

THE RADNAGE CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 201762

Details

Other names	RADNAGE POOR'S LAND ESTATE, RADNAGE CHARITY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1962-03-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: SEE INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENTS.

Activities: 1) The general benefit of the poor persons resident in the parish of Radnage who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress2) The maintenance and repair of the fabric of the village's 12th century Church.3) Support for the educational requirements of children resident in the parish.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF RADNAGE.
- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£241,909	£13,639	-	-
2023-12-31	£111,255	£16,604	-	-
2022-12-31	£35,344	£26,730	-	-
2021-12-31	£31,024	£14,142	-	-
2020-12-31	£32,449	£10,740	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROLINE STRANGE		
LINDSAY CHARLES JOHN WILCOX		
Lady Jennifer Avril Kinmond Stringer		2023-05-01
RICHARD EDWIN WHEELER		
Rev Lance Roland Sharpe		2024-12-01
Robert Edward Nikiel		2016-12-07
Rosemary Jessie Oliphant		2019-04-08

Linked charities

- POOR'S BRANCH (201762-1)
- CHURCH BRANCH (201762-2)

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

1) Reference & administration details

Charity's registered name:	THE RADNAGE CHARITY
Formerly known as:	RADNAGE POOR'S LAND ESTATE
Registered Charity Number:	201762
Charity's Principal Address:	The Clerk to the Trustees, Gledehill, Green End Road, Radnage, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP14 4BZ

Names of the Charity Trustees: **Trustee Name**

Office (if any)

Dates acted (if not for the whole year)

Mr Robert Edward Nikiel	Chairman	
Mrs Rosemary Jessie Oliphant		
Mrs Caroline Ann Strange	Vice-chairman	
Lady Jennifer Stringer		
Mr Richard Edwin Wheeler		
Mr Lindsay Charles John Wilcox		

Names and addresses of advisors

- **Bankers:** Lloyds Bank plc, Victoria (309950) branch, PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT
- **Investment Managers:** Sarasin & Partners LLP, Juxon House, 100 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8BU
- **Solicitors:** Kidd Rapinet LLP, Ground Floor, Walker House, George Street, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP20 2HU

Clerk to the Trustees: Mr James Darley, Gledehill, Green End Road, Radnage, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP14 4BZ

2) Achievements and Performance / Financial Review

Summary of the main achievements of the Charity during the year and its financial status

With a further opportunistic land sale, the Charity's investment portfolio stands at almost three times its value five years ago, yielding income far in excess of revenues from land without the significant costs involved in tree maintenance. While land holdings are reduced, and no management costs are impending, no further disposals are envisaged. The significantly increased dividend income gives the Charity greater capability for achieving its purposes – in supporting those in need, hardship, distress or poor health, the village school and young people in education, and helping to fund the upkeep of the 12th century church of St Mary the Virgin. The Charity was able to make an increased distribution of £3,750 to each of its three branches.

- The Charity's now traditional distribution of Christmas parcels was augmented by payment of £100 to 24 households and individuals identified as at most risk of disadvantage, particularly in light of the government's withdrawal of the universal winter fuel payment while the cost of food and heating has continued to rise. The cost of the parcels distributed by the Charity's Poor's Branch increased to £1,440.
- Other recipients of grants from the Poor's Branch included the First Responder service covering the village, with a second award of £750, *Contact* magazine with £250 to help maintain publication, Radnage Friendship Club with £700, and the Toddler Club.
- The Educational Branch made grants totalling £1,250 towards the cost of wheelchair basketball at Radnage C of E Primary School and to an individual student to help reach a demanding target for an educational project.
- Work to grow the Charity's one-off educational grants to children and the young up to the age of 25, by developing a more ambitious and longer-term bursary scheme, is continuing.
- While essential building repairs continued at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Radnage, the Church Branch was not called upon to add to its sizeable contribution in the previous year. The Charity remains ready to help further.
- The sudden surrender of the lease for the Charity's largest field, off Radnage Common Road, created a dilemma for several reasons. The outgoing agricultural tenant wanted to leave two horses for a new occupier to look after. He also had to cut off the water supply sourced from adjoining land separately owned. Access is via a right of way over land also not owned, the relationship strained, so not ideal. Deliberating on whether to relet the field or to sell it, trustees felt the Charity must guarantee the community permanent protection from unwanted development. Given the complications in achieving the best terms reasonably obtainable – its legal obligation, the Charity judged its best course was a negotiated sale. Approaches were made to two neighbours, both able to create a new water supply. One was not interested. The other's final offer was more than double a new valuation, also accepting the Charity's legal and valuation costs, and responsibility for the horses. This was viewed as the best possible outcome. The contract also provided that purchasers in any future sale would be required to enter into a new restrictive covenant with the Charity, ensuring the field was used in perpetuity only for the grazing and accommodation of horses.
- Assets as at 31 December 2024 stood at £807,535, including accounts at Lloyds Bank by the three branches with Skipton Building Society, an investment portfolio valued at year end of £583,807 and reduced land holdings valued at £215,000.

3) Structure, Governance and Management

a) The nature of the Governing Document and how the Charity is constituted

The Radnage Poor's Land Estate Charity is an ancient charity with origins in the late 16th century. Known locally as 'The Radnage Charity' (and now thus renamed) it was formalised in the 17th century by King Charles who made an order in 1632 for the future administration of the Charity estate. The first Scheme issued by the Charity Commissioners was approved on 16 November 1869. It provided a legal framework for the future regulation of the Charity, known at that time as the 'Poor's Land Charity'.

As a result of the Board of Education Act 1899, the Charity Commissioners made an Order on 6 December 1904 to formalise educational matters. This created 'The Poor's Land Educational Foundation' (the modern-day 'Educational Branch') which became a Charity in its own right, registered as The Radnage Poor's Land Educational Foundation (Registered Number 310582). It too has been renamed, as The Radnage Charity Education Branch.

Following the creation of the Educational Foundation, the Charity Commissioners approved a further Scheme on 26 July 1918 to formalise the administration of the Charity. The Commissioners ordered that the Charity's endowments be administered as an 'Estate Charity' to be called the 'Poor's Land Estate Charity' with a requirement for two branches known as the 'Church Branch' and the 'Poor's Branch'. The Scheme established that after the payment of administration costs, the actual net income of the estate was to be split into three equal parts for the following purposes:

- The general benefit of poor persons resident in the parish of Radnage who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress (Poor's Branch)
- The maintenance and repair of the fabric of the village's 13th century Church (Church Branch)
- Support for the educational requirements of children and young people resident in the parish (Radnage Poor's Land Educational Foundation).

The modern-day Charity therefore comprises three distinct branches within the Estate Charity; a 'Poor's Branch', a 'Church Branch' and the above-mentioned 'Educational Branch'. The Charity is administered by seven Trustees known as the 'Estate Trustees' to include the Rector and the two Churchwardens of Radnage Church (collectively responsible for the Church Branch); two Parish Council nominees (responsible, jointly with the Rector, for the Poor's Branch), and two further Trustees selected from time to time to serve as Trustees of the above-mentioned Radnage Charity Education Branch (responsible, jointly with the Rector, for Educational Branch matters). The role of the Rector as Trustee is currently vacant.

On 13 July 1988, the Charity Commissioners approved a further Scheme which amended the rules under which the 'Educational Branch' trustees operate. The Charity is now able to promote the education (including social and physical training) of all young persons under the age of 25 years who are resident in the parish of Radnage and in need of financial assistance.

b) The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

- ***Trustees of the Church Branch*** The body of Trustees of the Church Branch, when complete, consists of the RECTOR and CHURCHWARDENS for the time being of Radnage.
- ***Trustees of the Poor's Branch*** The body of Trustees of the Poor's Branch, when complete, consists of three competent persons, being:
 - One Ex-officio Trustee, the said RECTOR
 - Two Parish Representatives

The Representative Trustees are appointed by Radnage Parish Council to act in the interests of the 'village poor'. They are representatives of the parish, not the Parish Council. Each appointment is made for a four year term and each person appointed may be, but need not be, a member of the Parish Council. Each Trustee is eligible for re-election at the end of each four year term. In such cases, the Parish Council has to decide whether or not to ratify the re-appointment.

If the Parish Council declines to re-appoint an existing representative or if the representative stands down at the end of his/her four year term of office, an election will then be necessary. In these circumstances the Charity would advertise the vacancy locally and accept responsibility for identifying suitable candidates.

