SIR JOHN PRIESTMAN CHARITY TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 209397

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1962-02-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (2) GENERAL FUND FOR:- (A) FEEDING POOR OF SUNDERLAND. (B) ANNUITIES FOR AGED & SICK OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM (C) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG MEN FOR HOLY ORDERS IN THE C/E PROVIDED THEY ARE RESIDENT IN CO DURHAM (D) ESTABLISHMENT & MAINTENANCE OF0 HOSPITALS & CONVALESCENT HOMES FOR POOR OF DURHAM CO., (E) PROVISION OF NURSES IN DURHAM COUNTY. (F) GIFTS TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS. (G)(I) BUILDING & MAINTAINING OF CHURCHES &C. IN DURHAM & YORKS (II) RELIEF TO MINISTERS & CHURCH OFFICERS

Activities: The making of donations to any charitable institution for the benefit of any persons inhabitants of the county of durham and in particular of the county borough of sunderland. Building, maintaining and furnishing churches, mission halls and schools in the counties of durham and york.The relief,in necessitous circumunstances, of ministers of the church of england in the counties of durham and york.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** COUNTY BOROUGH OF SUNDERLAND AND DURHAM COUNTY
- Durham
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£490,814	£566,563	-	-
2023-12-31	£541,276	£676,243	£15,663,618	0
2022-12-31	£497,192	£512,320	-	-
2021-12-31	£550,088	£484,233	£16,545,068	0
2020-12-31	£391,096	£478,698	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
TIMOTHY RPS NORTON	Chair	1991-04-29
Frank Nicholson		2019-01-28
Jean Majer		2015-01-19
PETER WILSON TAYLOR		1995-10-31
THOMAS WILLIAM GREENWELL		2011-01-31

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Accounts

Sir John Priestman Charity Trust

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2024

Charity number 209397

Reference and Administrative Details

Constitution

The Sir John Priestman Charity Trust is a charitable trust governed by its Trust Deed. It is a registered charity no. 209397.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were:

T R P S Norton (Chairman)
P W Taylor
T W Greenwell
J Majer
F Nicholson

Offices

47 John Street
Sunderland
Tyne and Wear
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Accountants

Stephenson Coates Limited
West 2, Asama Court
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Auditors

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One Strawberry Lane
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Solicitors

McKenzie Bell
47 John Street
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Tyne and Wear
SR1 1QU

Operating area

The Trust's activities are mainly confined to the areas of the former counties of Durham and Yorkshire.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Formation of the Trust

The Trust was established by a Settlement dated 31 March 1931 made by Sir John Priestman and altered by schemes of the Charity Commission dated 19 December 1958 and 29 December 1997. By a scheme of the Charity Commission dated 9 August 1993 the Charity became an incorporated charity pursuant to the Charitable Trustees Incorporation Act 1872 (as amended by the Charities Act 1992).

2. Objects of the Trust

(1) By the scheme of the Charity Commission dated 29 December 1997 the Settlement was altered, inter alia, by the deletion therefrom of all references to the Clothing Fund. This effected the merger of the Clothing Fund and the General Fund from 1 January 1998.

(2) The objects of the Trust (as altered and paraphrased but with the sectioned numbering shown in the Settlement as used in Note 2 to these financial statements) are:

- (a) The feeding of poor in the County Borough of Sunderland in times of distress.
- (b) The payment of annuities to old aged and infirm poor persons residing in the County of Durham.
- (c) The provision of education at any English University of young men as candidates for Holy Orders in the Church of England who are resident in the County of Durham at the time of their assistance.
- (d) The establishment or maintenance of any hospital or convalescent home in the County of Durham for the benefit of the poor of the County.
- (e) The employment and payment of nurses for the sick and infirm in the County of Durham.
- (f) The making of donations to any charitable institution for the benefit of any persons inhabitants of the County of Durham and in particular of the County Borough of Sunderland.
- (g) For the benefit of members of the Church of England:
  - (1) Building, maintaining and furnishing (including provision of organs) churches, mission halls and schools in the Counties of Durham and York.
  - (2) The relief, if in necessitous circumstances, of ministers of the Church of England who have worked or may be working in the Counties of Durham or York and the relief of widows or families of any such persons who may be in necessitous circumstances.

(3) Any special case for any purpose similar to the foregoing in any part of England and for such other charitable purposes as the Trustees may decide.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2024

3. Structure, Governance and Management

(1) The Trustees meet quarterly and make all decisions regarding investments and payment of grants.

(2) Accounting records are maintained on behalf of the Trustees by Messrs Stephenson Coates Limited, Accountants who present quarterly management accounts to the Trustees.

(3) All other administration including the processing of grant applications prior to consideration by the Trustees is carried out by McKenzie Bell Limited, Solicitors.

(4) Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees pursuant to the provisions of the Settlement and the Trustee Act 1925. New Trustees are found from the contacts and personal knowledge of existing Trustees. The aim of the Trustees in making appointments is to have a range of skills qualifications and experience suited to achieving the objects of the Trust as set out in the Settlement.

(5) On appointment, Trustees are provided with a copy of the Settlement and Charity Commission Schemes, the most recent audited financial statements and investment reports and minutes of Trustees meetings. The experience of the persons appointed usually means that they have a good understanding of the responsibilities of a charity trustee, but where necessary guidance is available from the Trust's solicitors. Relevant Charity Commission publications are also available to the Trustees.

4. Risk Management

The Trustees have considered any risks to which the Trust might be exposed and are satisfied that the administrative, investment and financial procedures which are in place, minimise the risk of any loss to the Trust. The position is reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2024

5. Grant-making Policy, Aims and Objectives

(1) The objects of the Trust are furthered by the making of grants from the income of the Trust.

(2) The principal objects of the Trust, save those relating to churches, all require benefits to be provided for persons residing in Sunderland or County Durham. In the case of churches, the geographical area is extended to include the County of York. The Trust is unable to provide benefits directly and therefore aims to achieve its objects by making grants to other United Kingdom Registered charities providing benefits to persons in these areas. This is the method adopted by former trustees for many years as a means of 'tapping into' fields of Charitable expertise serving the general public in the nominated areas. It ensures a wide area of benefit and has been most successful over the years. Only in special cases are grants made outside these geographical areas or to individuals.

(3) The Trustees support a number of charities by way of regular annual grants, but otherwise the Trustees aim where possible to award grants for specific projects. In this way the Trustees aim to assist charities to achieve particular objectives such as acquiring or replacing essential equipment or extending the scope of the benefits which they provide. However grants towards general costs are considered where essential to the benefits being provided. In making grants the Trustees are particularly concerned to establish that projects are viable. Accordingly grants may be awarded subject to such conditions as to funding or otherwise as the Trustees consider appropriate and payment is deferred until the conditions are satisfied. If these cannot be fulfilled the grant is cancelled.

(4) The grants awarded to churches are for building, restoring, altering, enlarging, maintaining and furnishing (including provision of organs) for the benefit of members of the Church of England. The Trustees recognise the challenges faced by parishes, often in deprived areas, in maintaining historic church buildings which often fulfil a vital role in the wider community. Where necessary, the Trustees seek information from the diocese in relation to such applications.

(5) The Trustees policy is generally to award modest grants to a relatively large number of bodies rather than a few large grants. The charities supported cover a wide range of activities. In this way the Trustees aim to provide for a wide variety of needs of persons resident in the geographical area of the Trust.

(6) There is no fixed apportionment of grants between the various Trust objects; each application is dealt with on its merits. If a grant is for a specific project, the recipient is asked to confirm when the project is completed.

6. Review of Activities and Performance

The grants made during the year are listed by object category in Note 2 to the financial statements. Grants paid to churches pursuant to object 2(g)(1) totalled £115,000 and assisted 28 churches to maintain or improve their buildings or organs. In total the Trust supported 130 charities with grants totalling £466,825. The support of the Trust assisted many charities whose fundraising had been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and those facing increased demand for their services due to the cost of living crisis. Grants totalling £5,500 awarded to three charities were also cancelled in the year. Annual reports and accounts are obtained from charities supported annually to ensure such grants remain appropriate. The position is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis. The remainder of the grants listed other than the regular annual grants referred to in paragraph 5(3) were awarded at Trustees' quarterly meetings during the year in response to numerous applications received by the Trust.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2024

7. Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissioner's General Guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives. They consider that the broad range of Charities and number of Churches assisted demonstrates a wide public benefit throughout the Trust's geographical area and that the Trust satisfies the Commission's requirements on public benefit. Reports received from Churches and charities on the completion of their grant-aided projects indicate that the Trust's achievements in relation to this objective continue to be of significant benefit to the communities served by these churches and charities.

