

Poor's Estate in the Ancient Parish of Eton

(known as Eton Poor's Estate)

(Charity No. 200640)

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

Eton Poor's Estate
For the year ended 31 December 2020

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

The full title of the trust is "Eton Poor's Estate", Charity No. 200640.

The trustees present their statutory report with the accounts of Eton Poor's Estate for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11 and 12 therein and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed, applicable laws and the requirements of FRS 102, Charities SORP (FRS 102), and Charities Act 2011.

Structure, governance and management

Status and administration

Eton Poor's Estate was founded as a charity governed by a Trust Deed dated 3 April 1639. This Deed was varied on 27 September 1938. Eton Poor's Estate is registered as an unincorporated charity in England and Wales under the Charity Commission reference number 200640. The trustees are responsible for the administration and decisions of the Poor's Estate in accordance with the Trust Deed. The trustees have adopted the elements of accounting policies recommended in the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The Trustees

The trustees, who held office during the year and subsequently were:

Ex officio (the Provost and Vice- Provost of Eton College)

The Lord Waldegrave of North Hill PC MA

Dr Andrew Gailey CVO MA PhD (resigned 31st August 2021)

Mr Peter McKee (appointed 1st September 2021)

Four trustees nominated by the Provost and Fellows

Mrs Susan Warner

The Revd La Stacey

Mr Philip Highy

Miss Marie Hoadley

Six representative trustees appointed by Eton Town Council

Cllr Jane Reed

Cllr Douglas Hill

Cllr Derek Bishop

Cllr Pamela Baker

Cllr George Fussey

Cllr Michael Blightman

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the Trust Deed:

College trustees so long as they remain Fellows, nominated trustees for a term of seven years, and Representative Trustees for a period of four years. Appointment is made at a meeting convened and held according to the ordinary practice of the Council. New trustees are provided with a copy of The Charity Commission Guidance manual CC3 The Essential Trustee: What you need to know.

Key management personnel

Charteris Club Manager

Principal address

Eton College, Eton, Windsor, Berks, SL4 6DW

Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC, One Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5HP

Blackrock, JPMorgan House, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin, Ireland

Solicitors

Farrer & Co, 66 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3LH

Independent examiner

Crowe U.K. LLP, 55 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7JW

Investment manager

M & G Securities Ltd, Laurence Pountney Hill, London, EC4R OHH

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

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Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is the relief, either generally or individually, of persons resident in the area of the Ancient Parish of Eton who, by reason of age, infirmity or poverty, are in need, hardship or distress. Payments are made to institutions and organisations which provide relevant services. In exceptional cases relief can be granted to persons who are not resident in the Parish but who, in the opinion of the trustees, ought nevertheless to be treated as if they were resident, or who are located for the time being in the Parish.

The trustees shall apply the clear income of the charity for the above-mentioned object.

In so far as the income is not required for application of the above object, then the trustees may apply income for any charitable purpose for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Ancient Parish of Eton.

In applying the income of the charity for relief of need, the trustees do not commit themselves to repeat or renew the relief granted on any future occasion or case.

The charity operates, for the elderly, the Charteris Club at Eton Wick Village Hall.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

Achievements and Performance

The main activity of the charity is the running of the Charteris Club, which is an active and much appreciated facility for Senior Citizens living in Eton and Eton Wick. The Charteris Club provides lunches, a social centre, day trips and activities. There are approximately 25 members with the capacity to be able to extend beyond this number. A primary objective is to provide a welcoming and enjoyable environment for the elderly, so they will keep attending the centre. Covid has had an impact on the running of the Charteris Club due to Government restrictions prohibiting gatherings. A lunch service has continued to be provided by the staff of Eton Poor's delivering lunches to members.

The other activity of the charity is the provision of financial grants within its object to individuals in need, other charities and organisations. In the year £4,356 (2019: £6,367) was attributed to grants made. This related to four causes. A budget of £6,000 is allocated to grants made each year. If this is underspent, then additional expenditure can be made in the next financial year.

Investment policy

The governing instrument gives the trustees the power to invest the monies of the charity not immediately required for its object in such facilities as may be thought fit for the satisfaction of the object of the charity. The investments are held over two funds with M&G Securities Ltd. These are Charibond (Charity Authorised Investment Fund) and Charifund units that are split evenly to 73.5% to permanent endowment and 26.5% to unrestricted funds. The objective is to raise income that can be used to support the running of the Charteris Club and for the units held to increase in value each year.

This year the value of the investments has decreased in value by £113,928 from £811,605 to £697,677 (2019: increased by £97,204). The capital performance of the Charifund unit has been affected by Covid and the unit has delivered a lower dividend this year.

Grant policy

Trustees have the powers to make grants to either individuals or organisations in line with the charity's objects. Causes are selected via an application process (either verbal or written) sent to an Eton Poor's Estate trustee.

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Grant policy (continued)

This is then raised at a trustee meeting. A vote of the trustees takes place to approve each grant. Alternatively, a grant can be approved via email, if the majority of the trustees approve the application and there is not a trustees meeting approaching. The main body of grants to organisations consist of the support for local community events and local organisations/charities that require funding.