The Charity Trustees will carry out interviews as necessary to assess each candidate's suitability to take on the duties of trusteeship. The Charity will then make appropriate recommendations to the Parish Council after selecting one of the candidates for the vacancy. The Parish Council will further assess the suitability of the individual concerned before deciding whether or not to ratify the appointment. They can either support the Charity's recommendations and appoint the individual as a trustee, or reject the recommendation.

- **Trustees of The Radnage Charity Education Branch (The 'Educational Branch')** The body of Trustees of the Educational Branch, when complete, consists of three competent persons, being
 - One Ex-officio Trustee, the said RECTOR
 - Two Nominated Trustees

The 1869 Scheme states that the two nominated trustees should live within seven miles of the Parish Church but does not mention how they should be elected. In a letter dated 24 May 1982, the Charity Commission suggested that they 'should be co-opted by the ex-officio trustees' which would only involve the Rector and the Churchwardens. Nowadays, the Estate Trustees have agreed to act as a group, considering suitable candidates from within the village community before approaching selected individuals to ascertain if they are willing to serve. As part of the selection process the Estate Trustees would approach the governing body of the local school and consider localised advertising.

4) Objectives and Activities

a) Summary of the objectives of the Charity set out in its governing document

The Church Branch

The Trustees of the Church Branch are allowed to apply the clear yearly income of that Branch in the payment of any charges lawfully incurred by the Churchwardens in the maintenance and repair and insurance against fire or other risk of the fabric of the Parish Church of Radnage inclusive of the tower and steeple but exclusive of the chancel; and, subject thereto, in the payment of the like charges in respect of the maintenance of the services of the said Church and of the furniture thereof.

(At the time that the governing document was issued, the Church would have been subject to 'Chancel Repair Liability' whereby the Rector would have been personally responsible for the maintenance and/or repair of the chancel – hence the exclusion. This liability no longer exists having been 'bought out' during the early 20th century.)

The Educational Branch

The Trustees of the Educational Branch operate under the terms of a Scheme approved by the Charity Commissioners on 13 July 1988 which amended the wording of Clause 10 of the Order made on the 16 November 1869. The Trustees are now allowed to apply the clear yearly income of the Branch in the following way:

In promoting the education (including social and physical training) of persons under the age of 25 years who are resident in the Parish of Radnage and who are in need of financial assistance and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:

- I.
 - i) In awarding to such persons scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, maintenance allowances or grants tenable at any school, university, college of education, or other institution of further (including professional and technical) education approved for the purpose by the Trustees.
 - ii) In providing financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to assist such persons to pursue their education (including the study of music and other arts), to undertake travel in furtherance thereof, or to prepare for or enter a profession, trade, occupation or service on leaving school, university, or other educational establishment.
- II. In making payments to the Governors for the time being of a school substantially serving the said parish to be applied by them in discharging their obligations under the Education Acts 1944 to 1981 with respect to the maintenance of the school concerned.
- III. In or towards providing such special benefits of any kind not normally provided by the local education authority for any school substantially serving the said parish as may from time to time be agreed between the said Trustees and the Governors of the school concerned.

The Poor's Branch

The Trustees of the Poor's Branch are allowed to apply the clear yearly income of that Branch in making payments, under one or more of the following categories, for the benefit either of the poor of the Parish of Radnage generally, or of such deserving and necessitous persons resident therein as the Trustees select for this purpose, and in such way as they consider most advantageous to the recipients, and most conducive to the formation of provident habits:

- I. Subscriptions or donations in aid of the funds of:
 - a) Any Dispensary, Infirmary, Hospital or Convalescent Home, whether general or special upon such terms (so far as may be) as to enable the Trustees to secure the benefits of the institution for the objects of the Branch.
 - b) Any Provident Club or Society established in or near the said Parish for the supply of Coal, Clothing or other necessities.
- II. Contributions towards:
 - a) The provision of Nurses for the Sick and Infirm.
 - b) The provision of duly certified Midwives to attend women in childbirth.
 - c) The travelling expenses of Patients to and from such institutions as are above-mentioned in paragraph I.(a).
- III. The supply of:
 - a) Clothes, Linen, Bedding, Fuel, Tools, Medical or other aid in Sickness, Food or other articles in kind.
 - b) Temporary relief in money, by way of loan or otherwise, in case of unexpected loss, or sudden destitution.

b) Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to the objectives / policy on grant making

The Church Branch

In accordance with the terms of the Charity's governing document, the Trustees make contributions from time to time towards the maintenance and repair costs of the fabric of the parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin. They are not engaged in any other activity.

The Educational Branch

In accordance with the terms of the new Scheme agreed in 1988, the Trustees actively encourage applications, from young people living in the parish of Radnage, for funding to assist with educational expenses. Over recent years, grants have been awarded for the purchase of books and the cost of school educational visits both in the UK and abroad. In certain circumstances, where proper commitment and standard of ability can be demonstrated, grants have been awarded towards the purchase of musical instruments and sports equipment. Each application is considered on its own merits, but in all cases the Trustees request a written application be sent by the applicant him/herself clearly stating the purpose of the grant and the amount involved. All applications are considered in the strictest confidence at meetings of the Trustees.

The Trustees' main priority, however, is to support Radnage School and in this connection an assessment of funding requirements is normally considered at the February meeting of the Trustees, based on applications received from the school. Over recent years the Trustees have been able to make significant contributions towards the cost of providing extra staffing, books, a new library system, resources for religious education teaching, tablet computers during Covid-19 lockdown, and the early reading initiative.

The Poor's Branch

Historically, the Poor's Branch Trustees' main activity was the provision of clothing and firewood for the 'village poor'. For example, the accounts for 1701 reveal that five men of the village each received 'coats made of foul weather material', six women of the village received 'one petticoat each' and deliveries of 'half a load of wood' were made to two parishioners. Over a period of time 'clothing and firewood' were replaced by 'coal and food parcels' culminating in an annual distribution of 'Christmas food parcels' to those considered in need which became the main focus of activity throughout the recent past.

The modern-day Poor's Branch Trustees are influenced by new rules issued by the Charity Commission in December 2008. Following implementation of the Charities Act (2011) these rules authorised charities established for the 'relief of the poor' to include 'prevention of poverty' within their aims without seeking prior approval, thereby providing the Trustees with far greater scope than in the past. The Trustees are now able to consider individuals and the local community whether 'in poverty' or at risk of being in poverty. The current focus of the Trustees therefore includes the following activities:

- *The 'Christmas parcels' distribution continuing on an expanded basis with a perpetual quest to identify beneficiaries. The main emphasis wherever possible to be on 'need' rather than 'expectation' by virtue of being elderly.*
- *The support of local organisations which help the elderly in need of assistance.*
- *Working with members of the Parochial Church Council, Royal British Legion, Radnage WI and other suitable organisations to help identify those individuals considered to be 'in need'.*

c) Risk Management

The Trustees have established that the Charity is exposed to a number of prevailing risks which could have a detrimental impact on the stated objectives of the Charity. They have accepted that the active management of risk is an important part of their duties and have introduced a system whereby risks are identified and the potential impact of each risk, and the probability of occurrence in each case, is fully assessed. The principal risks facing the Charity are defined below:

Risk / Mitigation

- *Erosion in Value of Permanent Endowment.* The Charity's assets include both land holdings and other investments and require active management to maintain their underlying value. A 'balanced portfolio' policy has been adopted to spread risk across a wide range of investments. Advice is received from professional advisors prior to any investment decisions being taken.
- *Loss of Investment Income.* The Charity's investment portfolio is managed by a leading professional investment management firm whose performance is closely monitored on a six-monthly basis. Comparisons are made with the leading benchmark indices to ensure that an acceptable portfolio performance level is being obtained and to secure growing dividend income from the fund.
- *Public Liability.* The Trustees hold a Public Liability policy providing £5m of cover. This policy is supported by individual policies held by each of the Charity's tenants who are held primarily responsible for any claims which materialise. The Charity's land holdings are regularly inspected by the Trustees and the public footpath which passes across Charity land is regularly walked to minimise the level of any risks involved.
- *Loss of Clerk / Trustees.* An ongoing 'succession plan' has been considered by the Trustees to minimise the impact of any loss. As a result, interest is invited from residents to act as 'reserve trustees', sitting in at meetings and becoming familiar with the Charity's activities, informed and ready to be selected as a Trustee when a vacancy arises for any reason. Steve Head has again taken this role throughout the year.

