

THE POLAND TRUST

Trustees annual report and financial statements for the period

from 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023

Charity number 204424

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Reference and administration information

Registered charity number: 204424

Charity's principal address

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Names of the charity trustee and its directors who manage the charity

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Resigned 8th November 2023

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Report of the trustee for the period 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023

Structure, governance and management

The Poland Trust (formerly known as Sidney Michael Poland Charity for a Home and Recreation Ground) was originally established by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 21st June 1957 which was replaced by a revised scheme ordered by the Charity Commissioners dated 26th January 2001. An alteration to the revised scheme was ordered by the Charity Commissioners on 19th October 2006. On 7th February 2019 the trustees passed resolutions to amend the Scheme dated 26th January 2001 to enable a corporate trustee to be appointed; to acquire additional land and to develop it or dispose of it; to manage additional land including the appointment of residents and the collection of maintenance charges; and to change the name of the charity to The Poland Trust. On 12th May 2021 a resolution was passed amending the Scheme to enable the charity to borrow money and charge property belonging to the charity. On 4th May 2022 a resolution was passed amending paragraph 6 of the Scheme to allow Sidney Michael Poland Trustees Ltd to be the sole trustee of the charity.

The charity is constituted as a trust and the sole trustee is Sidney Michael Poland Trustees Ltd.

The directors of Sidney Michael Poland Trustees Ltd meet on alternate months, subgroups meet at other times to deal with specific issues and report to the full board of directors as soon as practicable. The directors have examined the major strategic, financial and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to reduce these risks. No remuneration is paid to the directors of Sidney Michael Poland Trustees Ltd.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are:

- The provision of housing accommodation for beneficiaries
- Charitable purposes for the benefit of the residents of the accommodation
- The provision and maintenance of amenity land to be used for recreation
- The relief of beneficiaries who are in need, hardship or distress
- Charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit

The area of benefit of the charity is the parishes of Brockham, Betchworth, Leigh and Buckland with priority being given to the residents of Brockham. The trustee confirms that it has referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The 12th May 2021 and 4th May 2022 resolutions were passed to make changes to the Scheme primarily to provide a structure to the charity which will cope with the proposed local needs housing project referred to below.

There was full occupancy of Poland House during the year. Further work has been carried out on the recommendations of the woodlands expert on the grounds and the five acres of woodlands. In accordance with the reserves policy further grants have been made from the Poland Fund to beneficiaries during the year.

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Achievements and plans for the future

The Poland Meadow project for local needs, housing twelve units of almshouses at affordable contributions and five units for self-builders at affordable prices in order to give people an opportunity to stay in the area of benefit, was practically completed. It was officially opened on 29th September 2022, all twelve almshouse units are now occupied and it has won an Inspirational Homes Award from the Almshouse Association. A contract was signed with Scandia-Hus Limited providing infrastructure for the whole site and building the twelve units for the charity. Progress on both building and financial aspects of the development were kept under review constantly by the trustee. All the costs related to the project are included as land and buildings additions. The whole cost of the project is being treated as additional endowment and has been financed by the gift of the land, grants from Mole Valley District Council, the sale of the self-build plots and the charity's own resources. A loan of £500,000 was negotiated with CAF Bank to help with financing which has been drawn down in full.

Grants were made to a number of individuals in need. The warden and assistant warden retired on 30th June 2022 and Mrs Denman took on the role of Senior Resident at Poland House and organised a number of events for the residents and supporters of the charity. A programme of work on the amenity land has been carried out with a firm of tree specialists, as well as the routine cutting and strimming of the area. The accommodation at Kiln Lane has been maintained to the usual high standard.

During the year the charity was approached by another charity with almost identical objects and area of benefit for assistance as it was having difficulty recruiting trustees. A merger has been proposed with The Poland Trust acquiring the assets and liabilities of the other charity and the legal process for this merger completed on 31st March 2024.

Reserves policy, financial review and investment policy

As the Extraordinary Repair Fund was used in recent years for the refurbishment of all the original and the Peddell Wing units, and for considerable maintenance of the roof of the original building, the trustee considers that a balance of £50,000 at 30th June 2023 is sufficient. A Contingency Fund of £30,000 is maintained. The balance of reserves is for use by the Poland Fund for the relief of beneficiaries in need, hardship or distress and this reserve is now being replenished with the monthly residents' contributions from the almshouse units at Poland House and Poland Meadow.