8. Financial review

(1) The value of the Trust's investments has increased by £545,905 over the previous year and total funds have increased by £470,682. The increase in the value of investments is due purely to market factors and could fluctuate both upwards and downwards in the coming year.

(2) The investment income of the Trust decreased during the year by £50,462. Grants paid or payable decreased by £112,740 compared with the previous year. The overall income fund reserves of the Trust have decreased by £48,453 at 31 December 2024.

Investment policy and performance

The Trust is an endowed charity with permanent endowment only and is dependent solely on income from its investments to fulfil its objects. The Trustees investment objective is therefore to maintain and enhance the value of the fixed assets over the long term in order to maintain and if possible increase the income available for the purposes of the Trust. This policy had, over a number of years, led to an increase in the Trust's investment income. Investments and projected income are reviewed quarterly and performance compared with appropriate indices. Taking into account the overall economic and financial position investment performance in relation to both capital and income has been satisfactory. The Trustees consider that the standard basis of investment with capital gains accruing to the permanent endowment continues to best serve the Trust. Capital growth had protected and would continue to protect the income to enable the Trust to fulfil its objects in the future.

Reserves policy

Reserves represent the balance of unrestricted income funds which as at 31 December 2024 was £275,872. It is the policy of the Trustees to retain sufficient income in reserve, subject to fluctuation in the value of the Accumulated Income Investments to ensure that in the event of a significant reduction in income the Trustees could at least maintain the regular grants to those charities which have come to rely on them, the Trust having no expendable endowment. In reviewing the level of reserves the Trustees consider that reserves of approximately 9-12 months expenditure are appropriate. The Trustees will continue to review the level of reserves on a quarterly basis to ensure that adequate and appropriate reserves are maintained.

Future Plans

The Trustees plan to continue the policy of maintaining and enhancing the value of the capital in the medium to long term in order to protect the future income available to fulfil the objects of the Trust. The balance between current and future income will however continue to be monitored closely to enable the Trust to maintain or increase its current support to churches and charities.

Investment Management

The heading of Investment Management Costs in the Statement of Financial Activities reflects RBC Brewin Dolphin's charges on a management fee basis.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2024

9. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Board of Trustees is aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- The Board of Trustees has taken all the steps that it ought to have taken to make itself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

On behalf of the trustees,

Timothy Norton

T R P S Norton – Trustee

Date 4 August 2025

T W Greenwell – Trustee

T.W. Greenwell

Independent auditors' report

to the Trustees of Sir John Priestman Charity Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Sir John Priestman Charity Trust, for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 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 Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. 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.

Independent auditors' report

to the Trustees of Sir John Priestman Charity Trust (continued)

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 Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; 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 Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine 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 Trustees are 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 Trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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:

Based on our understanding of the Charity, discussions with Trustees who are those charged with governance, we considered that the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK taxation legislation.

As part of the engagement team discussion about the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud, which may have a material effect on the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- enquiry of the Trustees and review of any relevant correspondence with legal advisers regarding any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- communicating identified laws and regulations and the risks of fraud with our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance or fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- review of the minutes of the board of Trustees;
- review of accounting estimates for Trustee override and bias;
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual transactions;
- Identifying and testing journal entries.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with those charged with governance.

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 the audit report

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees 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 Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an independent auditors' 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 Charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited
Armstrong Watson Audit Limited (Aug 15, 2025 09:33:05 GMT+1)

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited
Newcastle upon Tyne
Date: 15/08/2025

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor under Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	*Restated Income Fund* £	*Restated Capital Account* £	*2024* £	*2023* £
INCOME FROM:					
Investments					
Income from UK investments		304,893	-	304,893	348,374
Income from foreign investments		185,921	-	185,921	191,895
Weatherbys bank interest		-	-	-	1,007
Total income		490,814	-	490,814	541,276
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds -					
Investment management costs		47,029	-	47,029	45,456
Charitable activities -					
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objectives	2	466,825	-	466,825	579,565
Support costs of charitable activities	4	52,709	-	52,709	51,222
Total expenditure		566,563	-	566,563	676,243
Net (expenditure) / income		(75,749)	-	(75,749)	(134,967)
Net gains / (losses) on investments-					
Realised gains / (losses) on sale of fixed asset investments		301	452,242	452,543	(31,318)
Unrealised gains / (losses) on fixed asset investments	5	11,282	82,606	93,888	599,097
Transfer between funds	11	15,713	(15,713)	-	-
Net movement in funds in year		(48,453)	519,135	470,682	432,812
Total funds brought forward	3	324,325	15,339,293	15,663,618	15,230,806
Total funds carried forward		275,872	15,858,428	16,134,300	15,663,618

All activities are continuing.

Balance sheet

at 31 December 2024

		Notes	2024 £	Restated 2023 £
Fixed assets				
Investments		5	16,058,838	15,512,933
Current assets				
Short term deposits			40,204	58,339
Cash at bank			66,761	119,494
			106,965	177,833
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		6	(21,503)	(17,148)
Net current assets			85,462	160,685
Grants conditionally payable		7	(10,000)	(10,000)
Net assets			16,134,300	15,663,618
Funds				
Capital funds		8	15,858,428	15,339,293
Income funds	Unrestricted	8	275,872	324,325
Total funds			16,134,300	15,663,618

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 04/08/2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Timothy Norton – T R P S Norton – Trustee

T.W. Greenwell – T W Greenwell – Trustee

Statement of cash flows

at 31 December 2024

	Notes	*2024* £	*2023* £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	10	(562,208)	(654,729)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest from investments		490,814	541,276
Proceeds from sale of investments		633,889	201,252
Purchase of investments		(479,341)	(365,282)
Net cash provided by operating activities		645,362	377,246
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		83,154	(277,483)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		264,059	541,542
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		347,213	264,059
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at bank		66,761	119,494
Short term deposits		40,204	58,339
Long term deposits		240,248	86,226
Total cash and cash equivalents		347,213	264,059

Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost unless otherwise stated. The financial statements 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 (effective 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Presentation currency

The financial statements are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust.

Funds structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

The Trust has a permanent endowment.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their cost and subsequently measured at fair value as at the balance sheet date generally using the middle market price. Proceeds from sale of rights issues are credited against the relevant proportion of the cost of investment. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the unrealised gains and losses arising on revaluation of investments held at the year end and the realised gains and losses on disposals throughout the year.

Cash at bank

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value (other than investments as noted above).

Income

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

Investment income is accounted for when receivable. Income from bank deposits is accounted for on a received basis.

Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2024

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants payable are:

- Agreed grants paid during the year
- Agreed grants which have not been paid but which are payable on the satisfaction of a condition on the part of the grantee which has not yet been satisfied.

2. Grants

Section 2(a)	2024
Sunderland Community Soup Kitchen	3,000
	3,000

Section 2(e) Employment and payment of nurses	2024
Alice House Hospice	7,500
Marie Curie Cancer Care	5,000
Teesside Hospice	5,000
St Benedict's Hospice	5,000
	22,500

Section 2(f) Charitable Organisations	2024
Age UK Sunderland	4,500
Barnardos North East	2,500
Blesma	2,000
Blind Veterans UK	5,000
Calvert Kielder	2,000
Cauldwell Children	2,000
Causeway	2,000
Child Brain Injury Trust	2,500
Church Army	2,500
CICRA	2,000
City of Sunderland YMCA	2,500
Clergy Support Trust	2,000
Community Foundation for the High Sheriff's Fund Tyne & Wear	3,500
Contact	500
Coram Beanstalk	5,000

Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2024

Crackerjack Children's Trust	950
Deafblind UK	2,000
Depaul	3,000
Dream Holidays	2,000
Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs	8,000
Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation	7,500
Durham Christian Partnership	4,000
Durham High School	4,700
Durham Scout County Council	3,000
Durham Wildlife Trust	1,500
Family Holiday Charity	2,000
Farringdon Detached Youth and Community Club	2,000
George Hudson's Charity	8,500
Girls Friendly Society in England and Wales	3,000
Happy Days Children's Charity	2,000
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	3,000
Heal & Toe Children's Charity	5,000
Houghton Boxing Club	4,000
Independent Age	1,000
Jane Gibson Almshouses	7,000
Lambton Street Youth Centre	3,500
Living Paintings	1,500
MacMillan Cancer Support	5,000
Macular Society	2,000
Marine Society and Sea Cadets	3,000
Minerva Arts & Wellbeing Charity	5,000
Mobility Trust	3,325
Motor Neurone Disease Association	5,000
NE Youth	2,000
Newcastle Deaf Centre	2,000
Newlife	5,000
North East Disabilities Resource Centre	2,500
North East Dementia Care (Sunderland)	3,000
North of England District Boys Brigade	2,500
Northern Counties Children's Benevolent Society	5,000
NSPCC Bishop Auckland	3,500
NSPCC Sunderland	3,500
PDSA Sunderland	3,500
Pelton Youth Project	3,000
Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre	6,000