James Darley
Clerk to the Trustees
25 February 2025

Radnage Poor's Land Estate Charity
Registered Number: 201762

Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ending 31 December 2024

	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Poor's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2023</u>
Receipts						
Investment Income	£9,679.46				£9,679.46	£7,142.64
Bank and Building Society interest	£125.61	£117.95	£91.41	£146.82	£481.79	£535.42
Rents	£3,560.00				£3,560.00	£5,235.00
Wayleaves	£76.64				£76.64	£76.64
Allocation to three Branches		£3,750.00	£3,750.00	£3,750.00	£11,250.00	£9,000.00
Repayments from Poor's Branch	£1,609.98				£1,609.98	£199.58
Net proceeds of sale of land	£225,000.00				£225,000.00	£92,614.00
Sundries	£1,857.35				£1,857.35	£5,913.88
Total Receipts	£241,909.04	£3,867.95	£3,841.41	£3,896.82	£253,515.22	£123,253.98
Payments						
Allocation to Branches	£11,250.00				£11,250.00	£9,000.00
Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£1,250.00	£5,721.88	£6,971.88	£17,389.12
Insurance	£99.31				£99.31	£99.31
Bank charges	£0.00				£0.00	£58.33
Professional fees	£480.00				£480.00	£480.00
Green Lane Residents Association	£80.00				£80.00	£80.00
Other estate payments	£0.00				£0.00	£5,260.00
Payment to Clerk	£1,729.50				£1,729.50	£1,626.00
Total Payments	£13,638.81	£0.00	£1,250.00	£5,721.88	£20,610.69	£33,992.76
Net (Receipts-Payments)	£228,270.23	£3,867.95	£2,591.41	-£1,825.06	£232,904.53	£89,261.22

Cash Funds 31 December 2023 (Brought Forward)	£1,837.95	£556.75	£2,353.61	£4,682.19	£9,430.50
Cash Funds 31 December 2024 (to Carry Forward)	£2,140.25	£3,674.70	£2,945.02	£3,929.43	£12,689.40

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Poor's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash Funds						
Lloyds Bank – Treasurers Account	£7,601.25				£7,601.25	£3,795.74
Lloyds Bank – Business Banking Instant Access Account	£1,127.10				£1,127.10	£1,342.03
Skipton Building Society		£3,674.70	£2,945.02	£3,929.43	£10,549.15	£7,592.55
Total Cash Funds	£8,728.35	£3,674.70	£2,945.02	£3,929.43	£19,277.50	£12,730.32
Investment Assets						
Land*	£215,000.00				£215,000.00	£315,000.00
Quoted Investments	£583,807.00				£583,807.00	£327,222.00
Total Investment Assets	£798,807.00				£798,807.00	£642,222.00
Total Assets (Cash + Investments)	£807,535.35	£3,674.70	£2,945.02	£3,929.43	£818,084.50	£654,952.32
Liabilities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Net Assets (Total Assets - Liabilities)	£807,535.35	£3,674.70	£2,945.02	£3,929.43	£818,084.50	£654,952.32

Notes:

* Not revalued after sale of Glebe Field and Dormer Field, deducting £25,000 and £100,000 for them respectively from the last valuation.

RADNAGE POOR'S LAND ESTATE CHARITY

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Year ended 31st December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statement of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

This report is made solely to the Trustees; in so doing I report in respect of my examination of the charity financial statements carried under section 145 of the 2011 Act.

Respective responsibility of the trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particulars matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination followed all applicable Directions given by the commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts to the 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 financial statements.

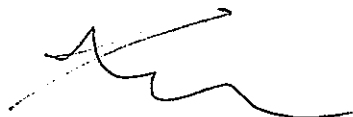
Independent examiner's report

In connection with my report, no material matters have come to my attention;

Which gives me 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 comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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16th May 2025

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

1) Reference & administration details

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Other names Charity is known by: RADNAGE CHARITY
RADNAGE POORS LAND CHARITY

Registered Charity Number: 201762

Charity's Principal Address: The Clerk to the Trustees,
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Names of the Charity Trustees:

<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Dates acted (if not for the whole year)</i>
Mr Robert Edward Nikiel	Vice-chairman	
Mrs Rosemary Jessie Oliphant		
Mrs Caroline Ann Strange		
Lady Jennifer Stringer		From June onward
Mr Richard Edwin Wheeler		
Mr Lindsay Charles John Wilcox	Chairman	

Names and addresses of advisors

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2) Achievements and Performance / Financial Review

Summary of the main achievements of the Charity during the year and its financial status

the Charity's investment portfolio, despite fluctuations in the stock market, continued to produce a consistent level of dividend income. The portfolio was augmented by the sale, early in the year, of the former church glebe field. Combined with increased interest from bank and building society accounts, the Charity was able to make a distribution of £3,000 to each of its three branches.

- As in recent winters, the Charity again responded to concerns over the historic rise in the cost of living, notably for food and heating, by identifying individuals and households in the village at most risk of disadvantage. As a result, while the number of beneficiaries, 22, was one more than last year, the cost of Christmas food parcels distributed by the Charity's Poor's Branch only marginally increased to £1,333.
- A community organisation traditionally supported by the Charity, Radnage Friendship Club, received a grant of £600. Following the demise of the Mother & Toddler Group, the Charity was able to encourage the formation of the new and successful Toddler Club with grants towards costs and play equipment of more than £500.
- The Charity's Poor's Branch welcomed the opportunity to support the First Responder service covering the village with an award of £750.
- The Educational Branch made grants totalling £2,750 to Radnage C of E Primary School to provide resources not otherwise funded, as well as individual grants of £500 each to two students to assist them with the costs of educational projects central to their courses.
- The Church Branch had accumulated monies in anticipation of a request from Radnage Parochial Church Council to cover the costs of essential building repairs underway at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Radnage. While financial support will be needed from other sources too, the sizeable contribution of close to £10,500 was provided.
- Negotiations to sell the former church glebe field to a private buyer for uses limited to horses were concluded to yield a satisfactory sum that added significantly to the Charity's investment portfolio. The sale thereby increases the Charity's disposable income by far more than the rent previously yielded, adding to the potential to expand its work.
- Costs for tree maintenance in the Charity's land holdings, occasioned largely by the dangers posed by diseased ash trees, increased further during the year.
- The Charity moved its bank accounts from HSBC to Lloyds, thereby avoiding all bank charges and enjoying an improved ease in its transactions.
- Assets as at 31 December 2023 stood at £654,952, including balances in bank accounts and funds held by the three branches with Skipton Building Society, an investment portfolio valued at year end of £327,222 and land holdings valued at the slightly reduced level of £315,000.

3) Structure, Governance and Management

a) The nature of the Governing Document and how the Charity is constituted

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In accordance with the terms of the new Scheme agreed in 1988, the Trustees actively encourage applications, from young people living in the parish of Radnage, for funding to assist with educational expenses. Over recent years, grants have been awarded for the purchase of books and the cost of school educational visits both in the UK and abroad. In certain circumstances, where proper commitment and standard of ability can be demonstrated, grants have been awarded towards the purchase of musical instruments and sports equipment. Each application is considered on its own merits, but in all cases the Trustees request a written application be sent by the applicant him/herself clearly stating the purpose of the grant and the amount involved. All applications are considered in the strictest confidence at meetings of the Trustees.

The Trustees' main priority, however, is to support Radnage School and in this connection an assessment of funding requirements is normally considered at the February meeting of the Trustees, based on applications received from the school. Over recent years the Trustees have been able to make significant contributions towards the cost of providing extra staffing, books, a new library system, resources for religious education teaching, tablet computers during Covid-19 lockdown, and the early reading initiative.

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Historically, the Poor's Branch Trustees' main activity was the provision of clothing and firewood for the 'village poor'. For example, the accounts for 1701 reveal that five men of the village each received 'coats made of foul weather material', six women of the village received 'one petticoat each' and deliveries of 'half a load of wood' were made to two parishioners. Over a period of time 'clothing and firewood' were replaced by 'coal and food parcels' culminating in an annual distribution of 'Christmas food parcels' to those considered in need which became the main focus of activity throughout the recent past.