Investment income was less than in 2022 as more funds were withdrawn from the equity investments in order to fund the building project. Residents' contributions were higher because of an increase in contribution rates and the contributions from the Poland Meadow residents.

There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest. The investment strategy is set by the investment committee of the trustees with advice from Charles Stanley and Company Ltd, taking into account the income requirements, the risk profile and the investment manager's view of the market prospects in the medium term. The trustee has always kept a proportion of the portfolio in low and medium risk investments. Stock market movements during the year resulted in a loss of £1,877 (2022 loss - £38,927) in the value of the investments.

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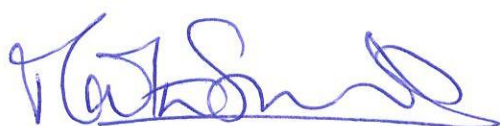
Trustee's responsibility in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities and of the incoming resources and application of resources during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements the trustee is required to:

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

The trustee is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustee and signed on its behalf by:



M A K Smith, Chairman

26 April 2024

**Independent Auditor's Report
to the Trustee of
The Poland Trust**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Poland Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2023 on pages 8 to 18 which comprise statement of financial activities, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 June 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustee's annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustee's report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustee

As explained more fully in the trustee's responsibilities statement set out on page 4, the trustee is responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustee either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Charity and determined that the most significant which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those related to the reporting frameworks (FRS102, the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Housing SORP 2018 and the Companies Act 2006).

We understood how the Charity is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making enquiries of the trustee and management.

We did not identify any matters relating to non-compliance with laws and regulations or relating to fraud.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by discussions with the trustee and management to understand areas where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud.

We also considered pressures on the trustee and management to meet any external pressures in reporting the financial results of the Charity.

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Audit procedures performed by the engagement team on the areas where fraud might occur included:

- evaluation of the management's internal processes designed to prevent and detect irregularities
- testing, with a focus on entries determined to be large or relating to unusual transactions
- review of data to detect unusual transactions.

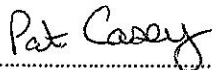
Assessment of the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team included consideration of the engagement team's:

- understanding of, and practical experience with audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity through the appropriate training and participation
- knowledge of the sector in which the Charity operates
- understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements specific to the Charity.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustee, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Patrick Casey FCA
For and on behalf of Bullimores LLP
Statutory Auditors and Chartered Accountants
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Date: 29/4/2024

Bullimores LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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Statement of financial activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and endowments from :	3					
Residents' contributions		0	0	117,366	117,366	55,042
Investment income		145	0	10,307	10,452	11,685
Donations and grants		700	0	760,819	761,519	1,600
Sale of land		0	0	224,680	224,680	830,850
Total incoming resources		845	0	1,113,172	1,114,017	899,177
Expenditure						
Cost of raising funds						
Investment management costs	4	34	0	2,412	2,446	3,384
Charitable activities:	5					
Poland House expenses		0	0	97,005	97,005	85,543
ERF expenditure		0	0	32,982	32,982	15,450
Amenity land expenses		0	0	7,752	7,752	3,819
Poland Fund grants		2,564	0	0	2,564	4,510
Cost of land sales		0	0	44,680	44,680	90,587
Poland Meadow expenses		0	0	51,742	51,742	16,463
Total expenditure		2,598	0	236,573	239,171	219,756
Net income (expenditure) before investment gains (losses)		(1,753)	0	876,599	874,845	679,421
Net gains (losses) on investments		(26)	0	(1,850)	(1,877)	(38,927)
Net income (expenditure)		(1,780)	0	874,748	872,969	640,494
Transfers between funds		40,467	0	(40,467)	0	0
Net movement in funds		38,687	0	834,281	872,969	640,494
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		41,313	106,775	2,923,698	3,071,786	2,431,292
Total funds carried forward		80,000	106,775	3,757,979	3,944,755	3,071,786