Volunteers

The Charteris Club has volunteers to help with the lunch service and organised activities.

Reserves policy

The only source of income for the charity, apart from donations to and fundraising by the Charteris Club, is the income that it generates from its investments. Expenditure, therefore, is tailored to a level within predicted income; there is no dependence on fundraising or other activity to fund the charity's commitments. The least flexible commitment is to the support of the Charteris Club at a cost of £24,762 (2019: £30,289), and the grants of £4,356 (2019: £6,367) are discretionary.

The policy towards reserves, which are the unrestricted funds of £247,808 (2019: £274,273), is to ensure that they do not fall to a level that would mean suddenly withdrawing support from the Charteris Club. The funds held in the unrestricted fund would, on a worse case scenario, be sufficient to support the charity for six further years (based on expenditure remaining constant and no further income being received).

The permanent endowment fund consists of units held within the M&G Securities Ltd investment portfolio. This capital must be maintained and is not available as free reserves. The permanent endowment fund of £513,037 (2019: £596,821) contributes to the majority of reserves held at the balance sheet date.

As at 31 December 2020 the reserves are £760,845 which is sufficient to sustain future obligations.

Risk assessment

The major risks, to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems and controls have been established to mitigate these risks.

Financial Review

The funds of the Poor's Estate have decreased by £110,249 to £760,845 (2019: £871,094), which was mainly due to unrealised losses on the revaluation of investments of £113,928. There was a surplus of £3,679 (2019: surplus £9,569) of income over expenditure, before transfers, gains and losses on investments.

Future Plans

The charity's future plans involve to restart the running of the Charteris Club in Eton Wick once Government restrictions are eased, to provide a happy and enjoyable place for local elderly members to attend. In addition Eton Poor's Estate plans to provide subsidised activities for the members and further grants made in line with the charity's objects throughout 2021.

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

Going concern

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future being a period of at least 12 months from approval of the financial statements. No material uncertainties in relation to the ability of the charity to continue on a going concern basis have been identified by the trustees. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

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).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; 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 responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They 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 Lord Waldegrave of North Hill
Trustee

Date: 5th October 2021

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Eton Poor's Estate

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Eton Poor's Estate (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 27 October 2021

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted Funds	2020 Restricted Funds	2020 Permanent Endowment Funds	2020 Total Funds	2019 Unrestricted Funds	2019 Restricted Funds	2019 Permanent Endowment Funds	2019 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:									
Donations		-	-	-	-	-	3,600	-	3,600
Other activities		-	-	-	-	307	-	-	307
Investment income		33,924	-	-	33,924	40,448	-	-	40,448
Charitable activities		2,272	-	-	2,272	5,485	-	-	5,485
Total income		36,196	-	-	36,196	46,240	3,600	-	49,840
Expenditure on:									
Investment management costs		(3,399)	-	-	(3,399)	(3,615)	-	-	(3,615)
Charitable activities	3	(29,118)	-	-	(29,118)	(33,057)	(3,600)	-	(36,657)
Total expenditure		(32,517)	-	-	(32,517)	(36,672)	(3,600)	-	(40,272)
Net (losses)/gains on investments	5	(30,144)	-	(83,784)	(113,928)	25,720	-	71,484	97,204
Net (expenditure)/income		(26,465)	-	(83,784)	(110,249)	35,288	-	71,484	106,772
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward	8	274,273	-	596,821	871,094	238,985	-	525,337	764,322
Total funds carried forward	8	247,808	-	513,037	760,845	274,273	-	596,821	871,094

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	5	697,677	811,605
Total fixed assets		697,677	811,605
Current assets			
Debtors	6	435	550
Cash at bank and in hand		67,545	65,534
Total current assets		67,980	66,084
Liabilities			
Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year	7	(4,812)	(6,595)
Net current assets		63,168	59,489
Total net assets		760,845	871,094
Funds of the charity			
Permanent Endowment Fund	8	513,037	596,821
Unrestricted Funds	8	247,808	274,273
Total funds		760,845	871,094

The financial statements of Eton Poor's Estate set out on pages 8 to 15 were authorised for issue and approved by the trustees on 5th October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



The Lord Waldegrave of North Hill
Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement for year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	11	(31,913)	(26,431)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment income		33,924	40,448
Net cash provided by investing activities		33,924	40,448
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		2,011	14,017
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		65,534	51,517
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		67,545	65,534

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Charity information

Eton Poor's Estate is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, charity number 200640. The address of the registered office is Eton College, Eton, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 6DB.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011 and the UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Eton Poor's Estate meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Taxation

As a charity Eton Poor's Estate is exempt from taxation of income and gains received within categories covered by The Corporation Taxes Act 2010, Part 11 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charge has arisen in the period.