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Place2Be	5,000
Police Community Clubs of Great Britain	3,000
Princes Trust	5,000
Queen Street Heritage Trust	5,000
React	2,500
Royal Airforce Benevolent Fund	3,500
Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal	3,500
Royal National Lifeboat Institution – Sunderland	3,000
Salvation Army - Sunderland	3,000
Samaritans of Sunderland	3,000
Sandcastle Trust	2,000
Soundwaves	3,500
Springwell Community Venue	4,000
SSAFA Tyne and Wear	3,500
St John's Ambulance	2,500
Sunderland Community Soup Kitchen	4,000
Sunderland Guild of Help	5,000
Sunderland North Division Girl Guides Association	3,000
Sunderland North Family Zone	6,000
Sunderland Scout Council	3,000
Sunderland South Division Girl Guides Association	3,000
The British Polio Fellowship Sunderland	2,000
The Camphill Village Trust, Botton	3,500
The Cirdan Sailing Trust	5,000
The Fishermen's Mission	2,000
The Guide Association Durham	3,000
The Kepier Trust	4,000
The Sunderland Orphanage and Educational Foundation	8,500
Triangular CIO	2,500
Turn2Us	5,000
Vision Learning Trust	2,500
Walking with the Wounded	2,000
Washington Riding Centre	3,000
Wear Valley Women's Aid	5,000
Whizz-Kidz	5,000
Willow	1,000
Woodsmoke Group	3,000
	317,475

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Grants approved cancelled in the year	
Blesma	(2,000)
Northern Counties Children's Benevolent Society	(2,500)
Friends of Barbara Priestman Academy	(1,000)
	(5,500)
	311,975

Section 2(g) (1) Maintenance of Churches and Church Buildings	**2024**
Baldersby St James PCC	2,000
Brotton Parochial Church Council	5,000
Churches Conservation	5,000
Embsay Parish PCC	5,000
D.C.C. of St. Andrew's Church Roker	5,000
Friends of Durham Cathedral	4,500
Greenside PCC	2,000
Hillside Church	1,500
Kirby Ravensworth PCC	4,000
Leadgate PCC	10,000
Middleton in Tyas Parish Church Committee	2,000
Minskip Church Council	5,000
Muggleswick PCC	2,000
Parish of Bensham and Teams	1,500
Parochial Chorch Council Parish Langton on Swale	3,000
PCC of Jarrow	5,000
PCC of St Cuthbert with St Aidan	1,500
PCC of St Helen's	5,000
St Aidan's PCC	5,000
St Gabriel's Church	3,000
St Lawrence PCC	5,000
St Lawrence the Martyr	5,000
St Mark's Marske PCC	1,000
St Mary's Church	10,000
St Michael & All Angels PCC	2,000
The Parish of High Spen and Rowlands Gill	4,000
The PCC of Christ Church High Harrogate	3,000
Wistow All Saints Heritage Appeal	8,000
	115,000

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Section 2(g) (2) Relief and Maintenance of Clergy/Church Officials and their families

	2024
Bishop of Durham's Discretionary Account	3,050
Church of England Pensions Board	3,000
Durham Diocesan Board of Finance	8,300
	14,350
Total grants paid / conditionally payable	**466,825**

3. Prior Year Adjustment

An adjustment has been made to the prior period figures to correct the classification between the income fund and the capital account. The capital account was understated by £20,196 and has increased from £15,319,097 to £15,339,293 and the income fund has decreased by the same amount from £344,521 to £324,325 at 31 December 2023. There is no impact on the total funds.

4. Support costs of charitable activities

	2024	*2023*
	£	**£**
Legal and professional fees	46,785	46,110
Audit fees (for audit services)	5,384	4,752
Bank charges	540	360
	52,709	51,222

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5. Investments

	2024	*2023*
	£	*£*
Quoted investments	15,818,590	15,426,707
Cash equivalents on deposit	240,248	86,226
	16,058,838	15,512,933

Quoted investments

	2024	*2023*
	£	*£*
Market value at 1 January 2024	15,426,707	14,694,898
Less disposals	(181,346)	(232,570)
Add acquisitions at cost	479,341	365,282
Net unrealised gains on revaluation	93,888	599,097
Market value at 31 December 2024	15,818,590	15,426,707
Historical cost at 31 December 2024	6,822,740	6,387,918

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market price using the middle market price.

6. Creditors

	2024	*2023*
	£	*£*
Governance costs accrual	21,503	15,948
Grants payable	-	1,200
	21,503	17,148

7. Grants conditionally payable

	2024	*2023*
	£	*£*
Balance at 1 January 2024	10,000	-
Grants approved but not paid during the year	10,000	10,000
Grants approved in a prior year and paid during the year	(10,000)	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	10,000	10,000

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8. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Capital fund £	*Income fund* £	*Total* £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:			
Fixed asset investments	15,858,428	200,410	16,058,838
Cash at bank and short term deposits	-	106,965	106,965
Creditors	-	(21,503)	(21,503)
Deferred grants	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
Total net assets	15,858,428	275,872	16,134,300

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year

	Restated Capital fund £	*Restated Income fund* £	*Total* £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:			
Fixed asset investments	15,339,293	173,640	15,512,933
Cash at bank and short term deposits	-	177,833	177,833
Creditors	-	(17,148)	(17,148)
Deferred grants	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
Total net assets	15,339,293	324,325	15,663,618

9. Related party transactions

During the year ended 31 December 2024 grants payable of £8,500 (2023: £8,500) were made to George Hudson's Charity, a charity in which PW Taylor acts as Trustee.

The Trustees are authorised to undertake these transactions under clause 9 of the 1931 Settlement.

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Trustees were not reimbursed for out of pocket expenses incurred (2023: £Nil).

The Trust considers its key management personnel to be the Trustees.

The Trustees did not receive any emoluments during the year.

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at 31 December 2024

10. Reconciliation of net (expenditure)/income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	*2023*
	£	*£*
Net income for the reporting period	470,682	432,812
Adjustments for:		
(Gains) / Losses on investments	(546,431)	(567,779)
Dividends and interest from investments	(490,814)	(541,276)
Decrease / (Increase) in debtors	-	134
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors	4,355	21,380
Net cash used in operating activities	(562,208)	(654,729)

11. Transfer

During the year there was a transfer of £15,713 from the Capital account to the Income fund. The transfer was lawfully released to reimburse the Income fund for the value of income which had accrued in the Capital account by way of issue of shares.

SIR JOHN PRIESTMAN CHARITY TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 209397

Accounts

Sir John Priestman Charity Trust

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2023

Charity number 209397

Reference and Administrative Details

Constitution

The Sir John Priestman Charity Trust is a charitable trust governed by its Trust Deed. It is a registered charity no. 209397.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were:

T R P S Norton (Chairman)
P W Taylor
T W Greenwell
J Majer
F Nicholson

Offices

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Solicitors

McKenzie Bell
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Operating area

The Trust's activities are mainly confined to the areas of the former counties of Durham and Yorkshire.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Formation of the Trust

The Trust was established by a Settlement dated 31 March 1931 made by Sir John Priestman and altered by schemes of the Charity Commission dated 19 December 1958 and 29 December 1997. By a scheme of the Charity Commission dated 9 August 1993 the Charity became an incorporated charity pursuant to the Charitable Trustees Incorporation Act 1872 (as amended by the Charities Act 1992).

2. Objects of the Trust

(1) By the scheme of the Charity Commission dated 29 December 1997 the Settlement was altered, inter alia, by the deletion therefrom of all references to the Clothing Fund. This effected the merger of the Clothing Fund and the General Fund from 1 January 1998.

