</u>	<u>162,873</u>

**3a. Staff costs**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	135,790	146,437
Social security costs	5,581	5,006
Other employee benefits	0	0
Contract teachers	<u>15,133</u>	<u>7,894</u>
	<u>156,504</u>	<u>159,337</u>

The number of staff throughout the year was 1 full-time and 18 part time)  
No employee received emoluments exceeding £60,000 during the year.

**3b. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

Activity	Activities undertaken directly		Grant funding of activities		Support costs		Total 2023	Total 2022
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Visits & school camps	-	-	-	165,676	-	165,676	168,831	
Barn & site use	-	-	-	50,356	-	50,356	40,000	
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	216,032	-	216,032	208,831	

**3c. Analysis of support costs**

	Raising funds		Visits school cam		Barn & site use		Total 2023	Total 2022	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	£	£			
Rent	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	10,000	10,000	Pro-rate per activity income
Insurance	-	4,000	-	1,998	-	1,998	5,998	4,835	Pro-rate per activity income
Site maintenance	-	9,351	-	9,000	-	9,000	18,351	20,321	{Pro-rate per activity income
Electricity	-	4,000	-	1,358	-	1,358	5,358	4,816	{Tractor costs all allocated to visits & camps
Human resources	-	139,916	-	30,000	-	30,000	169,916	161,920	All visits and school, exc. Lindsay, who is prorated to income
IT and other	-	3,409	-	3,000	-	3,000	6,409	6,939	Pro-rate per activity income
Visit Subsidy	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	
<b>Total</b>	-	165,676	-	50,356	-	50,356	216,032	208,831	

Check

The Trust has a fully repairing lease on Rushall Manor Farm from September 2019 until September 2030 at £10,000 per annum.

**4. All investment in site is written off in year 1.**

**5. Investments**

Value at 31 December	Mikt value	
	2023	2022
	Cost	Mikt value
	£	£
COIF Investment Fund Income	118,180	139,671
COIF Investment Fund Fixed Interest	30,236	8344
Charities Property Fund	40,000	56,876
Total	188,416	208,099

**6. Cash at bank**

	2023	2022
	£	£
CAF bank	58,667	25,426
COIF charity deposit fund	44	45
	58,711	25,471

**7. Improvements to site in 2019**

	Rushall Manor Site	
	Oaklands	9,025
	Rushall Barn Roof	90,054
<b>2023 paid as rent</b>		14,000

**8. Trustees expenses**

There were no expenses paid to Trustees in either 2022 or 2023.  
 The John Simonds trust is a charity operating in the UK, and registered with the Charity Commission No. 1197339 with principle office at Rushall Farm, Scratchface Lane, Bradfield, READING, RG7 6DL

**THE JOHN SIMONDS TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1197339

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# Accounts

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# The John Simonds Trust

“Making a difference in children’s lives”

## Trustees Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

John Simonds died as a nineteen-year-old in 1983, and the Trust was set up in his memory. Initially a dream arising out of tragic circumstances, the Trust is now well established at Rushall Farm and recognised nationally for its services to education in the countryside. This has not been without the unswerving support of William Cumber, and a number of local charitable trusts including Englefield, Eling and the Ernest Cook Trust. Over the past few years, the Trust has invested substantially in the Rushall Manor site to improve the safety and welfare of children, visitors and staff.

Our main objective this year was to get up and running after two very difficult years. This has truly happened, with both staff eager to do their job and schools really pleased to be here. This is a trust which is investing in the lives of children. All the research shows the enormous benefits to health of being out in the countryside and over the years we have learnt to do this well. Lives are changed by spending time at Rushall Farm. Whether that is taking measurements at a series of sites on the River Pang, learning about soils, land use, and where your food comes from. Or maybe arriving here to camp, having walked 10k as part of your DoE, or camping here with your school, or coming on a weekly basis to grow in the confidence of who you are.