Going Concern

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, being a period of at least 12 months from the approval of the financial statements. No material uncertainties in relation to the ability of the charity to continue on a going concern basis have been identified by the trustees. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised on receipt unless Eton Poor's Estate has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Charitable activities include income generated through fundraising events hosted by Eton Poor's Estate and income is recognised on a receipts basis.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend term has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which the cost relates and is apportioned to cost categories based on the nature of the cost incurred. Grants are accounted for in the period in which they are made or communicated to the third party. The grant making policy is discussed further in the Trustees' Report.

Support costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity which relate to the governance of the charity as opposed to those costs associated with fundraising or charitable activity.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

Pensions

The employees of Eton Poor's Estate are eligible to join the Eton College defined contribution scheme and the recharged contributions are charged to the Eton Poor's Estate Statement of Financial Activities. There were no contributions outstanding at the balance sheet date. (2019: nil).

Financial instruments

Eton Poor's Estate has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise trade and other creditors. Investments are held at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, with gains and losses being recognised within income and expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Funds

Unrestricted funds can be spent on any charitable purpose in accordance with the objects of the charity at the discretion of the trustees.

The Endowment Fund relates to a permanent endowment held within investments. There is no restriction over the income generated from this fund.

Key estimates and judgements

In the application of Eton Poor's Estate accounting policies, which are described in note 2, trustees are required to make judgements, estimates, and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In the view of the trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

3 Analysis of expenditure

Charitable activities

	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Grants made	4,356	6,367
Charteris Centre operating costs	7,959	13,397
Staff costs	14,638	14,728
Support costs	2,165	2,165
	29,118	36,657

Included within support costs are Independent Examiner fees of £1,100 (2019: £875) and the clerk, who is employed by Eton College and recharged to Eton Poor's Estate and performs part time administrative activities.

Grants have been made to local community entities and individuals in need, support costs are not allocated to grants made.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

4 Staff costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	13,239	13,797
Employer's National Insurance Contributions	-	(746)
Employer's Pension Contributions	1,399	1,677
	14,638	14,728

The average headcount of employees in the year was 2 (2019: 2). No employee received emoluments above £60,000 in either financial year.

No trustees received remuneration for their services or reimbursement of expenses incurred (2019: none).

Aggregate benefits of Key Management Personnel were £8,011 (2019: £7,854).

5 Fixed asset investments

(i) Permanent endowment

	2020 £	2019 £
Quoted investments at market value at 1 January	596,821	525,337
Revaluation (losses)/gains	(83,784)	71,484
Market value at 31 December	513,037	596,821

(ii) Accumulated unrestricted funds

	2020 £	2019 £
Quoted investments at market value at 1 January	214,784	189,064
Revaluation (losses)/gains	(30,144)	25,720
Market value at 31 December	184,640	214,784
Total market value at 31 December	697,677	811,605

Historical Costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Cost at 1 January and 31 December	601,059	601,059

Investments comprise two holdings within the UK, of which 25% is held in Charibonds and 75% is held in Charifund.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

6 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Taxation	435	432
Accrued income	-	118
	435	550

7 Creditors

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	644	765
Accruals	4,168	5,830
	4,812	6,595

Eton Poor's Estate has no grant accruals or deferred income.

8 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Investments £	Net current assets £	2020 Total £	Investments £	Net current assets £	2019 Total £
Endowment	513,037	-	513,037	596,821	-	596,821
Unrestricted	184,640	63,168	247,808	214,784	59,489	274,273
	697,677	63,168	760,845	811,605	59,489	871,094

The endowment fund has arisen from an initial permanent endowment held within investments. There are no restrictions on the income generated from this investment. The permanent endowment's capital must be maintained and cannot be drawn down.

Unrestricted funds can be spent on any charitable purpose in accordance with the objects of the charity at the discretion of the trustees.

9a Movement in funds

Year Ended 31 December 2020	2019 Total £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment Losses £	2020 Total £
Endowment	596,821	-	-	(83,784)	513,037
Unrestricted	274,273	36,196	(32,517)	(30,144)	247,808
	871,094	36,196	(32,517)	(113,928)	760,845

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9b Movement in funds prior year

Year Ended 31 December 2019	2018 Total	Income	Expenditure	Investment Gains	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Endowment	525,337	-	-	71,484	596,821
Unrestricted	238,985	49,840	(40,272)	25,720	274,273
	764,322	49,840	(40,272)	97,204	871,094

10 Related party transactions

Eton Poor's Estate has 2 trustees who are the Provost and Vice-Provost of Eton College.

Eton College provides support services to Eton Poor's Estate. These services are provided free of charge.

As at the year end, £2,962 was owed to Eton College in respect of other services provided (2019: £465) which consists of re-charged expenditure. The annual expenditure re-charged by Eton College in the year amounted to £2,962 which was invoiced in April 2021 (2019: £1,632) and the amount owed to Eton College Services Limited at the year end was £534 and the annual re-charged expenditure amounted to £2,565 (2019: £2,981).

11 Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Net (expenditure)/income as per Statement of Financial Activities	(110,249)	106,772
Loss/(gain) on investments	113,928	(97,204)
Investment income	(33,924)	(40,448)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	115	(92)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(1,783)	4,541
Net cash used in operating activities	(31,913)	(26,431)