(2) The objects of the Trust (as altered and paraphrased but with the sectioned numbering shown in the Settlement as used in Note 2 to these financial statements) are:

- (a) The feeding of poor in the County Borough of Sunderland in times of distress.
- (b) The payment of annuities to old aged and infirm poor persons residing in the County of Durham.
- (c) The provision of education at any English University of young men as candidates for Holy Orders in the Church of England who are resident in the County of Durham at the time of their assistance.
- (d) The establishment or maintenance of any hospital or convalescent home in the County of Durham for the benefit of the poor of the County.
- (e) The employment and payment of nurses for the sick and infirm in the County of Durham.
- (f) The making of donations to any charitable institution for the benefit of any persons inhabitants of the County of Durham and in particular of the County Borough of Sunderland.
- (g) For the benefit of members of the Church of England:
  - (1) Building, maintaining and furnishing (including provision of organs) churches, mission halls and schools in the Counties of Durham and York.
  - (2) The relief, if in necessitous circumstances, of ministers of the Church of England who have worked or may be working in the Counties of Durham or York and the relief of widows or families of any such persons who may be in necessitous circumstances.

(3) Any special case for any purpose similar to the foregoing in any part of England and for such other charitable purposes as the Trustees may decide.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2023

3. Structure, Governance and Management

(1) The Trustees meet quarterly and make all decisions regarding investments and payment of grants.

(2) Accounting records are maintained on behalf of the Trustees by Messrs Stephenson Coates Limited, Accountants who present quarterly management accounts to the Trustees.

(3) All other administration including the processing of grant applications prior to consideration by the Trustees is carried out by McKenzie Bell Ltd, Solicitors.

(4) Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees pursuant to the provisions of the Settlement and the Trustee Act 1925. New Trustees are found from the contacts and personal knowledge of existing Trustees. The aim of the Trustees in making appointments is to have a range of skills qualifications and experience suited to achieving the objects of the Trust as set out in the Settlement.

(5) On appointment, Trustees are provided with a copy of the Settlement and Charity Commission Schemes, the most recent audited financial statements and investment reports and minutes of Trustees meetings. The experience of the persons appointed usually means that they have a good understanding of the responsibilities of a charity trustee, but where necessary guidance is available from the Trust's solicitors. Relevant Charity Commission publications are also available to the Trustees.

4. Risk Management

The Trustees have considered any risks to which the Trust might be exposed and are satisfied that the administrative, investment and financial procedures which are in place, minimise the risk of any loss to the Trust. The position is reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2023

5. Grant-making Policy, Aims and Objectives

(1) The objects of the Trust are furthered by the making of grants from the income of the Trust.

(2) The principal objects of the Trust, save those relating to churches, all require benefits to be provided for persons residing in Sunderland or County Durham. In the case of churches, the geographical area is extended to include the County of York. The Trust is unable to provide benefits directly and therefore aims to achieve its objects by making grants to other United Kingdom Registered charities providing benefits to persons in these areas. This is the method adopted by former trustees for many years as a means of 'tapping into' fields of Charitable expertise serving the general public in the nominated areas. It ensures a wide area of benefit and has been most successful over the years. Only in special cases are grants made outside these geographical areas or to individuals.

(3) The Trustees support a number of charities by way of regular annual grants, but otherwise the Trustees aim where possible to award grants for specific projects. In this way the Trustees aim to assist charities to achieve particular objectives such as acquiring or replacing essential equipment or extending the scope of the benefits which they provide. However grants towards general costs are considered where essential to the benefits being provided. In making grants the Trustees are particularly concerned to establish that projects are viable. Accordingly grants may be awarded subject to such conditions as to funding or otherwise as the Trustees consider appropriate and payment is deferred until the conditions are satisfied. If these cannot be fulfilled the grant is cancelled.

(4) The grants awarded to churches are for building, restoring, altering, enlarging, maintaining and furnishing (including provision of organs) for the benefit of members of the Church of England. The Trustees recognise the challenges faced by parishes, often in deprived areas, in maintaining historic church buildings which often fulfil a vital role in the wider community. Where necessary, the Trustees seek information from the diocese in relation to such applications.

(5) The Trustees policy is generally to award modest grants to a relatively large number of bodies rather than a few large grants. The charities supported cover a wide range of activities. In this way the Trustees aim to provide for a wide variety of needs of persons resident in the geographical area of the Trust.

(6) There is no fixed apportionment of grants between the various Trust objects; each application is dealt with on its merits. If a grant is for a specific project, the recipient is asked to confirm when the project is completed.

6. Review of Activities and Performance

The grants made during the year are listed by object category in Note 2 to the financial statements. Grants paid to churches pursuant to object 2(g)(1) totalled £152,500 and assisted 22 churches to maintain or improve their buildings or organs. In total the Trust supported 136 charities with grants totalling £579,565. The support of the Trust assisted many charities whose fundraising had been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and those facing increased demand for their services due to the cost of living crisis. A grant totalling £3,520 awarded to one charity in the financial year was also cancelled in the year. Annual reports and accounts are obtained from charities supported annually to ensure such grants remain appropriate. The position is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis. The remainder of the grants listed other than the regular annual grants referred to in paragraph 5(3) were awarded at Trustees' quarterly meetings during the year in response to numerous applications received by the Trust.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2023

7. Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissioner's General Guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives. They consider that the broad range of Charities and number of Churches assisted demonstrates a wide public benefit throughout the Trust's geographical area and that the Trust satisfies the Commission's requirements on public benefit. Reports received from Churches and charities on the completion of their grant-aided projects indicate that the Trust's achievements in relation to this objective continue to be of significant benefit to the communities served by these churches and charities.

8. Financial review

(1) The value of the Trust's investments has increased by £582,977 over the previous year and total funds have increased by £432,812. The increase in the value of investments is due purely to market factors and could fluctuate both upwards and downwards in the coming year.

(2) The investment income of the Trust increased during the year by £44,084.Grants paid or payable increased by £162,015 compared with the previous year. The overall income fund reserves of the Trust have decreased by £127,078 at 31 December 2023.

Investment policy and performance

The Trust is an endowed charity with permanent endowment only and is dependent solely on income from its investments to fulfil its objects. The Trustees investment objective is therefore to maintain and enhance the value of the fixed assets over the long term in order to maintain and if possible increase the income available for the purposes of the Trust. This policy had, over a number of years, led to an increase in the Trust's investment income. The investment income was increased in 2023 as referred to in paragraph 8(2); there was a steady recovery in the general level of dividend income after the significant reduction due to the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic. Investments and projected income are reviewed quarterly and performance compared with appropriate indices. Taking into account the overall economic and financial position investment performance in relation to both capital and income has been satisfactory. The Trustees consider that the standard basis of investment with capital gains accruing to the permanent endowment continues to best serve the Trust. Capital growth had protected and would continue to protect the income to enable the Trust to fulfil its objects in the future.

Reserves policy

Reserves represent the balance of unrestricted income funds which as at 31 December 2023 was £344,521. It is the policy of the Trustees to retain sufficient income in reserve, subject to fluctuation in the value of the Accumulated Income Investments to ensure that in the event of a significant reduction in income the Trustees could at least maintain the regular grants to those charities which have come to rely on them, the Trust having no expendable endowment. In reviewing the level of reserves the Trustees consider that reserves of approximately 9-12 months expenditure are appropriate. The Trustees will continue to review the level of reserves on a quarterly basis to ensure that adequate and appropriate reserves are maintained.

Future Plans

The Trustees plan to continue the policy of maintaining and enhancing the value of the capital in the medium to long term in order to protect the future income available to fulfil the objects of the Trust. The balance between current and future income will however continue to be monitored closely to enable the Trust to maintain or increase its current support to churches and charities.

Investment Management

The heading of Investment Management Costs in the Statement of Financial Activities reflects RBC Brewin Dolphin's charges on a management fee basis.

9. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2023

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Board of Trustees is aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- The Board of Trustees has taken all the steps that it ought to have taken to make itself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

On behalf of the trustees,

T R P S Norton – Trustee

T W Greenwell – Trustee

Date 29/07/2024

Independent auditors' report

to the Trustees of Sir John Priestman Charity Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Sir John Priestman Charity Trust, for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 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 Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. 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.

Independent auditors' report

to the Trustees of Sir John Priestman Charity Trust (continued)

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 Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; 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 Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine 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 Trustees are 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 Trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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:

Based on our understanding of the Charity, discussions with Trustees who are those charged with governance, we considered that the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK taxation legislation.

As part of the engagement team discussion about the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud, which may have a material effect on the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- enquiry of the Trustees and review of any relevant correspondence with legal advisers regarding any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- communicating identified laws and regulations and the risks of fraud with our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance or fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- review of the minutes of the board of Trustees;
- review of accounting estimates for Trustee override and bias;
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual transactions;
- Identifying and testing journal entries.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with those charged with governance.