The modern-day Poor's Branch Trustees are influenced by new rules issued by the Charity Commission in December 2008. Following implementation of the Charities Act (2011) these rules authorised charities established for the 'relief of the poor' to include 'prevention of poverty' within their aims without seeking prior approval, thereby providing the Trustees with far greater scope than in the past. The Trustees are now able to consider individuals and the local community whether 'in poverty' or at risk of being in poverty. The current focus of the Trustees therefore includes the following activities:

- *The 'Christmas parcels' distribution continuing on an expanded basis with a perpetual quest to identify beneficiaries. The main emphasis wherever possible to be on 'need' rather than 'expectation' by virtue of being elderly.*
- *The support of local organisations which help the elderly in need of assistance.*
- *Working with members of the Parochial Church Council, Royal British Legion, Radnage WI and other suitable organisations to help identify those individuals considered to be 'in need'.*

c) Risk Management

The Trustees have established that the Charity is exposed to a number of prevailing risks which could have a detrimental impact on the stated objectives of the Charity. They have accepted that the active management of risk is an important part of their duties and have introduced a system whereby risks are identified and the potential impact of each risk, and the probability of occurrence in each case, is fully assessed. The principal risks facing the Charity are defined below:

Risk / Mitigation

- *Erosion in Value of Permanent Endowment.* The Charity's assets include both land holdings and other investments and require active management to maintain their underlying value. A 'balanced portfolio' policy has been adopted to spread risk across a wide range of investments. Advice is received from professional advisors prior to any investment decisions being taken.
- *Loss of Investment Income.* The Charity's investment portfolio is managed by a leading professional investment management firm whose performance is closely monitored on a six-monthly basis. Comparisons are made with the leading benchmark indices to ensure that an acceptable portfolio performance level is being obtained and to secure growing dividend income from the fund.
- *Public Liability.* The Trustees hold a Public Liability policy providing £5m of cover. This policy is supported by individual policies held by each of the Charity's tenants who are held primarily responsible for any claims which materialise. The Charity's land holdings are regularly inspected by the Trustees and the public footpath which passes across Charity land is regularly walked to minimise the level of any risks involved.
- *Loss of Clerk / Trustees.* An ongoing 'succession plan' has been considered by the Trustees to minimise the impact of any loss. As a result, interest is invited from residents to act as 'reserve trustees', sitting in at meetings and becoming familiar with the Charity's activities, informed and ready to be selected as a Trustee when a vacancy arises for any reason. Steve Head has again taken this role throughout the year.

James Darley
Clerk to the Trustees
27 February 2024

Radnage Poor's Land Estate Charity
Registered Number: 201762

Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ending 31 December 2023

	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Poor's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u>
Receipts						
Investment Income	£7,142.64				£7,142.64	£6,368.55
Bank and Building Society interest	£72.83	£261.65	£71.68	£129.26	£535.42	£8.34
Rents	£5,235.00				£5,235.00	£5,598.00
Wayleaves	£76.64				£76.64	£74.56
Allocation to three Branches		£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£9,000.00	£6,000.00
Restoration from Poor's Branch	£199.58				£199.58	£1,308.13
Net proceeds of sale of Glebe Field	£92,614.00				£92,614.00	£0.00
Sundries	£5,913.88				£5,913.88	£15,986.34
Total Receipts	£111,254.57	£3,261.65	£3,071.68	£3,129.26	£120,717.16	£35,343.92
Payments						
Allocation to Branches	£9,000.00				£9,000.00	£6,000.00
Grants	£0.00	£10,439.54	£3,750.00	£3,199.58	£17,389.12	£15,108.13
Insurance	£99.31				£99.31	£99.31
Bank charges	£58.33				£58.33	£69.60
Professional fees	£480.00				£480.00	£0.00
Green Lane Residents Association	£80.00				£80.00	£80.00
Other estate payments	£5,260.00				£5,260.00	£2,390.00
Payment to Clerk (2021 + 2022)	£1,626.00				£1,626.00	£2,983.00
Total Payments	£16,603.64	£10,439.54	£3,750.00	£3,199.58	£33,992.76	£26,730.04
Net (Receipts-Payments)	£94,650.93	-£7,177.89	-£678.32	-£70.32	£86,724.40	£8,613.88

Cash Funds 31 December 2022 (Brought Forward)	£5,913.88	£8,734.64	£3,331.93	£5,861.06	£23,841.51
Cash Funds 31 December 2023 (to Carry Forward)	£1,837.95	£556.75	£2,353.61	£4,682.19	£9,430.50

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Poor's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash Funds						
Lloyds Bank – Treasurers Account	£3,795.74				£3,795.74	£5,876.21
Lloyds Bank – Business Banking Instant Access Account	£1,342.03				£1,342.03	£1,169.54
Skipton Building Society		£556.75	£2,353.61	£4,682.19	£7,592.55	£17,927.63
Total Cash Funds	£5,137.77	£556.75	£2,353.61	£4,682.19	£12,730.32	£24,973.38
Investment Assets						
Land*	£315,000.00				£315,000.00	£340,000.00
Quoted Investments	£327,222.00				£327,222.00	£216,673.00
Total Investment Assets	£642,222.00				£642,222.00	£556,673.00
Total Assets (Cash + Investments)	£647,359.77	£556.75	£2,353.61	£4,682.19	£654,952.32	£581,646.38
Liabilities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
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Notes:

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RADNAGE POOR'S LAND ESTATE CHARITY

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Year ended 31st December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statement of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

This report is made solely to the Trustees; in so doing I report in respect of my examination of the charity financial statements carried under section 145 of the 2011 Act.

Respective responsibility of the trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particulars matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination followed all applicable Directions given by the commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts to the 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 Financial statements.

Independent examiner's report

In connection with my report, no material matters have come to my attention;

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect the requirements

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To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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THE RADNAGE CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 201762

Accounts

RADNAGE POOR'S LAND ESTATE CHARITY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

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Other names Charity is known by: RADNAGE CHARITY
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Registered Charity Number: 201762

Charity's Principal Address: The Clerk to the Trustees,
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Radnage,
High Wycombe,
Buckinghamshire
HP14 4BZ

Names of the Charity Trustees:

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Mr Robert Edward Nikiel		
Mrs Rosemary Jessie Oliphant		
Mrs Caroline Ann Strange		
Mrs Lindsay Welham		
Mr Richard Edwin Wheeler	Chairman	
Mr Lindsay Charles John Wilcox	Vice-chairman	

Names and addresses of advisors

- **Bankers:** HSBC Bank plc, 1 Corn Market, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
HP11 2AY
- **Investment Managers:** Sarasin & Partners LLP, Juxon House, 100 St Paul's
Churchyard, London EC4M 8BU
- **Solicitors:** Parrott & Coales LLP, 14 Bourbon Street, Aylesbury,
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2) Achievements and Performance / Financial Review

Summary of the main achievements of the Charity during the year and its financial status

Although interest rates again remained at historically low levels throughout most of the year, the Charity's investment portfolio continued to produce a consistent level of dividend income. This, combined with modest increases in income from rents for land holdings, enabled a distribution of £2,000 to be awarded to each of the Charity's three branches.

- In a winter when the higher cost of living and unprecedented energy charges combined to cause widespread financial concerns, the Charity again sought to identify individuals and households in the village at most risk of disadvantage. As a result, while the number of beneficiaries, 21, was one more than last year, the cost of Christmas food parcels distributed by the Charity's Poor's Branch increased by 28 per cent to £1,258.13. A one-off grant was made to a family in unexpected need.
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- The Charity used the whole amount of a Small Business Grant of £10,000 received in 2020 under the government's early responses to the coronavirus pandemic, to share with the Parish Council the cost of the major upgrade of playground equipment.
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James Darley
Clerk to the Trustees
30 January 2023

Radnage Poor's Land Estate Charity
Registered Number: 201762

Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ending 31 December 2022

	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Poor's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2021</u>
Receipts						
Investment Income	£6,368.55				£6,368.55	£6,267.66
Bank and Building Society interest*	£8.34	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£8.34	£16.08
Rents	£5,598.00				£5,598.00	£4,980.00
Wayleaves	£74.56				£74.56	£76.43
Allocation to three Branches		£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£6,000.00	£9,000.00
Restoration from Poor's Branch	£1,308.13				£1,308.13	£0.00
Sundries	£15,986.34				£15,986.34	£10,683.75
Total Receipts	£29,343.92	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£35,343.92	£31,023.92
Payments						
Allocation to Branches	£6,000.00				£6,000.00	£9,000.00
Grants	£10,000.00	£0.00	£1,800.00	£3,308.13	£15,108.13	£4,780.95
Insurance	£99.31				£99.31	£361.34
Bank charges	£69.60				£69.60	£0.00
Professional fees	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Green Lane Residents Association	£80.00				£80.00	£0.00
Other estate payments	£2,390.00				£2,390.00	£0.00
Payment to Clerk (2021 + 2022)	£2,983.00				£2,983.00	£0.00
Total Payments	£21,621.91	£0.00	£1,800.00	£3,308.13	£26,730.04	£14,142.29
Net (Receipts-Payments)	£7,722.01	£2,000.00	£200.00	-£1,308.13	£8,613.88	£16,881.63

