

HENRY FAWCETT FUND

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

Financial Year: 1 January - 31 December 2023

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HENRY FAWCETT FUND TRUSTEES REPORT

Financial Year: 1 January - 31 December 2022

Charity Name: Henry Fawcett Fund Registered Charity No. 207772

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Structure, Governance and Management

Henry Fawcett Fund is governed by a board of trustees that include the Vicar and two serving Churchwardens of the Parish of St Peter with St Thomas Bethnal Green. Any person who is invited to act as trustee and would not be disqualified from action may be appointed to be a trustee by the decision of the trustees. Rev'd Heather Atkinson is Chair of Henry Fawcett Fund.

During the period, the following served as trustees of the charity:

- Heather Atkinson (Vicar of St Peter's Bethnal Green) (resigned 22 February 2024)
- Mrs Philippa Ponniah
- Mrs Pamela Haluwa
- Mr Andrew Rixon (Churchwarden of St Peter's Bethnal Green)
- Mr Andrew Walton
- Mrs Edna Waterman (Deceased 05 March 2024)
- Ms Maria Wyard (Churchwarden, resigned 14 April 2024)

The Henry Fawcett Fund held trustee meetings on:

05 September 2023 and 11 December 2023

Objectives & Activities

Henry Fawcett Fund was registered on 22 September 1962 and has existed for the benefit of individuals and organisations who are connected to the Parish of St Peter with St Thomas Bethnal Green, mainly through the provision of grants that prevent or relieve poverty and offer respite such as day trips or short break

Income (Total Income £88,338)

1. Annual Share Dividend Payments
 - a. In 2023 the dividend paid from investments totaled £19,829 (from Brambles, M&G, and the investments in Charles Stanley).
2. Other income
 - a. The other income was £68,508 from the sale of Melrose shares.

Expenditure (Total Expenditure £92,943)

1. Discretionary Grants (Total Spend £19,520)
 - a. £504 to cover a social coach trip to Southend.
 - b. £630 to cover bursaries for some families to attend Focus 2023
 - c. £2,000 to the vicar's discretionary fund at St Peter's Bethnal Green. Most of this was spent on bursaries for Focus.
 - d. Associate Priest, St Peter's Bethnal Green (Total Spend £9,102)

The Associate Priest is a part-time post, part funded by the Henry Fawcett Fund to engage with people of all ages in the local community. This included establishing a weekly drop-in with an art and craft focus that is open to all. Another exciting activity has been regular climbing activities at local climbing walls for both primary and teenage young people.
 - e. Operations Director, St Peter's Bethnal Green (Total Spend £5,000)

The Operations Director is a part-time post, part funded by the Henry Fawcett Fund since 2016 designed to help St Peter's to efficiently manage projects that have a beneficial impact for the church community. This includes: project management, strategic input income generation, staff and volunteer management and operational management. The role oversees a number of external relationships that extend the use of the church building for use by local groups and residents.
 - f. Teams Administrator, St Peter's Bethnal Green (Total Spend £2,284)

The Teams Administrator is a part-time role partly funded by the Henry Fawcett Fund. A key aspect of this role is ensuring St Peter's safeguarding policy is fully adhered to, including processing Disclosure and Barring Service checks and facilitating volunteer safeguarding training.
2. Loan to Bethnal Green Spear Trust (£23,000)

This interest free loan was made in order to ease cash flow issues that the Spear Trust had. The loan is due to be repaid on 31 May 2025). It is likely the Trust will be fully acquired by Resurgo, the overarching charity that administers Spear in various different locations across the country. In the event this happens, the loan will be repaid.
3. Other administration and governance costs (Total Spend £423)

Other administration costs included trustees' indemnity insurance (£413), and postage costs (£10)
4. Re-investment of funds from the sale of Melrose Shares. £50,000 of the £68,508 was re-invested in Charles Stanley's portfolio. The balance of £18,508 is part of the unrestricted funds invested in shares. In 2020 £24,249 of unrestricted funds were invested in Charles Stanley shares and the sale of £18,508 now reduces that balance to £5,741 of shares within unrestricted funds.