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 the audit report

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees 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 Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an independent auditors' 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 Charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited
One Strawberry Lane
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Date: 2 August 2024

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor under Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	*Income Fund* £	*Capital Account* £	*2023* £	*2022* £
INCOME FROM:					
Investments					
Income from UK investments		348,374	-	348,374	362,933
Income from foreign investments		191,895	-	191,895	134,259
HSBC bank interest		1,007	-	1,007	-
Total income		541,276	-	541,276	497,192
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds -					
Investment management costs		45,456	-	45,456	45,721
Charitable activities -					
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objectives	2	579,565	-	579,565	417,550
Support costs of charitable activities	3	51,222	-	51,222	49,049
Total expenditure		676,243	-	676,243	512,320
Net (expenditure) / income		(134,967)	-	(134,967)	(15,128)
Net (losses) / gains on investments-					
Realised (losses) / gains on sale of fixed asset investments		-	(31,318)	(31,318)	(138,254)
Unrealised (losses) / gains on fixed asset investments	4	7,889	591,208	599,097	(1,160,880)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds in year		(127,078)	599,890	432,812	(1,314,262)
Total funds brought forward		471,599	14,759,207	15,230,806	16,545,068
Total funds carried forward		344,521	15,319,097	15,663,618	15,230,806

All activities are continuing.

Balance sheet

at 31 December 2023

		Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets				
Investments		4	15,512,933	14,929,956
Current assets				
Debtors		5	-	134
Short term deposits			58,339	12,810
Cash at bank			119,494	293,674
			177,833	306,618
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		6	(17,148)	(5,768)
Net current assets			160,685	300,850
Grants conditionally payable		7	(10,000)	-
Net assets			15,663,618	15,230,806
Funds				
Capital funds		8	15,319,097	14,759,207
Income funds	Unrestricted	8	344,521	471,599
Total funds			15,663,618	15,230,806

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26/07/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

T R P S Norton – Trustee

T W Greenwell – Trustee

Statement of cash flows

at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	10	(654,729)	(524,223)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest from investments		541,276	497,192
Proceeds from sale of investments		201,252	884,146
Purchase of investments		(365,282)	(723,132)
Net cash provided by operating activities		377,246	658,206
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(277,483)	133,983
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		541,542	407,559
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		264,059	541,542
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at bank		119,494	293,674
Short term deposits		58,339	12,810
Long term deposits		86,226	235,058
Total cash and cash equivalents		264,059	541,542

Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2023

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost unless otherwise stated. The financial statements 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 (effective 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Presentation currency

The financial statements are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust.

Funds structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

The Trust has a permanent endowment.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their cost and subsequently measured at fair value as at the balance sheet date generally using the middle market price. Proceeds from sale of rights issues are credited against the relevant proportion of the cost of investment. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the unrealised gains and losses arising on revaluation of investments held at the year end and the realised gains and losses on disposals throughout the year.

Cash at bank

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value (other than investments as noted above).

Income

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

Investment income is accounted for when receivable. Income from bank deposits is accounted for on a received basis.

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants payable are:

- Agreed grants paid during the year
- Agreed grants which have not been paid but which are payable on the satisfaction of a condition on the part of the grantee which has not yet been satisfied.

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2. Grants

Section 2(a)	2023
Durham Christian Partnership	3,000
Sunderland Community Soup Kitchen	10,000
	13,000

Section 2(e) Employment and payment of nurses	2023
Marie Curie Cancer Care	4,500
Multiple Sclerosis Trust	5,000
St Benedict's Hospice	5,000
	14,500

Section 2(f) Charitable Organisations	2023
21st Sunderland St Andrew's Sea Scouts	2,000
Age UK Sunderland	4,500
Asthma Relief	3,000
Barnardos North East	2,500
Blesma	2,000
Blind Veterans UK	3,000
Bliss	3,000
Cancer Support UK	4,000
Cauldwell Children	2,000
Child Brain Injury Trust	2,000
Chronicle Sunshine Fund	5,250
Chron's in Childhood research	2,000
CHUF	5,000
Church Army	2,500
City of Sunderland YMCA	2,500
Clergy Support Trust	2,000
Community Foundation for the High Sheriff's Fund Tyne & Wear	3,500
Contact	500
Crackerjack Children's Trust	1,550
CRUSE	3,205
DeafblindUK	4,000
Depaul UK	5,000
Dream Holidays	5,000
Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs	8,000
Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation	7,500

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Durham High School	4,700
Durham Scout County Council	3,000
Durham Wildlife Trust	1,500
Easington Lane Community Access Point	2,500
Family Holiday Charity	3,600
Friends of Barbara Priestman Academy	1,000
George Hudson's Charity	8,500
Grace House	5,000
Happy Days Children's Charity	5,000
Heal & Toe Children's Charity	5,000
Henry Dancer Days	4,000
Hetton Buddies	510
Horden Community Welfare Football Club	3,000
Hospitality & Hope	5,000
Houghton Boxing Club	4,000
Humbeldon Outdoor Activities Association	5,000
Independence at Home	5,000
Independent Age	5,000
Inspiring Minds	3,000
iSing Pop	1,500
Kid's Cancer Charity	5,000
Lambton Street Youth Centre	3,500
Learning Library	3,000
Listening Books	3,000
Living Paintings	1,500
MacMillan Cancer Support	4,000
Macular Society	2,000
Minerva Arts & Wellbeing Charity	5,000
Mobility Trust	2,400
More than Grandparents	4,000
Motor Neurone Disease Association	5,000
North East Dementia Care (Sunderland)	6,000
North East Disabilities Resource Centre	2,500
North of England District Boys Brigade	2,500
Northern Counties Children's Benevolent Society	2,500
Northumbria Coalition Against Crime	10,000
Northumbria Deaf Mission	3,520
NSPCC Bishop Auckland	3,500
NSPCC Sunderland	3,500
Oasis Community Housing	1,000

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Outward Bound Trust	10,000
Parker Trust	1,000
Parkinson's UK	5,000
PDSA Sunderland	3,500
Pelton Community Welfare Football Club	2,000
Place2Be	5,000
RBLI	5,000
React	2,000
Re-engage	2,000
Royal Airforce Benevolent Fund	3,000
Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal	3,500
Royal National Institution of Blind People	2,000
Royal National Lifeboat Institution – Sunderland	3,000
Salvation Army - Sunderland	3,000
Samaritans of Sunderland	3,000
Speech & Language UK	3,000
SSAFA Tyne and Wear	3,500
St John's Ambulance	2,500
Sunderland Culture	5,000
Sunderland Guild of Help	5,000
Sunderland North Division Girl Guides Association	3,000
Sunderland North Family Zone	5,000
Sunderland Scout Council	3,000
Sunderland South Division Girl Guides Association	3,000
The British Polio Fellowship Sunderland	2,000
The Camphill Village Trust, Botton	3,500
The Cirdan Sailing Trust	5,000
The Dystonia Society	3,000
The Guide Association Durham	3,000
The Move Partnership	2,500
The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain	3,000
The Princes Trust	5,000
The Sick Children's Trust	5,000
The Sunderland Orphanage and Educational Foundation	8,500
The Wildlife & Wetlands Trust	1,850
Walking with the Wounded	3,000
Washington Riding Centre	3,000
Whizz-Kidz	5,000
Willow	1,000
Ygam	2,000

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Young Women's Trust	5,000
Zoe's Place	8,000
	390,085
Grants approved cancelled in the year	
Northumbria Deaf Mission	(3,520)
	386,565

Section 2(g) (1) Maintenance of Churches and Church Buildings	**2023**
Barningham Parochial Church	8,000
Church's Conservation Trust	8,500
Friends of Durham Cathedral	4,500
Greatham Parochial Church Council	10,000
Hillside Church	10,000
Holy Trinity Church	6,500
Parish of High Spen & Rowlands Gill	7,000
PCC of St Luke Morton Fabric Fund	3,000
Slingsby PCC	7,000
St Chad's College, Durham	10,000
St Catherine's Church	2,000
St Cuthbert's PCC	5,000
St George's Church, Fatfield	15,000
St Helen's Church Amotherby PCC	7,000
St Ives' Church, Leadgate	10,000
St Lawrence PCC	5,000
St Lawrence the Martyr	10,000
St Mark's Church, Newby	15,000
St Michael & All Angels Esh & Hamsteels PCC	8,000
St Michael le Belfrey Church	5,000
Wakefield Cathedral	4,000
	150,500

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Section 2(g) (2) Relief and Maintenance of Clergy/Church Officials and their families

	2023
Bishop of Durham's Discretionary Account	3,300
Church of England Pensions Board	3,000
Durham Diocesan Board of Finance	8,700
	15,000
Total grants paid / conditionally payable	**579,565**

3. Support costs of charitable activities

	2023	*2022*
	£	£
Legal and professional fees	46,110	45,055
Audit fees (for audit services)	4,752	3,840
Bank charges	360	154
	51,222	49,049

4. Investments

	2023	*2022*
	£	£
Quoted investments	15,426,707	14,694,898
Cash equivalents on deposit	86,226	235,058
	15,512,933	14,929,956

Quoted investments

	2023	*2022*
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2023	14,694,898	16,155,046
Less disposals based on market value at 1 January 2023	(232,570)	(1,022,397)
Add acquisitions at cost	365,282	732,132
Net unrealised (losses) / gains on revaluation at 31 December 2023	599,097	(1,160,883)
Market value at 31 December 2023	15,426,707	14,694,898
Historical cost at 31 December 2023	6,387,918	6,473,086

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All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market price using the middle market price.