We could not do this work without the generosity of many individuals and organisations and the support and goodwill of the local community, for which we are grateful.

John Bishop  
Chairman of Trustees

### Achievements over the last 12 months

- Organise funding for the rethatching of the barn in 2023
- Continue to develop excellent experiences for children in the countryside at Rushall Farm
- Complete move to CIO, renew the website.
- Get up and running with school visits and camps to some degree of normality in 2022 after covid shutdown

### Plans for the next 12 months

- Raise £50k towards the rethatching of the barn.
- Hold an event to raise the profile of the Trust and donations.
- Be able to demonstrate with data the benefits of the Growing for Good work.
- Recruit and train 3 new members of the teaching team

# The John Simonds Trust

“Education in the Countryside”

Trustees Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

## Governance

### Charity Trustees:

Lord Benyon  
E.A. Bishop  
E.L. Bishop  
J.D. Bishop OBE  
H. Fullerton OBE  
R. Griffiths DL  
Dr. L. Hutchins  
J. Miller DL  
T. Ruane  
D.J. Simonds DL  
S. Milner-Simonds  
D.Wraight

### Patrons:

Sian the Lady Crisp,

All the trustees listed above have been active in the trust. The trustees meet four times a year formally and are closely involved in all areas of the charity.

The day to day running is carried out by a committed team of staff led by the managing Trustee, John Bishop

## Principle address

Rushall Farm, Scratchface Lane, Bradfield, Berkshire, RG7 6DL  
[www.rushallfarm.org.uk](http://www.rushallfarm.org.uk), [jst@rushallfarm.org.uk](mailto:jst@rushallfarm.org.uk), 01189744547

### Examiner

Olivia Evans ACCA, Goringe Accountants, Moulden Way, Sulhampstead, RG7 4GB

### Bankers:

CAF Bank Ltd, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

### Solicitors

Blandy & Blandy 1 Friar Street, Reading RG1 1DA

Charity Commission Registration Number: 294363

# **The John Simonds Trust**

**“Education in the Countryside”**

**Trustees Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**

The format and content of the report and financial statements comply with the Charity Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the FRSSE.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The John Simonds Trust was set up by Declaration of Trust dated 29 April 1986 for the advancement of education and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare.

### **Charitable Objects**

- Encouraging qualities of leadership, self-confidence and mutual respect in young people
- Promoting a love and understanding of the countryside
- Enabling people to learn about the countryside and agriculture
- Developing co-operation between the agricultural community and the public

### **Governing Body**

The number of trustees must not be less than four or greater than twelve.

### **Recruitment and Training of Trustees**

The Charity’s Trustees are appointed at a meeting of the Trustees on the basis of nominations made by current Trustees with regard to personal competence, the necessary range of professional and specialist skills and availability. New Trustees are inducted into the workings of the Charity, including the Charity’s policy and procedures, at an induction organised and led by the chairman. On appointment new Trustees receive full information about the Charity and a pack outlining their responsibilities, they also go through child Disclosure and Barring screening.

### **Organisational Management**

Responsibility for the overall management and control of the Trust lies with the Trustees who meet four times per year and at other times as required by the Trust’s business. The day to day running of the Trust is delegated to the Managing Trustee.

# The John Simonds Trust

## Risk Management

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the management of the risks faced by the Charity. Financial planning, budget control and spending levels are carried out and are fully reviewed at each Trustees meeting. Health and Safety performance and issues arising are discussed at each Trustees meeting.

The key controls used by the Charity include:

- Formal agendas and minutes for all Trustee and management meetings
- Annual appraisal and monitoring of the staff
- Comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting
- Established organisational structure and lines of reporting
- Clear authorisation and approval levels
- Vetting procedure as required by law for protection of the vulnerable
- Appropriate use of professional advice and relevant studies from independent consultants

## Public Benefit

There has been an increasing amount of the organised use of the services provided by the Trust which are normally available to schools and the surrounding community. In the expectation of better times the resources offered are listed below.