Financial review

The total income for 2023 was £88,337, while expenditure was £92,943. The cash balance of the fund at the end of the accounting period was £55,079

- Following the sale of Melrose Shares (Charifund) resulting in £68,508 of income, the value of the remaining investments in Brambles and Royal Dutch Shell stood at £117,431. The like for like figure from end of 2022 is £106,261, representing 10.5% growth year on year
- The value of the Charles Stanley portfolio holdings at the end of 2023 was £569,755. Allowing for the re-investment of the Melrose shares of £50,000 this represents a small increase in value of £11,634 since 2022 (2.2%) when the value of the Charles Stanley shares were £508,121.

A note on the investment policy of the Henry Fawcett Fund.

Around 2013 there was an influx of new trustees to the Fund. The trustees noted that the Fund's investments were many and varied and also beyond the capacity of the trustees to manage them effectively. The trustees therefore took the decision to sell the existing investments and to re-invest with Charles Stanley, a leading wealth management firm.

The process of selling the existing investments was then held up as certain investments were in the names of former trustees of the Henry Fawcett Fund rather than in the name of the Fund itself. One former named trustee had passed away, a further two had moved away, with one of these leaving no contact details at all. With support from solicitors, the trustees are now in contact with this former trustee. The trustees continue to work hard to resolve these issues, however this has proved time consuming over several years, resulting in several years of delay in the transfer of funds to Charles Stanley.

As can be seen from this report covering the period Jan-Dec 2023 (inclusive), progress is being made on the selling of shares to rationalize the portfolio management with Charles Stanley Funds began to be invested with Charles Stanley in 2020, when the trustees met with their investment manager at Charles Stanley to agree an ethical approach to investment, in line with the Christian faith and values of the parish of St Peter with St Thomas Bethnal Green. The portfolio is actively managed by Charles Stanley to provide the best possible return on investment, while meeting high standards in terms of ethical investment criteria.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees are committed to having reserves of at least three months of expenditure. At 31 December 2023 reserves were comfortably within these parameters.

Future Plans

Once again 2024 is likely to be a challenging year for return on investment. We will

aim to continue funding similar activities to 2023, looking to support children, the elderly, and those most vulnerable in the parish of St Peter's Bethnal Green through the mission and ministry of the church.

Henry Fawcett Fund is continuing to work towards transferring the charity's status to that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The CIO has been established, and the charity will now remain open only until such time that its resources can be transferred to the CIO.

Now that the remaining shareholdings have been sold, the trustees want to move towards CIO status in 2024.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. As can be clearly seen from the list of above activities the income received by the Fund is all utilized in benefiting individuals and organisations who are connected to the Parish of St Peter with St Thomas Bethnal Green in accordance with the Funds objectives.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Signature:



Full Name:

Position:

Date:

Andrew Rixon

Acting Chair of
Trustees

9 January 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Henry Fawcett Fund

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 that are set out on pages 8 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the charity's trustees as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters that I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to any other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body for my examination work, for this report or for the statements that I have made.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you the trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been

met; or

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Rodwell', is shown on a light grey rectangular background.

Derek Rodwell - Impact The Future Ltd, Bennett Verby, 7 St Petersgate,
Stockport, Cheshire, SK1 1EB