5. Debtors

	2023	*2022*
	£	£
McKenzie Bell	-	134
	-	134

6. Creditors

	2023	*2022*
	£	£
Governance costs accrual	15,948	3,768
Grants payable	1,200	2,000
	17,148	5,768

7. Grants conditionally payable

	2023	*2022*
	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2023	-	15,000
Grants approved but not paid during the year	10,000	
Grants approved in a prior year and paid during the year	-	(15,000)
Balance at 31 December 2023	10,000	-

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8. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Capital fund £	*Income fund* £	*Total* £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:			
Fixed asset investments	15,319,097	193,836	15,512,933
Debtors	-	-	-
Cash at bank and short term deposits	-	177,833	177,833
Creditors	-	(17,148)	(17,148)
Deferred grants	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
Total net assets	15,319,097	344,521	15,663,618

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year

	Capital fund £	*Income fund* £	*Total* £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:			
Fixed asset investments	14,759,207	170,749	14,929,956
Debtors	-	134	134
Cash at bank and short term deposits	-	306,484	306,484
Creditors	-	(5,768)	(5,768)
Deferred grants	-	-	-
Total net assets	14,759,207	471,599	15,230,806

9. Related party transactions

During the year ended 31 December 2023 £26,780 (plus VAT) (2022: £26,460) was paid to McKenzie Bell, Solicitors, in respect of administration services provided to the Trust. PW Taylor, a Trustee was a consultant of McKenzie Bell Ltd during the year ended 31 December 2023.

During the year ended 31 December 2023 grants payable of £8,500 (2022: £8,500) were made to George Hudson's Charity, a charity in which PW Taylor acts a s Trustee.

The Trustees are authorised to undertake these transactions under clause 9 of the 1931 Settlement.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Trustees were not reimbursed for out of pocket expenses incurred (2022: £Nil).

The Trust considers its key management personnel to be the Trustees.

The Trustees did not receive any emoluments during the year.

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10. Reconciliation of net (expenditure)/income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023	*2022*
	£	£
Net (expenditure) / income for the reporting period	432,812	(1,314,262)
Adjustments for:		
Losses / (Gains) on investments	(567,779)	1,299,134
Dividends and interest from investments	(541,276)	(497,192)
Decrease / (Increase) in debtors	134	1,025
(Decrease) / Increase in creditors	21,380	(12,928)
Net cash used in operating activities	(654,729)	(524,223)

SIR JOHN PRIESTMAN CHARITY TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 209397

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Sir John Priestman Charity Trust

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2022

Charity number 209397

Reference and Administrative Details

Constitution

The Sir John Priestman Charity Trust is a charitable trust governed by its Trust Deed. It is a registered charity no. 209397.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were:

T R P S Norton (Chairman)
P W Taylor
T W Greenwell
J Majer
F Nicholson

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Operating area

The Trust's activities are mainly confined to the areas of the former counties of Durham and Yorkshire.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Formation of the Trust

The Trust was established by a Settlement dated 31 March 1931 made by Sir John Priestman and altered by schemes of the Charity Commission dated 19 December 1958 and 29 December 1997. By a scheme of the Charity Commission dated 9 August 1993 the Charity became an incorporated charity pursuant to the Charitable Trustees Incorporation Act 1872 (as amended by the Charities Act 1992).

2. Objects of the Trust

(1) By the scheme of the Charity Commission dated 29 December 1997 the Settlement was altered, inter alia, by the deletion therefrom of all references to the Clothing Fund. This effected the merger of the Clothing Fund and the General Fund from 1 January 1998.

(2) The objects of the Trust (as altered and paraphrased but with the sectioned numbering shown in the Settlement as used in Note 2 to these financial statements) are:

- (a) The feeding of poor in the County Borough of Sunderland in times of distress.
- (b) The payment of annuities to old aged and infirm poor persons residing in the County of Durham.
- (c) The provision of education at any English University of young men as candidates for Holy Orders in the Church of England who are resident in the County of Durham at the time of their assistance.
- (d) The establishment or maintenance of any hospital or convalescent home in the County of Durham for the benefit of the poor of the County.
- (e) The employment and payment of nurses for the sick and infirm in the County of Durham.
- (f) The making of donations to any charitable institution for the benefit of any persons inhabitants of the County of Durham and in particular of the County Borough of Sunderland.
- (g) For the benefit of members of the Church of England:
  - (1) Building, maintaining and furnishing (including provision of organs) churches, mission halls and schools in the Counties of Durham and York.
  - (2) The relief, if in necessitous circumstances, of ministers of the Church of England who have worked or may be working in the Counties of Durham or York and the relief of widows or families of any such persons who may be in necessitous circumstances.

(3) Any special case for any purpose similar to the foregoing in any part of England and for such other charitable purposes as the Trustees may decide.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2022

3. Structure, Governance and Management

(1) The Trustees meet quarterly and make all decisions regarding investments and payment of grants.

(2) Accounting records are maintained on behalf of the Trustees by Messrs Stephenson Coates Limited, Accountants who present quarterly management accounts to the Trustees.

(3) All other administration including the processing of grant applications prior to consideration by the Trustees is carried out by McKenzie Bell Ltd, Solicitors.

(4) Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees pursuant to the provisions of the Settlement and the Trustee Act 1925. New Trustees are found from the contacts and personal knowledge of existing Trustees. The aim of the Trustees in making appointments is to have a range of skills qualifications and experience suited to achieving the objects of the Trust as set out in the Settlement.

(5) On appointment, Trustees are provided with a copy of the Settlement and Charity Commission Schemes, the most recent audited financial statements and investment reports and minutes of Trustees meetings. The experience of the persons appointed usually means that they have a good understanding of the responsibilities of a charity trustee, but where necessary guidance is available from the Trust's solicitors. Relevant Charity Commission publications are also available to the Trustees.

4. Risk Management

The Trustees have considered any risks to which the Trust might be exposed and are satisfied that the administrative, investment and financial procedures which are in place, minimise the risk of any loss to the Trust. The position is reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2022

5. Grant-making Policy, Aims and Objectives

(1) The objects of the Trust are furthered by the making of grants from the income of the Trust.

(2) The principal objects of the Trust, save those relating to churches, all require benefits to be provided for persons residing in Sunderland or County Durham. In the case of churches, the geographical area is extended to include the County of York. The Trust is unable to provide benefits directly and therefore aims to achieve its objects by making grants to other United Kingdom Registered charities providing benefits to persons in these areas. This is the method adopted by former trustees for many years as a means of 'tapping into' fields of Charitable expertise serving the general public in the nominated areas. It ensures a wide area of benefit and has been most successful over the years. Only in special cases are grants made outside these geographical areas or to individuals.

(3) The Trustees support a number of charities by way of regular annual grants, but otherwise the Trustees aim where possible to award grants for specific projects. In this way the Trustees aim to assist charities to achieve particular objectives such as acquiring or replacing essential equipment or extending the scope of the benefits which they provide. However grants towards general costs are considered where essential to the benefits being provided. In making grants the Trustees are particularly concerned to establish that projects are viable. Accordingly grants may be awarded subject to such conditions as to funding or otherwise as the Trustees consider appropriate and payment is deferred until the conditions are satisfied. If these cannot be fulfilled the grant is cancelled.

(4) The grants awarded to churches are for building, restoring, altering, enlarging, maintaining and furnishing (including provision of organs) for the benefit of members of the Church of England. The Trustees recognise the challenges faced by parishes, often in deprived areas, in maintaining historic church buildings which often fulfil a vital role in the wider community. Where necessary, the Trustees seek information from the diocese in relation to such applications.