### Schools activities

- Around 10,000 school children came on day visits and school camps.
- All visits here are subsidised and more than 500 children have received free visits.
- Funding was made available for free or subsidised visits, help with transport and activities for camps for schools struggling to pay.
- 10 post sixteen children from The Castle Special School come weekly
- Oaklands was used by children from five secondary and several primary schools for our Growing for Good courses. A total of 130 children attended the 12week course.
- 8 different schools (mainly from Reading) enjoyed low cost camps
- Assistance was given to Englefield Estate running their very popular Schools Days
- A river studies programme caters for a large number of children with the cooperation of Bradfield College and other riparian owners

### Barn, site and camps

- The Manor Farm site has been fully restored with thatched barn, bunkhouse, kitchen, toilets and showers. Pathways for the disabled have been laid and there is a small dispersal carpark, picnic area and coach park.
- Walks and woodland trails have been opened up with permitted paths.
- Tree safety work has been carried out on woodland paths and in areas of wood with open access
- The Manor farm has been used by over 3,000 campers from schools, D of E and uniformed and church organisations.
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# The John Simonds Trust

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Trustees Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

## Financial Review and Results of Year

### Summary of Results

The John Simonds Trust had a net outflow of funds of £1,605 for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (2021: inflow £20,056)

### Income

The total income was £207,226 (2021: £206,244). Schools generated an income of £120,539 (2021: £62,035). Income from camps and functions was £40,460 (2021: £32,672) Donations were £37,530: 2021 £69,012 and Government grant was no longer happening 2021 £35,699. Investments income was £6,913: 2021 £6,826.

### Expenditure

Expenditure was £208,831 on charitable activities, (2021: £186,188) and there were no major capital improvements to site.

### Reserves Policy

The Trustees review the reserves policy annually. Reserves are held to cover any potential commitments in the event of the charity winding up, and to cover large known costs associated with current operations. The trustees envisage any winding up to be predicted well in advance of the event, so that financial commitments will relate solely to staff redundancies and other ex gratia payments. These are estimated at £80k. Costs associated with current operations total £135k. Total reserves therefore are required to be a minimum of £215k. At December 2022 the Trust had £237,545, all in liquid investments. The Trustees consider this position satisfactory.

### Provision of information to the examiner

So far as each of the trustees is aware at the time the report is approved there is no relevant audit information of which the charity’s examiner is unaware.

The above report was approved by the Trustees on... 30/03/2023

And signed on their behalf.....



John Bishop

# **The John Simonds Trust**

**“Education in the Countryside”**

**Trustees Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**

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Emily Crowson (FCCA)  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

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**Statement of Financial Activities for year ending 31st December 2022**

	Note	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<b>Income and Endowment from:</b>			
Donations and Legacies	2a	37,530	102,957
Charitable Activities	2b	162,783	96,461
Investments		<u>6,913</u>	<u>6,826</u>
<b>Total:</b>		<u>207,226</u>	<u>206,244</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable Activities	3	208,831	186,188
<b>Improvements to site</b>	7		0
Depeciation	4		<u>0</u>
<b>Total:</b>		<u>208,831</u>	<u>186,188</u>
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	5	-24,682	27,265
		0	
<b>Net Income/(expenditure)</b>		-1,605	47,321
		0	
Transfer Between Funds		0	0
<b>Other recognised gains /(losses):</b>		518	
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		0	0
		0	
<b>Net movement of funds</b>		<u>-25,769</u>	<u>47,321</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total Funds brought forward		263,315	215,994
Movement in Funds		-25,770	47,321
Transfers		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<u>237,545</u>	<u>263,315</u>