Cash Funds 31 December 2021 (Brought Forward)	£15,961.34	£5,729.90	£4,103.44	£5,038.07	£30,832.75
Cash Funds 31 December 2022 (to Carry Forward)	£5,913.88	£8,734.64	£3,331.93	£5,861.06	£23,841.51

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December 2022

	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Poor's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash Funds						
HSBC – Community Account	£5,876.21				£5,876.21	£9,387.74
HSBC – Business Account	£1,169.54				£1,169.54	£10,792.65
Skipton Building Society		£8,734.64	£3,331.93	£5,861.06	£17,927.63	£14,871.41
Total Cash Funds	£7,045.75	£8,734.64	£3,331.93	£5,861.06	£24,973.38	£35,051.80
Investment Assets						
Land**	£340,000.00				£340,000.00	£340,000.00
Quoted Investments	£216,673.00				£216,673.00	£228,673.00
Total Investment Assets	£556,673.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£556,673.00	£568,898.00
Total Assets (Cash + Investments)	£563,718.75	£8,734.64	£3,331.93	£5,861.06	£581,646.38	£603,949.80
Liabilities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Net Assets (Total Assets - Liabilities)	£563,718.75	£8,734.64	£3,331.93	£5,861.06	£581,646.38	£603,949.80

Notes:

* Skipton BS interest not made up until August (1 year after move)

** Not taking into account as yet indicative valuation of field to be sold

RADNAGE POOR'S LAND ESTATE CHARITY

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Year ended 31st December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statement of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 2022.

This report is made solely to the Trustees, in so doing I report in respect of my examination of the charity financial statements carried under section 145 of the 2011 Act.

Respective responsibility of the trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particulars matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination followed all applicable Directions given by the commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts to the 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 Financial statements.

Independent examiner's report

In connection with my report, no material matters have come to my attention;

Which gives me 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 comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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10th March 2023

THE RADNAGE CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 201762

Accounts

RADNAGE POOR'S LAND ESTATE CHARITY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

1) Reference & administration details

Charity name: RADNAGE POOR'S LAND ESTATE CHARITY

Other names Charity is known by: RADNAGE CHARITY
RADNAGE POORS LAND CHARITY

Registered Charity Number: 201762

Charity's Principal Address: The Clerk to the Trustees,
Gledehill, Green End Road,
Radnage,
High Wycombe,
Buckinghamshire
HP14 4BZ

Names of the Charity Trustees:

<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Dates acted (if not for the whole year)</i>
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Mr Robert Edward Nikiel

Chairman

Mrs Rosemary Jessie Oliphant

Mrs Caroline Ann Strange

Mrs Lindsay Welham

Mr Richard Edwin Wheeler

Vice-chairman

Mr Lindsay Charles John Wilcox

Names and addresses of advisors

□ **Bankers:** HSBC Bank plc, 1 Corn Market, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
HP11 2AY

□ **Investment Managers:** Sarasin & Partners LLP, Juxon House, 100 St Paul's
Churchyard, London EC4M 8BU

□ **Solicitors:** Parrott & Coales LLP, 14 Bourbon Street, Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire HP20 2RS

Clerk to the Trustees: Mr James Darley, Gledehill, Green End Road, Radnage, High
Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP14 4BZ

2) Achievements and Performance / Financial Review

Summary of the main achievements of the Charity during the year and its financial status

Although interest rates again remained at historically low levels throughout 2021, the Charity's investment portfolio continued to produce a satisfactory level of dividend income. This, combined with stable income from rents for land holdings, enabled a distribution of £3,000 to be awarded to each branch.

- In a second year marred by the Covid-19 global pandemic, the Charity sought to identify individuals and households in the village at most risk of disadvantage. As a result, the number of beneficiaries of Christmas food parcels distributed by the Charity's Poor's Branch was more than doubled to 20, at a cost of £980.95.
- Community organisations traditionally supported by the Charity, Radnage Mother & Toddler Group and Radnage Friendship Club, received grants of £600 each, assisting them to revive their activities as social distancing restrictions were eased.
- As an extended school closure became imminent late in 2020, the Charity had immediately offered Radnage School the funding for tablet computers for children having to receive education at home and either being without the equipment or having to share it. The devices were speedily obtained and put to good use. The cost of £550 was repaid to the school.
- The Educational Branch also made grants totalling £2,050 to five students at varying stages of their studies to assist with educational needs.
- The Church Branch makes good the maintenance costs of St. Mary the Virgin Church, Radnage. No request was made during the year by Radnage Parochial Church Council, although this is now anticipated.
- Total disbursements in pursuance of the Charity's objects by its three branches amounted to £4,780.95.
- Following receipt of a Small Business Grant of £10,000 within the government's early responses to the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, the Charity's intention that this windfall be applied to a single and meaningful new initiative within the village remains unfulfilled as yet. However, this is now in its advanced planning in cooperation with the Parish Council. It is hoped that this project will materialise early in 2022.
- Assets as at 31 December 2021 stood at £603,950, including bank balances, an investment portfolio valued at £228,898 and land holdings valued at £340,000.

3) Structure, Governance and Management

a) The nature of the Governing Document and how the Charity is constituted

The Radnage Poor's Land Estate Charity is an ancient charity with origins in the late 16th century. Known locally as 'The Radnage Charity' it was formalised in the 17th century by King Charles who made an order in 1632 for the future administration of the Charity estate. The first Scheme issued by the Charity Commissioners was approved on 16 November 1869. It provided a legal framework for the future regulation of the Charity, known at that time as the 'Poor's Land Charity'.

Following the creation of the Educational Foundation, the Charity Commissioners approved a further Scheme on 26 July 1918 to formalise the administration of the Charity. The Commissioners ordered that the Charity's endowments be administered as an 'Estate Charity' to be called the 'Poor's Land Estate Charity' with a requirement for two branches known as the 'Church Branch' and the 'Poor's Branch'. The Scheme established that after the payment of administration costs, the actual net income of the estate was to be split into three equal parts for the following purposes:

- The general benefit of poor persons resident in the parish of Radnage who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress (Poor's Branch)
- The maintenance and repair of the fabric of the village's 13th century Church (Church Branch)
- Support for the educational requirements of children and young people resident in the parish (Radnage Poor's Land Educational Foundation).

The modern-day Charity therefore comprises three distinct branches within the Estate Charity; a 'Poor's Branch', a 'Church Branch' and the above-mentioned 'Educational Branch'. The Charity is administered by seven Trustees known as the 'Estate Trustees' to include the Rector and the two Churchwardens of Radnage Church (collectively responsible for the Church Branch); two Parish Council nominees (responsible, jointly with the Rector, for the Poor's Branch), and two further Trustees selected from time to time to serve as Trustees of the above-mentioned Radnage Poor's Land Educational Foundation (responsible, jointly with the Rector, for Educational Branch matters). The role of the Rector is currently vacant.

On 13 July 1988, the Charity Commissioners approved a further Scheme which amended the rules under which the 'Educational Branch' trustees operate. The Charity is now able to promote the education (including social and physical training) of all young persons under the age of 25 years who are resident in the parish of Radnage and in need of financial assistance.

b) The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

- ***Trustees of the Church Branch*** The body of Trustees of the Church Branch, when complete, consists of the RECTOR and CHURCHWARDENS for the time being of Radnage.
- ***Trustees of the Poor's Branch*** The body of Trustees of the Poor's Branch, when complete, consists of three competent persons, being:
 - One Ex-officio Trustee, the said RECTOR
 - Two Parish Representatives

The Representative Trustees are appointed by Radnage Parish Council to act in the interests of the 'village poor'. They are representatives of the parish, not the Parish Council. Each appointment is made for a four year term and each person appointed may be, but need not be, a member of the Parish Council. Each Trustee is eligible for re-election at the end of each four year term. In such cases, the Parish Council has to decide whether or not to ratify the re-appointment.