(5) The Trustees policy is generally to award modest grants to a relatively large number of bodies rather than a few large grants. The charities supported cover a wide range of activities. In this way the Trustees aim to provide for a wide variety of needs of persons resident in the geographical area of the Trust.

(6) There is no fixed apportionment of grants between the various Trust objects; each application is dealt with on its merits. If a grant is for a specific project, the recipient is asked to confirm when the project is completed.

6. Review of Activities and Performance

The grants made during the year are listed by object category in Note 2 to the financial statements. Grants paid to churches pursuant to object 2(g)(1) totalled £81,500 and assisted 14 churches to maintain or improve their buildings or organs. In total the Trust supported 89 charities with grants totalling £338,050. The support of the Trust assisted many charities whose fundraising had been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and those facing increased demand for their services due to the cost of living crisis. A grant totalling £2,000 awarded to one charity in a prior year was cancelled in the year. Annual reports and accounts are obtained from charities supported annually to ensure such grants remain appropriate. The position is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis. The remainder of the grants listed other than the regular annual grants referred to in paragraph 5(3) were awarded at Trustees' quarterly meetings during the year in response to numerous applications received by the Trust.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2022

7. Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissioner's General Guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives. They consider that the broad range of Charities and number of Churches assisted demonstrates a wide public benefit throughout the Trust's geographical area and that the Trust satisfies the Commission's requirements on public benefit. Reports received from Churches and charities on the completion of their grant-aided projects indicate that the Trust's achievements in relation to this objective continue to be of significant benefit to the communities served by these churches and charities.

8. Financial review

(1) The value of the Trust's investments has decreased by £1,299,662 over the previous year and total funds have decreased by £1,314,262. The decrease in the value of investments is due purely to market factors and could fluctuate both upwards and downwards in the coming year.

(2) The investment income of the Trust decreased during the year by £52,896. Grants paid or payable increased by £27,211 compared with the previous year. The overall income fund reserves of the Trust have decreased by £34,051 at 31 December 2022.

Investment policy and performance

The Trust is an endowed charity with permanent endowment only and is dependent solely on income from its investments to fulfil its objects. The Trustees investment objective is therefore to maintain and enhance the value of the fixed assets over the long term in order to maintain and if possible increase the income available for the purposes of the Trust. This policy had, over a number of years, led to an increase in the Trust's investment income. Although the investment income was reduced in 2022 as referred to in paragraph 8(2), excluding the special dividend of £78,455 received in 2021, the steady recovery in the general level of dividend income after the significant reduction due to the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic continued in 2022. Investments and projected income are reviewed quarterly and performance compared with appropriate indices. Taking into account the overall economic and financial position investment performance in relation to both capital and income has been satisfactory. The Trustees consider that the standard basis of investment with capital gains accruing to the permanent endowment continues to best serve the Trust. Capital growth had protected and would continue to protect the income to enable the Trust to fulfil its objects in the future.

Reserves policy

Reserves represent the balance of unrestricted income funds which as at 31 December 2022 was £471,599. It is the policy of the Trustees to retain sufficient income in reserve, subject to fluctuation in the value of the Accumulated Income Investments to ensure that in the event of a significant reduction in income the Trustees could at least maintain the regular grants to those charities which have come to rely on them, the Trust having no expendable endowment. In reviewing the level of reserves the Trustees consider that reserves of approximately 9-12 months expenditure are appropriate. The Trustees will continue to review the level of reserves on a quarterly basis to ensure that adequate and appropriate reserves are maintained.

Future Plans

The Trustees plan to continue the policy of maintaining and enhancing the value of the capital in the medium to long term in order to protect the future income available to fulfil the objects of the Trust. The balance between current and future income will however continue to be monitored closely to enable the Trust to maintain or increase its current support to churches and charities.

Investment Management

The heading of Investment Management Costs in the Statement of Financial Activities reflects RBC Brewin Dolphin's charges on a management fee basis.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2022

9. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Board of Trustees is aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- The Board of Trustees has taken all the steps that it ought to have taken to make itself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

On behalf of the trustees,

T. Norton

T R P S Norton – Trustee

T.W. Greenwell

T W Greenwell – Trustee

Date 30/7/23

Independent auditors' report

to the Trustees of Sir John Priestman Charity Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Sir John Priestman Charity Trust, for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 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 Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. 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.

Independent auditors' report

to the Trustees of Sir John Priestman Charity Trust (continued)

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 Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; 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 Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine 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 Trustees are 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 Trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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:

Based on our understanding of the Charity, discussions with Trustees who are those charged with governance, we considered that the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK taxation legislation.

As part of the engagement team discussion about the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud, which may have a material effect on the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

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to the Trustees of Sir John Priestman Charity Trust (continued)

- enquiry of the Trustees and review of any relevant correspondence with legal advisers regarding any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- communicating identified laws and regulations and the risks of fraud with our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance or fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- review of the minutes of the board of Trustees;
- review of accounting estimates for Trustee override and bias;
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual transactions;
- Identifying and testing journal entries.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with those charged with governance.

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 the audit report

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees 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 Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an independent auditors' 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 Charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited
One Strawberry Lane
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 4BX
Date: 6 September 2023

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor under Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	*Income Fund* £	*Capital Account* £	*2022* £	*2021* £
INCOME FROM:					
Investments					
Income from UK investments		362,933	-	362,933	457,041
Income from foreign investments		134,259	-	134,259	93,034
HSBC bank interest		-	-	-	13
Total income		497,192	-	497,192	550,088
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds -					
Investment management costs		45,721	-	45,721	44,738
Charitable activities -					
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objectives	2	417,550	-	417,550	390,339
Support costs of charitable activities	3	49,049	-	49,049	49,156
Total expenditure		512,320	-	512,320	484,233
Net (expenditure) / income		(15,128)	-	(15,128)	65,855
Net (losses) / gains on investments-					
Realised (losses) / gains on sale of fixed asset investments		(1,867)	(136,387)	(138,254)	26,441
Unrealised (losses) / gains on fixed asset investments	4	(17,056)	(1,143,824)	(1,160,880)	2,285,806
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds in year		(34,051)	(1,280,211)	(1,314,262)	2,378,102
Total funds brought forward		505,650	16,039,418	16,545,068	14,166,966
Total funds carried forward		471,599	14,759,207	15,230,806	16,545,068

All activities are continuing.

Balance sheet

at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	4	14,929,956	16,229,618
Current assets			
Debtors	5	134	1,159
Short term deposits		12,810	6,060
Cash at bank		293,674	326,927
		306,618	334,146
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(5,768)	(3,696)
Net current assets		300,850	330,450
Grants conditionally payable	7	-	(15,000)
Net assets		15,230,806	16,545,068
Funds			
Capital funds	8	14,759,207	16,039,418
Income funds Unrestricted	8	471,599	505,650
Total funds		15,230,806	16,545,068

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 31/07/2023 and signed on its behalf by:

T.R.Norton
..... T R P S Norton – Trustee

T.W.Greenwell
..... T W Greenwell – Trustee

Statement of cash flows

at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	10	(524,223)	(485,070)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest from investments		497,192	550,088
Proceeds from sale of investments		884,146	337,693
Purchase of investments		(723,132)	(338,130)
Net cash provided by operating activities		658,206	549,651
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		133,983	64,581
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		407,559	342,978
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		541,542	407,559
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at bank		293,674	326,927
Short term deposits		12,810	6,060
Long term deposits		235,058	74,572
Total cash and cash equivalents		541,542	407,559

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1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost unless otherwise stated. The financial statements 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 (effective 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Presentation currency

The financial statements are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust.

Funds structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

The Trust has a permanent endowment.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their cost and subsequently measured at fair value as at the balance sheet date generally using the middle market price. Proceeds from sale of rights issues are credited against the relevant proportion of the cost of investment. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the unrealised gains and losses arising on revaluation of investments held at the year end and the realised gains and losses on disposals throughout the year.

Cash at bank

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value (other than investments as noted above).

Income

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

Investment income is accounted for when receivable. Income from bank deposits is accounted for on a received basis.

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants payable are:

- Agreed grants paid during the year
- Agreed grants which have not been paid but which are payable on the satisfaction of a condition on the part of the grantee which has not yet been satisfied.