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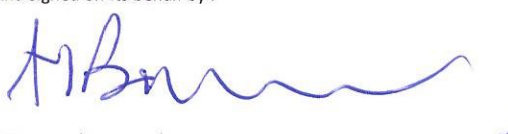
Balance sheet at 30th June 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	10	5,625	106,775	4,127,862	4,240,262	3,378,416
Investments	11	5,438	0	238,633	244,071	248,277
Total fixed assets		11,063	106,775	4,366,495	4,484,333	3,626,693
Current assets						
Cash at bank		24,726	0	0	24,726	52,194
Deposits held		0	0	59,326	59,326	59,326
Prepayments		0	0	0	0	1,494
Amount due to Reserve Fund		104,985	0	0	104,985	263,209
Total current assets		129,711	0	59,326	189,037	376,223
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	60,774	0	17,727	78,501	66,982
Amount due by Endowment Fund		0	0	104,985	104,985	263,209
Net current assets (liabilities)		68,937	0	(63,385)	5,552	46,032
Creditors: amount falling due after one year	13	0	0	484,191	484,191	0
Deferred liabilities						
Poland Meadow grants	18	0	0	0	0	540,000
Poland Meadow retentions		0	0	60,939	60,939	60,939
Total net assets		80,000	106,776	3,757,980	3,944,755	3,071,786
Funds	14					
Endowment Fund		0	0	3,757,980	3,757,980	2,923,698
Restricted funds:						
Peddell Fund		0	106,775	0	106,775	106,775
Unrestricted funds:						
Contingency Fund		30,000	0	0	30,000	30,000
Extraordinary Repair Fund		50,000	0	0	50,000	50,000
Housing Fund		0	0	0	0	0
Reserve Fund		0	0	0	0	(38,687)
		80,000	106,775	3,757,980	3,944,755	3,071,786

Approved by the trustee on 13 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by :



M A K Smith (Chairman)



A T Barrett (Treasurer)

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ending 30th June 2023

	Notes	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£
Net cash used in operating activities	22	377,974	(114,289)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest and dividends		10,452	11,685
Purchase of fixed assets		(822,903)	(1,795,178)
Proceeds of sale of tangible fixed assets		224,680	910,850
Purchase of investments		(8,076)	(47,725)
Proceeds for sale of investments		10,405	300,637
Net cash provided by investing activities		(585,442)	(619,731)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Grant from Mole Valley District Council		180,000	180,000
Net cash provided by financing activities		180,000	180,000
Change in cash at bank in the year		(27,468)	(554,020)
Cash at bank brought forward		52,194	606,214
Cash at bank carried forward		24,726	52,194

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Notes to the accounts for the year to 30th June 2023

1. Basis of preparation

The accounts of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and with the Charities Act 2011. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. Accounting policies

(a)	Income	
	Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources; it is more likely than not the trustee will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with reliability.
	Grants and donations	Only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met. The grants from Mole Valley District Council towards the Poland Meadow project were treated as deferred income and are recognised now as there is evidence of practical completion of the buildings in the development.
	Investment income	Included in the accounts when received by the Investment advisers.
	Investment gains and losses	All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.
	Allocation	Investment income and investment gains and losses are split between the endowment and reserve funds on the basis of the value of the respective funds at the beginning of the financial year, excluding the Peddell Fund which was specific to the building of the Peddell Wing at Poland House.

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(b)	Expenditure and liabilities	
	Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
	Allocation of governance costs	Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Governance costs have been allocated fully to the main charitable activity.
	Cost of raising funds	The cost of generating funds consist of investment management costs.
	Charitable activities	Costs of charitable activities include governance costs and direct support costs.
	Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity. Grants are issued in line with the trust's governing document at the discretion of the trustees for individuals and institutions in hardship and need.
(c)	Assets	
	Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost less depreciation.
		The charity's policy is to maintain property to a high standard and the Extraordinary Repair Fund is intended to provide sufficient funds to maintain and refurbish the buildings at appropriate times. In accordance with this practice depreciation is not provided on freehold buildings where, in the opinion of the trustee, the residual values are such that any depreciation charge would be immaterial to the year and on a cumulative basis. The asset has been tested for impairment.
		Furniture and equipment is written off at 25% of the reducing balance each year over the estimated useful life.
	Investments	Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year. The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.
		The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub-sectors.
	Debtors and prepayments	Debtors represents amounts owed to the charity and are recognised at the measure on the basis their recoverable amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid at the year end.