If the Parish Council declines to re-appoint an existing representative or if the representative stands down at the end of his/her four year term of office, an election will then be necessary. In these circumstances the Charity would advertise the vacancy locally and accept responsibility for identifying suitable candidates.

The Charity Trustees will carry out interviews as necessary to assess each candidate's suitability to take on the duties of trusteeship. The Charity will then make appropriate recommendations to the Parish Council after selecting one of the candidates for the vacancy. The Parish Council will further assess the suitability of the individual concerned before deciding whether or not to ratify the appointment.

They can either support the Charity's recommendations and appoint the individual as a trustee, or reject the recommendation.

- **Trustees of the Radnage Poor's Land Educational Foundation (The 'Educational Branch')** The body of Trustees of the Educational Branch, when complete, consists of three competent persons, being
 - One Ex-officio Trustee, the said RECTOR
 - Two Nominated Trustees

The 1869 Scheme states that the two nominated trustees should live within seven miles of the Parish Church but does not mention how they should be elected. In a letter dated 24 May 1982, the Charity Commission suggested that they 'should be co-opted by the ex-officio trustees' which would only involve the Rector and the Churchwardens. Nowadays, the Estate Trustees have agreed to act as a group, considering suitable candidates from within the village community before approaching selected individuals to ascertain if they are willing to serve. As part of the selection process the Estate Trustees would approach the governing body of the local school and consider localised advertising.

4) Objectives and Activities

a) Summary of the objectives of the Charity set out in its governing document

The Church Branch

The Trustees of the Church Branch are allowed to apply the clear yearly income of that Branch in the payment of any charges lawfully incurred by the Churchwardens in the maintenance and repair and insurance against fire or other risk of the fabric of the Parish Church of Radnage inclusive of the tower and steeple but exclusive of the chancel; and, subject thereto, in the payment of the like charges in respect of the maintenance of the services of the said Church and of the furniture thereof.

(At the time that the governing document was issued, the Church would have been subject to 'Chancel Repair Liability' whereby the Rector would have been personally responsible for the maintenance and/or repair of the chancel – hence the exclusion. This liability no longer exists having been 'bought out' during the early 20th century.)

The Educational Branch

The Trustees of the Educational Branch operate under the terms of a Scheme approved by the Charity Commissioners on 13 July 1988 which amended the wording of Clause 10 of the Order made on the 16 November 1869. The Trustees are now allowed to apply the clear yearly income of the Branch in the following way:

- I. In promoting the education (including social and physical training) of persons under the age of 25 years who are resident in the Parish of Radnage and who are in need of financial assistance and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:
 - i) In awarding to such persons scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, maintenance allowances or grants tenable at any school, university, college of education, or other institution of further (including professional and technical) education approved for the purpose by the Trustees.

- ii) In providing financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to assist such persons to pursue their education (including the study of music and other arts), to undertake travel in furtherance thereof, or to prepare for or enter a profession, trade, occupation or service on leaving school, university, or other educational establishment.
- II. In making payments to the Governors for the time being of a school substantially serving the said parish to be applied by them in discharging their obligations under

the Education Acts 1944 to 1981 with respect to the maintenance of the school concerned.

- III. In or towards providing such special benefits of any kind not normally provided by the local education authority for any school substantially serving the said parish as may from time to time be agreed between the said Trustees and the Governors of the school concerned.

The Poor's Branch

The Trustees of the Poor's Branch are allowed to apply the clear yearly income of that Branch in making payments, under one or more of the following categories, for the benefit either of the poor of the Parish of Radnage generally, or of such deserving and necessitous persons resident therein as the Trustees select for this purpose, and in such way as they consider most advantageous to the recipients, and most conducive to the formation of provident habits:

- I. Subscriptions or donations in aid of the funds of:
 - a) Any Dispensary, Infirmary, Hospital or Convalescent Home, whether general or special upon such terms (so far as may be) as to enable the Trustees to secure the benefits of the institution for the objects of the Branch.
 - b) Any Provident Club or Society established in or near the said Parish for the supply of Coal, Clothing or other necessities.
- II. Contributions towards:
 - a) The provision of Nurses for the Sick and Infirm.
 - b) The provision of duly certified Midwives to attend women in childbirth.
 - c) The travelling expenses of Patients to and from such institutions as are above-mentioned in paragraph I.(a).
- III. The supply of:
 - a) Clothes, Linen, Bedding, Fuel, Tools, Medical or other aid in Sickness, Food or other articles in kind.
 - b) Temporary relief in money, by way of loan or otherwise, in case of unexpected loss, or sudden destitution.

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Radnage Poor Registered

Receipts & Payments Account

Receipts

Investment Income
Bank and Building Society interest
Rents
Wayleaves
Allocation from Estate Branch
Sundries

Total Receipts

Payments

Allocation to Branches
Grants
Insurance
Solicitor's fees
Other payments
Payment to Clerk

Total Payments

Net (Receipts-Payments)

Cash Funds 31 December 2020 (Brought Forward)

Cash Funds 31 December 2021 (to Carry Forward)

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Cash Funds

HSBC – Charitable Account (change of name)
HSBC – Business Account
Nationwide Building Society

Total Cash Funds

Investment Assets

Land
Quoted Investments

Total Investment Assets

Total Assets (Cash + Investments)

Liabilities

Net Assets (Total Assets - Liabilities)

's Land Estate Charity
| Number: 201762

for the Year Ending 31 December 2021

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£6,267.66				£6,267.66	£6,561.40
£1.34	£5.85	£3.93	£4.96	£16.08	£16.83
£4,980.00				£4,980.00	£4,980.00
£76.43				£76.43	£75.25
	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£9,000.00	£9,000.00
£10,683.75				£10,683.75	£11,815.23
£22,009.18	£3,005.85	£3,003.93	£3,004.96	£31,023.92	£32,448.71
£9,000.00				£9,000.00	£9,000.00
		£2,600.00	£2,180.95	£4,780.95	£10,608.85
£361.34				£361.34	£364.56
£0.00				£0.00	£420.00
£0.00				£0.00	£15.00
£0.00				£0.00	£1,300.00
£9,361.34	£0.00	£2,600.00	£2,180.95	£14,142.29	£21,708.41
£12,647.84	£3,005.85	£403.93	£824.01	£16,881.63	£10,740.30

£10,683.75	£5,724.05	£4,099.51	£5,033.11	£25,540.42
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liabilities as at 31 December 2021

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Poor's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2020</u>
£9,387.74				£9,387.74	£160.10
£10,792.65				£10,792.65	£10,523.65
	£5,729.90	£4,103.44	£5,038.07	£14,871.41	£14,856.67
£20,180.39	£5,729.90	£4,103.44	£5,038.07	£35,051.80	£25,540.42
£340,000.00				£340,000.00	£340,000.00
£228,898.00				£228,898.00	£220,005.00
£568,898.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£568,898.00	£560,005.00

£589,078.39	£5,729.90	£4,103.44	£5,038.07	£603,949.80	£585,545.42
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Year ended 31 December 2021

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THE RADNAGE CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 201762

Accounts

RADNAGE POOR'S LAND ESTATE CHARITY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

1) Reference & administration details

Charity name: RADNAGE POOR'S LAND ESTATE CHARITY

Other names Charity is known by: RADNAGE CHARITY
RADNAGE POORS LAND CHARITY

Registered Charity Number: 201762

Charity's Principal Address: The Clerk to the Trustees,
Gledehill, Green End Road,
Radnage,
High Wycombe,
Buckinghamshire
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Names of the Charity Trustees:

<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Dates acted (if not for the whole year)</i>
Mr Robert Edward Nikiel	Vice-chairman	
Mrs Rosemary Jessie Oliphant		
Mrs Caroline Ann Strange	Chairman	
Mrs Lindsay Welham		
Mr Richard Edwin Wheeler		
Mr Lindsay Charles John Wilcox		

Names and addresses of advisors

- **Bankers:** HSBC Bank plc, 1 Corn Market, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP11 2AY
- **Investment Managers:** Sarasin & Partners LLP, Juxon House, 100 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8BU
- **Solicitors:** Reynolds Parry Jones, 10 Easton Street, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP11 1NP

Clerk to the Trustees: Mr James Darley, Gledehill, Green End Road, Radnage, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP14 4BZ

2) Structure, Governance and Management

a) The nature of the Governing Document and how the Charity is constituted

The Radnage Poor's Land Estate Charity is an ancient charity with origins in the late 16th century. Known locally as 'The Radnage Charity' it was formalised in the 17th century by King Charles who made an order in 1632 for the future administration of the Charity estate. The first Scheme issued by the Charity Commissioners was approved on 16 November 1869. It provided a legal framework for the future regulation of the Charity, known at that time as the 'Poor's Land Charity'.