Date: 9th January 2025

Henry Fawcett Fund
Statement of receipts and expenses
For the year ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Investment Income	19,829	0	19,829	21,344	0	21,344
Bike loan repayment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incoming resources before sale of shares	19,829	0	19,829	21,344	0	21,344
Income from sale of shares	18,508	50,000	68,508	0	0	0
Total Incoming Resources	38,337	50,000	88,337	21,344	0	21,344
Resources Expended						
Trips & Outings	504	0	504	931	0	931
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0
Miscellaneous small grants (see annual report)	630	0	630	1,210	0	1,210
Staffing grants to SPBG	16,386	0	16,386	12,869	0	12,869
Admin Costs SPBG	0	0	0	0	0	0
Governance and admin	423	0	423	1,208	0	1,208
Legal costs	0	0	0	1,300	0	1,300
Total Resources Expended before investments and loans	19,943	0	19,943	17,518	0	17,518
Investments in shares		50,000	50,000	0	0	0
Loan to Henry Fawcett Foundation	23,000		23,000	0	0	0
Total Payments	42,943	50,000	92,943	17,518	0	17,518
Excess/(deficit) of receipts over payments	(4,606)	0	(4,606)	3,826	0	3,826
Bank balances brought forward at 1st January	59,684	0	59,684	55,858	0	55,858
Bank balances carried forward at 31/12	55,078	0	55,078	59,684	0	59,684

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Endowment Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS							
INVESTMENTS							
Investments at market value	1	5,741	681,445	687,186	24,249	657,518	681,767
BANK AND CASH BALANCES							
Cash at bank	2	55,078	0	55,078	59,684	0	59,684
SHORT TERM LOAN TO BGST	3	23,000	0	23,000	0	0	0
TOTAL BANK AND INVESTMENT BALANCE		83,819	681,445	765,264	83,933	657,518	741,451
SUNDRY LIABILITIES							
Amount owed for independent examination		(800)	0	(800)	(800)	0	(800)

Henry Fawcett Fund

Notes to Accounts

For the year ending 31st December 2023

1. Long Term Investments

This is the market valuation of a portfolio of investments as at the end of December 2023. Most of the investments were originally purchased in the name of the original trustees and not in the charity's name so the trust is currently going through the process of completing stock transfer forms into the names of the current trustees.

Movements in Investments

	£
Opening market value of investments 01/01/22	811,893
Decrease in market value in 2022	(130,126)
Opening market value of investments 01/01/2023	681,767
Increase in market value in 2023	5,419
Closing market value of investments as at 31/12/2023	<u>687,186</u>

2. Cash at bank and in hand

	£
Current Account- HFF	49,972
Saver Account- HFF	21
Current Account (under SPBG)	5,085
	<u>55,078</u>

Loan to Bethnal Green Spear Trust (BGST)

An interest free loan of £23,000 was made to BGST during the year. This is due to be repaid by the 31st May 2025.

4. Assets and liabilities

Apart from the amounts described in the statement of assets and liabilities the Henry Fawcett Fund had no further assets or liabilities at the end of 2023.

5. Related parties

In 2023 three of the trustees of the Fund (Rev Heather Atkinson, Andrew Rixon and Maria Wynard) were also on the PCC of St Peter's Bethnal Green. During the year a grant of £5,000 was agreed towards the salary costs of an operations director employed by St Peters who is regarded as spending 50% of their work on social transformation projects. A further grant of £9,102 was also given to St Peter's towards an associate priest and £2,284 towards a team's administrator. There was also a grant given towards the Vicars Discretionary Fund at SPBG of £2,000 which was spent mostly on bursaries for Focus in 2024.

For further details on these grants see the annual report.

In May 2023 a loan of £23,000 was made to Bethnal Green Spear Trust. At the time the Rev Heather Atkinson was a trustee of both the Spear Trust and of the HFF. This loan is due to be repaid by the 31st March 2025.

Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared as receipts and payments accounts as allowed by s.133 of the 2011 Charities Act for non-company charities with an income under £250,000.

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

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the trust that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the trust activities. Restricted funds are those donated for specific purposes. Endowment funds are funds where only the income (dividends and interest) can be used by the charity.

Fixed Assets

Henry Fawcett Fund has no tangible fixed assets.

Income from Investments

Dividends are accounted for when received.

Investments

Investments are shown at the market valuations at the accounting period end date.