

**Charity registration number: 203159**

**The Gloucestershire Society**

**Annual report and financial statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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**Administrative information**

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**Registered charity number: 203159**

**President**

Michael Dobson

**Hon Secretary and treasurer**

Michael Strong FCA CTA

**Administrator**

Wendy Hill

**Principal office**

St Catherine's Court  
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**Trustees**

Janet Duberley

Micahel Strong

Jane Jenner-Fust DL

Kenneth Pearce

Tim Ross

David Skinner

Sir George White Bt FSA JP

Julia Thomas

Barbara Tregear

Christopher White

Annabella Scott, OBE

(resigned on 17 March 2022)

Charles Martell

(resigned on 17 March 2022)

Richard Boggis-Rolfe, OBE

Moira Garner

Julia Rausing

Daisy Berkeley

Lt Col Andrew Tabor JP

Alick Campbell of Lochnell

Dorothy Oakes

(appointed on 17 November 2022)

**Accountants**

Saffery Champness LLP

St Catherine's Court

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Bristol

BS8 1BQ

**Independent examiner**

JWB Corporate Ltd

22 Mulberry Avenue

Portishead

North Somerset

BS20 7LG

**Trustees' report**

**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

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**Structure, governance and management**

The Gloucestershire Society is an unincorporated Registered Charity, which is governed by its Trust Deed.

The charity is administered by its committee of trustee members, who are appointed in accordance with the Trust Deed. The committee holds at least two ordinary meetings each year to discuss key matters and ensure the smooth running of the charity.

**Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the charity is to provide relief from poverty for people resident in the Gloucestershire area who are in need, in hardship or distress. The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Summary of main achievements of the charity during the year**

The Society this year continued to provide vital support to beneficiaries throughout Bristol and Gloucestershire, during a time when the pandemic accentuated the economic impact upon people living on the lowest incomes.

The Society had a successful appeal, with thanks, led by our president for 2022 Alick Campbell of Lochnell. Funds of £136,694 were raised during the year and £103,119 of grants were paid out to those in need, ranging from between £50 and £200 each.

The trustees were also very grateful for further restricted donations of £20,500 towards the end of the year to be used for the continuing efforts of the charity to provide grants to those in need. In early 2023 £20,000 of these restricted funds will be paid out. The further £500 will be paid out to help people with reference to the war in Ukraine, if it is not used for these purposes within a year then it is to revert to general funds.

The trustees are very grateful to all donors for their generosity during the year.

**Reserves policy**

The trustees aim to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level of at least 9 month's normal expenditure levels. This is considered to provide sufficient funds to continue to provide grants to beneficiaries in the event of a drop in income.

**Financial review**

The detailed receipts and payments accounts are included on page 3. As shown in the accounts, the principle sources of funds were donations received during the year. The key areas of expenditure included individual grants and administration costs.

*Michael Strong*

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Michael Strong (Jun 20, 2023, 12:02pm)

**Michael Strong**

Trustee

Dated: 20 Jun 2023

Receipts and payments account and statements of assets and liabilities  
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022			2021		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>Receipts</b>						
<b>Donations, legacies and other similar receipts</b>						
Donations	116,147	20,500	136,647	93,938	30,000	123,938
Gift aid	-	-	-	9,022	-	9,022
<b>Investment Income Receipts</b>						
Deposit Interest	47	-	47	1	-	1
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>116,194</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>136,694</b>	<b>102,961</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>132,961</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
<b>Grants Paid</b>						
Individual grants	83,119	20,000	103,119	90,939	10,000	100,939
<b>Management and administration</b>						
Independent examination	750	-	750	750	-	750
Administrator costs	5,400	-	5,400	6,750	-	6,750
Other administration and fundraising costs	5,228	-	5,228	1,800	-	1,800
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>94,497</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>114,497</b>	<b>100,239</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>110,239</b>
<b>Net movement of fund</b>	<b>21,697</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>22,197</b>	<b>2,722</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>22,722</b>
<b>Cash funds</b>						
Cash balances at 1 January 2022	122,736	20,000	142,736	120,014	-	120,014
Cash balances at 31 December 2022	<b>144,433</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>164,933</b>	<b>122,736</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>142,736</b>

**Related party transactions**

The administrator costs of £5,400 (2021: £6,750) were paid to Saffery Champness LLP during the year, whom a partner is a trustee of the charity.

**Signed on behalf of the Committee**

*Michael Strong*

Michael Strong (Jun 20, 2023, 12:02pm)  
Trustee

Dated: 20 Jun 2023

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Gloucestershire Society  
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on page 3.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

*Jacob Bray*

~~Jacob Bray (Jun 20, 2023, 1:58 pm)~~.....

Jacob Bray, FCA

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Dated: 20 Jun 2023