As a result of the Board of Education Act 1899, the Charity Commissioners made an Order on 6 December 1904 to formalise educational matters. This created 'The Poor's Land Educational Foundation' (the modern-day 'Educational Branch') which became a Charity in its own right, registered as The Radnage Poor's Land Educational Foundation (Registered Number 310582).

Following the creation of the Educational Foundation, the Charity Commissioners approved a further Scheme on 26 July 1918 to formalise the administration of the Charity. The Commissioners ordered that the Charity's endowments be administered as an 'Estate Charity' to be called the 'Poor's Land Estate Charity' with a requirement for two branches known as the 'Church Branch' and the 'Poor's Branch'. The Scheme established that after the payment of administration costs, the actual net income of the estate was to be split into three equal parts for the following purposes:

- The general benefit of poor persons resident in the parish of Radnage who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress (Poor's Branch)
- The maintenance and repair of the fabric of the village's 13th century Church (Church Branch)
- Support for the educational requirements of children and young people resident in the parish (Radnage Poor's Land Educational Foundation).

The modern-day Charity therefore comprises three distinct branches within the Estate Charity; a 'Poor's Branch', a 'Church Branch' and the above-mentioned 'Educational Branch'. The Charity is administered by seven Trustees known as the 'Estate Trustees' to include the Rector and the two Churchwardens of Radnage Church (collectively responsible for the Church Branch); two Parish Council nominees (responsible, jointly with the Rector, for the Poor's Branch), and two further Trustees selected from time to time to serve as Trustees of the above-mentioned Radnage Poor's Land Educational Foundation (responsible, jointly with the Rector, for Educational Branch matters). The role of the Rector is currently vacant.

On 13 July 1988, the Charity Commissioners approved a further Scheme which amended the rules under which the 'Educational Branch' trustees operate. The Charity is now able to promote the education (including social and physical training) of all young persons under the age of 25 years who are resident in the parish of Radnage and in need of financial assistance.

b) The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

- **Trustees of the Church Branch** The body of Trustees of the Church Branch, when complete, consists of the RECTOR and CHURCHWARDENS for the time being of Radnage.
- **Trustees of the Poor's Branch** The body of Trustees of the Poor's Branch, when complete, consists of three competent persons, being:
 - One Ex-officio Trustee, the said RECTOR
 - Two Parish Representatives

The Representative Trustees are appointed by Radnage Parish Council to act in the interests of the 'village poor'. They are representatives of the parish, not the Parish Council. Each appointment is made for a four year term and each person appointed may be, but need not be, a member of the Parish Council. Each Trustee is eligible for re-election at the end of each four year term. In such cases, the Parish Council has to decide whether or not to ratify the re-appointment.

If the Parish Council declines to re-appoint an existing representative or if the representative stands down at the end of his/her four year term of office, an election will then be necessary. In these circumstances the Charity would advertise the vacancy locally and accept responsibility for identifying suitable candidates. The Charity Trustees will carry out interviews as necessary to assess each candidate's suitability to take on the duties of trusteeship. The Charity will then make appropriate recommendations to the Parish Council after selecting one of the candidates for the vacancy. The Parish Council will further assess the suitability of the individual concerned before deciding whether or not to ratify the appointment. They can either support the Charity's recommendations and appoint the individual as a trustee, or reject the recommendation.

- **Trustees of the Radnage Poor's Land Educational Foundation (The 'Educational Branch')** The body of Trustees of the Educational Branch, when complete, consists of three competent persons, being
 - One Ex-officio Trustee, the said RECTOR
 - Two Nominated Trustees

The 1869 Scheme states that the two nominated trustees should live within seven miles of the Parish Church but does not mention how they should be elected. In a letter dated 24 May 1982, the Charity Commission suggested that they 'should be co-opted by the ex-officio trustees' which would only involve the Rector and the Churchwardens. Nowadays, the Estate Trustees have agreed to act as a group, considering suitable candidates from within the village community before approaching selected individuals to ascertain if they are willing to serve. As part of the selection process the Estate Trustees would approach the governing body of the local school and consider localised advertising.

3) Objectives and Activities

a) Summary of the objectives of the Charity set out in its governing document

The Church Branch

The Trustees of the Church Branch are allowed to apply the clear yearly income of that Branch in the payment of any charges lawfully incurred by the Churchwardens in the maintenance and repair and insurance against fire or other risk of the fabric of the Parish Church of Radnage inclusive of the tower and steeple but exclusive of the chancel; and, subject thereto, in the payment of the like charges in respect of the maintenance of the services of the said Church and of the furniture thereof.

(At the time that the governing document was issued, the Church would have been subject to 'Chancel Repair Liability' whereby the Rector would have been personally responsible for the maintenance and/or repair of the chancel – hence the exclusion. This liability no longer exists having been 'bought out' during the early 20th century.)

The Educational Branch

The Trustees of the Educational Branch operate under the terms of a Scheme approved by the Charity Commissioners on 13 July 1988 which amended the wording of Clause 10 of the Order made on the 16 November 1869. The Trustees are now allowed to apply the clear yearly income of the Branch in the following way:

- I. In promoting the education (including social and physical training) of persons under the age of 25 years who are resident in the Parish of Radnage and who are in need of financial assistance and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:
 - i) In awarding to such persons scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, maintenance allowances or grants tenable at any school, university, college of education, or other institution of further (including professional and technical) education approved for the purpose by the Trustees.

- ii) In providing financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to assist such persons to pursue their education (including the study of music and other arts), to undertake travel in furtherance thereof, or to prepare for or enter a profession, trade, occupation or service on leaving school, university, or other educational establishment.

II. In making payments to the Governors for the time being of a school substantially serving the said parish to be applied by them in discharging their obligations under the Education Acts 1944 to 1981 with respect to the maintenance of the school concerned.

III. In or towards providing such special benefits of any kind not normally provided by the local education authority for any school substantially serving the said parish as may from time to time be agreed between the said Trustees and the Governors of the school concerned.

The Poor's Branch

The Trustees of the Poor's Branch are allowed to apply the clear yearly income of that Branch in making payments, under one or more of the following categories, for the benefit either of the poor of the Parish of Radnage generally, or of such deserving and necessitous persons resident therein as the Trustees select for this purpose, and in such way as they consider most advantageous to the recipients, and most conducive to the formation of provident habits:

- I. Subscriptions or donations in aid of the funds of:
 - a) Any Dispensary, Infirmary, Hospital or Convalescent Home, whether general or special upon such terms (so far as may be) as to enable the Trustees to secure the benefits of the institution for the objects of the Branch.
 - b) Any Provident Club or Society established in or near the said Parish for the supply of Coal, Clothing or other necessities.
- II. Contributions towards:
 - a) The provision of Nurses for the Sick and Infirm.
 - b) The provision of duly certified Midwives to attend women in childbirth.
 - c) The travelling expenses of Patients to and from such institutions as are above-mentioned in paragraph I.(a).
- III. The supply of:
 - a) Clothes, Linen, Bedding, Fuel, Tools, Medical or other aid in Sickness, Food or other articles in kind.
 - b) Temporary relief in money, by way of loan or otherwise, in case of unexpected loss, or sudden destitution.

b) Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to the objectives / policy on grant making

The Church Branch

In accordance with the terms of the Charity's governing document, the Trustees make contributions from time to time towards the maintenance and repair costs of the fabric of the parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin. They are not engaged in any other activity.

The Educational Branch

In accordance with the terms of the new Scheme agreed in 1988, the Trustees actively encourage applications, from young people living in the parish of Radnage, for funding to assist with educational expenses. Over recent years, grants have been awarded for the purchase of books and the cost of school educational visits both in the UK and abroad. In certain circumstances, where proper commitment and standard of ability can be demonstrated, grants have been awarded towards the purchase of musical instruments and sports equipment. Each application is considered on its own merits, but in all cases the Trustees request a written application be sent by the applicant him/herself clearly stating the purpose of the grant and the amount involved. All applications are considered in the strictest confidence at meetings of the Trustees.