**Balance sheet as at 31st December 2022**

	Note	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	0	0
Investments		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Stocks			
Debtors			
Investments	5	208,099	232,781
Cash at bank and in hand	6	25,470	31,052
		<u>233,569</u>	<u>263,833</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts within one year		3,976	-518
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		237,545	263,315
Creditors: amounts after more than one year		0	0
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>237,545</u></u>	<u><u>263,315</u></u>
<b>The Funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted		237,545	263,315
Restricted		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u><u>237,545</u></u>	<u><u>263,315</u></u>
Check		0	0

L. Hutchins  
Trustee

**The John Simonds Trust**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**Year ended 31 December 2022**

**1. Accounting policies**

**i. Basis of preparation**

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**2a. Income from donations and legacies**

	2022 £	2021 £
Donations	<u>37,530</u>	<u>69,012</u>

**2b. Income from charitable activities**

	2022 £	2021 £
Visits & school camps	120,539	62,035
Barn & site use	40,460	32,672
Other includes government grant	0	35,699
	<u>160,999</u>	<u>130,406</u>

**3a. Staff costs**

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	146,437	124,257
Social security costs	5,006	4,107
Other employee benefits	7,894	10,830
Contract teachers	<u>159,337</u>	<u>139,194</u>

The number of staff throughout the year was 1 full-time and 20 part time)  
No employee received emoluments exceeding £60,000 during the year.

### 3b. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Activity	Activities undertaken directly		Grant funding of activities		Support costs		Total		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Visits & school camps	-	-	-	-	168,831	-	168,831	-	168,831	156,188
Barn & site use	-	-	-	-	40,000	-	40,000	-	40,000	30,000
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	208,831	-	208,831	-	208,831	186,188

### 3c. Analysis of support costs

	Raising funds		Visits school cam		Barn & site use		Total		Total		Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	£	£	2022	2021	2021	£	
Rent	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	Pro-rate per activity income
Insurance	-	3,235	-	1,600	-	1,600	4,835	4,835	3,678	3,678	Pro-rate per activity income
Site maintenance	-	10,321	-	10,000	-	10,000	20,321	20,321	12,469	12,469	{Pro-rate per activity income
Electricity	-	3,000	-	1,816	-	1,816	4,816	4,816	3,546	3,546	{Tractor costs all allocated to visits & camps Pro-rate per activity income
Human resources	-	141,920	-	20,000	-	20,000	161,920	139,194	139,194	139,194	All visits and school, exc. Lindsay, who is prorated to income
IT and other	-	3,939	-	3,000	-	3,000	6,939	6,939	11,126	11,126	Pro-rate per activity income
Visit Subsidy	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	6,175	6,175	
<b>Total</b>	-	167,415	-	41,416	-	41,416	208,831	208,831	186,188	186,188	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Check

The Trust has a fully repairing lease on Rushall Manor Farm from September 2019 until September 2030 at £10,000 per annum.

**4. All investment in site is written off in year 1.**

**5. Investments**

Value at 31 December	Cost		Mkt value 2022		Mkt value 2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
COIF Investment Fund Income	118,180		139,671	158,050		
COIF Investment Fund Fixed Interest	30,236		7,927	9,060		
Charities Property Fund	40,000		60,501	65,671		
<b>Total</b>	<b>188,416</b>		<b>208,099</b>	<b>232,781</b>		

**6. Cash at bank**

	2022	2021
	£	£
CAF bank	25,426	31,007
COIF charity deposit fund	45	45
	<u>25,471</u>	<u>31,052</u>

**7. Improvements to site in 2019**

	£
Rushall Manor Site	9,025
Oaklands	90,054
<b>Total</b>	<u>99,079</u>

**8. Trustees expenses**

There were no expenses paid to Trustees in either 2021 or 2022.  
 The John Simonds trust is a charity operating in the UK, and registered with the Charity Commission No. 294363 with principle office at Rushall Farm, Scratchface Lane, Bradfield, READING, RG7 6DL

# The John Simonds Trust

“Education in the Countryside”

## Independent Examiners Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

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

Responsibilities and basis of report:

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records and do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Emily Crowson (FCCA)  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

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