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3. Analysis of Income		2023	2022
		£	£
Investment income	Dividends - UK equities	8,800	10,243
	Dividends - Overseas equities	1,507	1,414
	Interest on cash deposits	145	28
		<u>10,452</u>	<u>11,685</u>
Charitable activities	Residents' contributions	117,366	55,042
	Donations and grants	761,519	1,600
	Sale of land	224,680	830,850
		<u>1,103,565</u>	<u>887,492</u>
4. Cost of raising funds		2023	2022
		£	£
Investment management fees		<u>2,446</u>	<u>3,384</u>
5. Analysis of charitable activities		2023	2022
		£	£
Charitable activities funded by endowment			
Poland House	Wardens' salary	0	19,593
	Wardens' expenses	3,678	1,300
	Community alarm	3,855	3,802
	Water rates	3,166	3,489
	Electricity and gas	17,993	13,846
	Insurance	1,425	1,330
	Repairs and renewals	27,268	19,710
	Garden maintenance	11,606	10,110
	Sundry expenses	1,790	4,782
	Depreciation	1,875	297
	Governance costs	<u>24,348</u>	<u>7,284</u>
		97,005	85,543
Poland Meadow	Insurance	923	0
	Repairs and renewals	16,524	0
	Garden maintenance	40	0
	Sundry expenses	591	382
	Governance costs	7,641	16,081
	Loan interest	<u>26,023</u>	<u>0</u>
		51,742	16,463
Other	ERF expenditure	32,982	15,450
	Amenity land expenses	7,752	3,819
	Cost of land sales	<u>44,680</u>	<u>90,587</u>
		85,414	109,856
Charitable activities funded by unrestricted funds			
Grants	Poland fund grants to individuals	1,564	4,510
	Poland fund grants to institutions	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
		2,564	4,510
Total expenditure		<u>236,725</u>	<u>216,372</u>
6. Allocation of governance costs		2023	2022
		£	£
Stationery and telephone		1,907	1,148
Audit fees		7,400	6,136
Legal fees - PH		15,041	0
Legal fees - PM		<u>7,641</u>	<u>16,081</u>
		31,989	23,365
The governance costs are allocated fully to the charitable activity expenditure attributable to the endowment fund.			

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	2023	2022
	£	£
7. Staff costs and numbers		
Salaries and wages	0	19,593

The average number of employees during the year was 0 (2022 : 2) with all employee time involved in providing support services to charitable activities.

	2023	2022
	£	£
8. Grantmaking		
Grants made in accordance with the objectives of the charity	2,564	4,510

9. Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment & Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from :			
Donations	1,600	0	1,600
Other income	0	0	0
Charitable activities:			
Residents' contributions	0	55,042	55,042
Investment income	529	11,156	11,685
Sale of land	0	830,850	830,850
Total incoming resources	2,129	897,048	899,177
Expenditure			
Cost of raising funds			
Investment management costs	(146)	(3,238)	(3,384)
Charitable activities:			
Poland House expenses	0	(85,543)	(85,543)
ERF expenditure	0	(15,450)	(15,450)
Poland Fund grants	(4,510)	0	(4,510)
Cost of land sales	0	(90,587)	(90,587)
Poland Meadow expenses	0	(16,463)	(16,463)
Total expenditure	(4,656)	(215,100)	(219,756)
Net income (expenditure) before investment gains (losses)	(2,527)	681,948	679,421
Net gains (losses) on investments	(1,668)	(37,259)	(38,927)
Net income (expenditure)	(4,195)	644,689	640,494
Transfers between funds	(54,496)	54,496	0
Net movement in funds	(58,691)	699,185	640,494
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	100,004	2,331,288	2,431,292
Total funds carried forward	41,313	3,030,473	3,071,786

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Land & buildings	Furniture & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1st July 2022	3,377,527	13,696	3,391,223
Additions	901,790	6,611	908,401
Sales	(44,680)	0	(44,680)
At 30th June 2023	4,234,637	20,307	4,254,944
Depreciation			
At 1st July 2022	0	12,807	12,807
Charge for the year	0	1,875	1,875
At 30th June 2023	0	14,682	14,682
Net book value			
At 30th June 2023	4,234,637	5,625	4,240,262
At 30th June 2022	3,377,527	889	3,378,416

11. Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value at 1st July 2022	248,277	540,116
Acquisitions at cost	8,076	47,725
Transfers	(160)	(133,756)
Retained income	(2,329)	(3,655)
Sales proceeds from disposals	(7,915)	(163,226)
Gain (loss) in the year	(1,877)	(38,927)
Market value at 30th June 2023	244,071	248,277
Investments at market value comprised :		
UK equities	185,888	193,123
Overseas equities	52,136	46,618
Cash deposits	609	3,238
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	5,438	5,298
	244,071	248,277

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	7,131	6,208
Held in custody for Sidney Michael Poland Charity no. 200254	60,774	60,774
CAF Bank loan repayments due within one year	10,596	0
	78,501	66,982

During the year the charity was custodian of the assets of Sidney Michael Poland Charity. After additions of interest due and deduction of disbursements for its charitable purposes the balance of assets at 30th June 2023 was £60,774 (2022 £60,774). No interest was charged this year.