The Trustees' main priority, however, is to support Radnage School and in this connection an assessment of funding requirements is normally considered at the February meeting of the Trustees, based on applications received from the school. Over recent years the Trustees have been able to make significant contributions towards the cost of providing additional teaching hours. The Governors implemented the Teaching Workforce Reforms from September 2005 which allows for the release of classroom teachers to prepare and plan for their teaching lessons. This puts a considerable strain on the school budget in terms of providing additional cover for teachers to be released and the financial support provided by the Trustees enables the school in implementing these reforms.

The Poor's Branch

Historically, the Poor's Branch Trustees' main activity was the provision of clothing and firewood for the 'village poor'. For example, the accounts for 1701 reveal that five men of the village each received 'coats made of foul weather material', six women of the village received 'one petticoat each' and deliveries of 'half a load of wood' were made to two parishioners. Over a period of time 'clothing and firewood' were replaced by 'coal and food parcels' culminating in an annual distribution of 'Christmas food parcels' to the elderly which became the main focus of activity throughout the recent past.

The modern-day Poor's Branch Trustees are influenced by new rules issued by the Charity Commission in December 2008. Following implementation of the Charities Act (2011) these rules authorised charities established for the 'relief of the poor' to include 'prevention of poverty' within their aims without seeking prior approval, thereby providing the Trustees with far greater scope than in the past. The Trustees are now able to consider individuals and the local community whether 'in poverty' or at risk of being in poverty. The current focus of the Trustees therefore includes the following activities:

- *The 'Christmas Parcel' distribution continuing as hitherto but with a diminishing list of beneficiaries (caused either by existing recipients moving away or through death). The main emphasis wherever possible to be on 'need' rather than 'expectation' by virtue of being elderly.*
- *The support of local organisations which help the elderly in need of assistance.*
- *Working with members of the Parochial Church Council, Royal British Legion, Radnage WI and other suitable organisations to help identify those individuals considered to be 'in need'.*

c) Risk Management

The Trustees have established that the Charity is exposed to a number of prevailing risks which could have a detrimental impact on the stated objectives of the Charity. They have accepted that the active management of risk is an important part of their duties and have introduced a system whereby risks are identified and the potential impact of each risk, and the probability of occurrence in each case, is fully assessed. The principal risks facing the Charity are defined below:

Risk / Mitigation

- *Erosion in Value of Permanent Endowment.* The Charity's assets include both land holdings and other investments and require active management to maintain their underlying value. A 'balanced portfolio' policy has been adopted to spread risk across a wide range of investments. Advice is received from professional advisors prior to any investment decisions being taken.
- *Loss of Investment Income.* The Charity's investment portfolio is managed by a leading professional investment management firm whose performance is closely monitored on a six-monthly basis. Comparisons are made with the leading benchmark indices to ensure that an acceptable portfolio performance level is being obtained and to secure growing dividend income from the fund.

- *Public Liability.* The Trustees hold a Public Liability policy providing £2m of cover. This policy is supported by individual policies held by each of the Charity's tenants who are held primarily responsible for any claims which materialise. The Charity's land holdings are regularly inspected by the Trustees and the public footpath which passes across Charity land is regularly walked to minimise the level of any risks involved.
- *Loss of Clerk / Trustees.* An ongoing 'succession plan' is being considered by the Trustees to minimise the impact of any loss.

4) Achievements and Performance / Financial Review

Summary of the main achievements of the Charity during the year and its financial status

Although interest rates again remained at historically low levels throughout 2020, the Charity's investment portfolio continued to produce a satisfactory level of dividend income. This, combined with stable income from rents for land holdings, enabled a distribution of £3,000 to be awarded to each branch.

- In a year marred for everyone by the Covid-19 global pandemic, the Charity sought to add to individual and collective initiatives within the community. The decision was taken to make a gift of treats to a number of households in the run-up to Christmas. On the very day the second lockdown was announced, forcing most festive plans to be abandoned, deliveries were made by the trustees to fifty-one homes in Radnage where, by virtue of age, solitude, infirmity or illness, or families with young children, a seasonal lift to the spirits would be appreciated. Judging from the messages of thanks received from very many, the gesture went down extremely well. Drawn from the Poor's Branch, the cost was £613.45.
- The Poor's Branch additionally made its Christmas distribution of food hampers to a declining number of residents in need, at a cost of £488.42.
- Community organisations traditionally supported by the Charity, Radnage Mother & Toddler Group and Radnage Friendship Club, received grants of £500 and £600 respectively before their activities, as well as those of Radnage Winter Lunch Club, were curtailed because of social distancing restrictions.
- In response to requests from Radnage School, the Charity made a grant of £1,000 to contribute to a new library system, and a similar sum to purchase resources to augment the school's religious education provision.
- The Educational Branch also made a grant of £200 to a promising student in the village to assist with further educational needs.
- The Church Branch awarded grants totalling £4,406.75 to Radnage Parochial Church Council as contributions towards the maintenance costs of St. Mary the Virgin Church, Radnage.
- Total disbursements in pursuance of the Charity's objects by its three branches amounted to £8,808.62.
- The Charity received a Small Business Grant of £10,000 within the government's responses to the coronavirus pandemic. Trustees agreed that this windfall should be applied to a single and meaningful new initiative within the village. This is now in its early planning in cooperation with the Parish Council. Details will become apparent during 2021.
- Late in the year, as a further extended school closure became imminent, the Charity immediately offered a budget of £1000 to help Radnage School provide more electronic devices for children having to receive education at home and either being without the equipment or having to share it. The devices were speedily obtained and put to good use.

- The valuation of assets as at 31 December 2020, including branch reserves, totalled £586,558 (2019: £565,524) to include an investment portfolio valued at £220,005 (2019: £208,511) and land holdings valued at £340,000.

James Darley
Clerk to the Trustees
4 February 2021

Radnage Poor's Land Estate Charity
Registered Number: 201762

Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ending 31 December 2020

	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Poor's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2019</u>
Receipts						
Investment Income	£6,561.40				£6,561.40	£6,888.55
Bank and Building Society interest	£2.38	£7.92	£2.35	£4.18	£16.83	£21.19
Bank compensation	£0.00				£0.00	£200.00
Rents	£4,980.00				£4,980.00	£4,680.00
Wayleaves	£75.25				£75.25	£73.35
Allocation from Estate Branch		£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£9,000.00	£8,100.00
Sundries	£11,815.23				£11,815.23	£0.00
Total Receipts	£23,434.26	£3,007.92	£3,002.35	£3,004.18	£32,448.71	£19,963.09
Payments						
Allocation to Branches	£9,000.00				£9,000.00	£8,100.00
Grants		£6,206.98	£2,200.00	£2,201.87	£10,608.85	£13,713.69
Insurance	£364.56				£364.56	£560.00
Land valuation	£0.00				£0.00	£480.00
Tree maintenance	£0.00				£0.00	£204.00
Solicitor's fees	£420.00				£420.00	£1,705.80
Other payments	£15.00				£15.00	£30.00
Payment to Clerk	£1,300.00				£1,300.00	£1,200.00
Total Payments	£11,099.56	£6,206.98	£2,200.00	£2,201.87	£21,708.41	£25,993.49
Net (Receipts-Payments)	£12,334.70	-£3,199.06	£802.35	£802.31	£10,740.30	-£6,030.40

Cash Funds 31 December 2019 (Brought Forward)	£562.28	£8,923.11	£3,297.16	£4,230.80	£17,013.35
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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December 2020

	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Poor's</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash Funds						
HSBC – Community Account	£160.10				£160.10	£302.68
HSBC – Business Account	£10,523.65				£10,523.65	£259.60
Nationwide Building Society		£5,724.05	£4,099.51	£5,033.11	£14,856.67	£16,451.07
Total Cash Funds	£10,683.75	£5,724.05	£4,099.51	£5,033.11	£25,540.42	£17,013.35
Investment Assets						
Land	£340,000.00				£340,000.00	£340,000.00
Quoted Investments	£220,005.00				£220,005.00	£208,511.00
Total Investment Assets	£560,005.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£560,005.00	£548,511.00
Total Assets (Cash + Investments)	£570,688.75	£5,724.05	£4,099.51	£5,033.11	£585,545.42	£565,524.35
Liabilities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Net Assets (Total Assets - Liabilities)	£570,688.75	£5,724.05	£4,099.51	£5,033.11	£585,545.42	£565,524.35

RADNAGE POOR'S LAND ESTATE CHARITY

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