In 2023 the creditors of £60,774 (2022: £60,774) related to unrestricted funds and £17,727 (2022: £6,208) related to the endowment fund.

13. Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
CAF Bank loan repayments due after one year	484,191	0

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14. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of fund movements	Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Funds c/fwd £
Permanent endowment	2,923,698	1,113,172	(236,573)	(40,467)	(1,851)	3,757,980
Restricted fund	106,775	0	0	0	0	106,775
Unrestricted fund	41,313	845	(2,598)	40,467	(26)	80,000
Total	3,071,786	1,114,017	(239,171)	0	(1,877)	3,944,755

Analysis of charitable funds - previous year

Analysis of fund movements	Balance b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Funds c/fwd £
Permanent endowment	2,224,513	897,048	(215,100)	54,496	(37,259)	2,923,698
Restricted fund	106,775	0	0	0	0	106,775
Unrestricted fund	100,004	2,129	(4,656)	(54,496)	(1,668)	41,313
Total	2,431,292	899,177	(219,756)	0	(38,927)	3,071,786

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustee is free to use in accordance with the charitable objects. The unrestricted funds are the Contingency Fund, the Extraordinary Repair Fund, The Housing Fund and the Poland Fund. The Extraordinary Repair Fund is to provide sufficient funds to maintain and refurbish the buildings comprising Poland House, including the Peddell Wing, at the appropriate times. The Poland Fund is for the relief of beneficiaries in need, hardship or distress. The Building Fund has been established to fund any local needs housing which the charity may provide in the future.

Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects. The Peddell Fund was used wholly to provide the buildings known as the Peddell Wing of Poland House.

The **endowment fund** represents those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally land, buildings and investments. Income arising on the endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund.

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15. Transactions with trustees and related parties

None of the directors of the trustee have been paid any remuneration, expenses or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

During the year Benjamin Barrett, son of A T Barrett (director & treasurer), was paid £8,051 (2022 £6,398) for gardening services.

16. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 256 of the Taxation of Capital Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the year.

17. Financial commitments

In the year to 30th June 2021 the charity signed a contract with Scandia-Hus Ltd for £2,686,480 to build a block of four flats and a courtyard of eight houses. At the year end there was an amount of £145,447 to be paid to Skandia Hus of which £69,082 related to retentions held and £76,365 for works subject to project completion. The contract is substantially complete with only snagging and minor works outstanding.

18. Deferred income

Deferred income brought forward from 2022 was fully released in this financial year. This related to a grant from Mole Valley District Council for the development of Poland Meadow. Deferred income for 2023: Nil (2022: £540,000).

19. Government grants

Without the Mole Valley District Council grant of £760,819 for the development of Poland Meadow the charity would not have been able to undertake the project.

20. CAF Bank loan

The charity obtained a £500,000 loan facility with CAF Bank, repayable over 20 years to finance the development of Poland Meadow on which interest is chargeable at 3% over the base rate. Drawdown of £400,000 was made in July 2022 and £100,000 in December 2022. There are no performance related conditions attached to the loan which will be repaid from the contributions from the residents of the new development. This loan is secured on the title of Poland House, Kiln Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, RH3 7LZ.

21. Post Balance Sheet Events

Under a deed dated 31st March 2024, The Poland Trust merged with Brockham Housing Trust. Brockham Housing Trust, which has almost identical objects to The Poland Trust, provided accommodation for residents in need. It is now run by The Poland Trust as almshouse accommodation. Under the deed, The Poland Trust acquired Brockham Housing Trust's assets and liabilities which include the land and buildings at Anthony West House, its cash and investments. The financial impact on The Poland Trust is expected to be favourable and secures the continuity of the objects of both trusts.

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22 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds	872,969	640,494
Grant from Mole Valley District Council	(760,819)	0
Sale of land	(224,680)	(830,850)
Add back depreciation charge	1,875	297
Deduct income shown in investment activities	(10,452)	(11,685)
Deduct gains/add back losses on investments	1,877	38,927
Decrease (increase) in debtors	1,494	(12,320)
Increase (decrease) in creditors	495,710	(91)
Increase (decrease) in deferred liabilities	0	60,939
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>377,974</u>	<u>(114,289)</u>