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2. Grants

Section 2(e) Employment and payment of nurses	2022
Alice House Hospice	7,500
Marie Curie Cancer Care	4,000
Teesside Hospice	5,000
	16,500

Section 2(f) Charitable Organisations	2022
Age UK Sunderland	4,000
Barnardos North East	2,000
Bethshan North East	2,000
Blind Veterans UK	5,000
Cancer Support UK	3,500
Centre for Health and Pastoral Care	3,000
Child Brain Injury Trust	500
Chronicle Sunshine Fund	3,000
Church Army	1,500
City of Sunderland YMCA	2,200
Clergy Support Trust	1,500
Cleveland Youth Association	3,000
Clowns in the Sky	4,000
Community Foundation for the High Sheriff's Fund Tyne & Wear	3,000
Crackerjack Children's Trust	750
DeafblindUK	4,000
Depaul UK	7,500
Derwenthaugh Boat Station	7,000
Dream Holidays	4,000
Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs	7,500
Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation	2,000
Durham High School	4,700
Durham School Bursaries	2,000
Durham Scout County Council	2,700
Durham Wildlife Trust	1,500
Family Holiday Charity	2,000
Farringdon Detached Youth & Community Club	1,500
Friends of Barbara Priestman Academy	1,000
George Hudson's Charity	8,500
Go Kids Go	1,000
Happy Days	4,000

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Heal & Toe Children's Charity	5,000
Independent Age	5,000
Innervation Trust Limited	1,400
Jane Gibson Almshouses	12,000
Lambton Street Youth Centre	3,300
Listening Books	3,000
Love, Amelia	10,000
MacMillan Cancer Support	3,000
More than Grandparents	6,500
Motor Neurone Disease Association	4,000
N.S.P.C.C Sunderland Branch	3,300
National Police Community Trust	3,000
North East Disabilities Resource Centre	2,200
North of England District Boys Brigade	2,000
Northern Counties Children's Benevolent Society	2,350
Northumbria Deaf Mission	3,000
NSPCC Bishop Auckland	3,300
Outward Bound Trust	10,000
PDSA Sunderland	3,300
Parkinson's UK	5,000
Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre	6,000
Place2Be	5,000
Prisoners Advice Service	2,000
Queen Street Heritage Trust	10,000
React	2,000
Re-engage	4,000
Royal Airforce Benevolent Fund	3,000
Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal	3,000
Royal National Lifeboat Institution – Sunderland	2,500
Salvation Army - Sunderland	2,700
Samaritans of Sunderland	2,200
Springwell Village Community Venue	5,000
SSAFA Tyne and Wear	3,300
St Benedict's Hospice	10,000
St John's Ambulance	2,200
Sunderland Guild of Help	6,000
Sunderland Maritime Heritage	3,500
Sunderland North Division Girl Guides Association	2,700
Sunderland Scout Council	2,700
Sunderland South Division Girl Guides Association	2,700

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Sunderland Women's Centre	2,000
Teapot Trust	2,000
The British Polio Fellowship Sunderland	2,000
The Camphill Village Trust, Botton	3,300
The Chorister School	2,000
The Guide Association Durham	2,500
The Sunderland Orphanage and Educational Foundation	8,500
The Wildlife & Wetlands Trust	1,850
Vision Learning Trust	3,000
Washington Riding Centre	1,500
Willow	2,000
Young Women's Trust	5,000
	306,950
Grants approved cancelled in the year	
Durham School Bursaries	(2,000)
	304,950

Section 2(g) (1) Maintenance of Churches and Church Buildings	**2022**
Friends of Durham Cathedral	4,000
Heighinton PCC	2,000
Holy Trinity Church	7,000
Hutton Magna PCC	8,000
Parish of Bensham and Teams	10,000
Parochial Church Council of Cleasby	3,500
PCC St John the Divine	5,000
PCC of Kimblesworth	10,000
PCC of St Mark's Newby New Buildings Development Fund	7,000
Shotton Parochial Church Council	8,000
St Matthew's PCC	10,000
St Phillip & St James Project Fund	10,000
Stockton Parish Church	6,000
Sunderland Minster	4,000
	94,500
Grant approved cancelled in the year	
PCC of St Mark's Newby new Buildings Development Fund	(5,000)

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Return of grants in year	
St Mary's, Middleton	(8,000)
	81,500

Section 2(g) (2) Relief and Maintenance of Clergy/Church Officials and their families

	2022
Bishop of Durham's Discretionary Account	3,200
Church of England Pensions Board	3,000
Durham Diocesan Board of Finance	8,400
	14,600
Total grants paid / conditionally payable	**417,550**

3. Support costs of charitable activities

	2022	*2021*
	£	£
Legal and professional fees	45,055	45,181
Audit fees (for audit services)	3,840	3,798
Cost of Trustees' meetings	-	-
Bank charges	154	177
	49,049	49,156

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4. Investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Quoted investments	14,694,898	16,155,046
Cash equivalents on deposit	235,058	74,572
	14,929,956	16,229,618

Quoted investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2022	16,155,046	13,842,362
Less Disposals based on market value at 1 January 2022	(1,022,397)	(311,251)
Add Acquisitions at cost	723,132	338,130
Net unrealised (losses) / gains on revaluation at 31 December 2022	(1,160,883)	2,285,806
Market value at 31 December 2022	14,694,898	16,155,046
Historical cost at 31 December 2022	6,473,086	6,112,806

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market price using the middle market price.

5. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
McKenzie Bell	134	1,159
	134	1,159

6. Creditors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Governance costs accrual	3,768	3,696
Grants payable	2,000	-
	5,768	3,696

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7. Grants conditionally payable

	2022	*2021*
	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2022	15,000	15,000
Grants approved but not paid during the year	-	10,000
Grants approved in a prior year and paid during the year	(15,000)	(10,000)
Balance at 31 December 2022	-	15,000

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Capital fund	*Income fund*	*Total*
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:			
Fixed asset investments	14,759,207	170,749	14,929,956
Debtors	-	134	134
Cash at bank and short term deposits	-	306,484	306,484
Creditors	-	(5,768)	(5,768)
Deferred grants	-	-	-
Total net assets	14,759,207	471,599	15,230,806

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year

	Capital fund	*Income fund*	*Total*
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:			
Fixed asset investments	16,039,418	190,200	16,229,618
Debtors	-	1,159	1,159
Cash at bank and short term deposits	-	332,987	332,987
Creditors	-	(3,696)	(3,696)
Deferred grants	-	(15,000)	(15,000)
Total net assets	16,039,418	505,650	16,545,068

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9. Related party transactions

During the year ended 31 December 2022, £26,460 (plus VAT) (2021: £25,500) was paid to McKenzie Bell, Solicitors, in respect of administration services provided to the Trust. PW Taylor, a Trustee was a consultant of McKenzie Bell Ltd during the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Trustees are authorised to undertake these transactions under clause 9 of the 1931 Settlement.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Trustees were not reimbursed for out of pocket expenses incurred (2021: £Nil).

The Trust considers its key management personnel to be the Trustees.

The Trustees did not receive any emoluments during the year.

10. Reconciliation of net (expenditure)/income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022	*2021*
	£	£
Net (expenditure) / income for the reporting period	(1,314,262)	2,378,102
Adjustments for:		
Losses / (Gains) on investments	1,299,134	(2,312,247)
Dividends and interest from investments	(497,192)	(550,088)
Decrease / (Increase) in debtors	1,025	(981)
(Decrease) / Increase in creditors	(12,928)	144
Net cash used in operating activities	(524,223)	(485,070)

SIR JOHN PRIESTMAN CHARITY TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 209397

Accounts

Sir John Priestman Charity Trust

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2021

Charity number 209397

Reference and Administrative Details

Constitution

The Sir John Priestman Charity Trust is a charitable trust governed by its Trust Deed. It is a registered charity no. 209397.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were:

T R P S Norton (Chairman)
P W Taylor
T W Greenwell
J Majer
F Nicholson

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Operating area

The Trust's activities are mainly confined to the areas of the former counties of Durham and Yorkshire.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Formation of the Trust

The Trust was established by a Settlement dated 31 March 1931 made by Sir John Priestman and altered by schemes of the Charity Commission dated 19 December 1958 and 29 December 1997. By a scheme of the Charity Commission dated 9 August 1993 the Charity became an incorporated charity pursuant to the Charitable Trustees Incorporation Act 1872 (as amended by the Charities Act 1992).

2. Objects of the Trust

(1) By the scheme of the Charity Commission dated 29 December 1997 the Settlement was altered, inter alia, by the deletion therefrom of all references to the Clothing Fund. This effected the merger of the Clothing Fund and the General Fund from 1 January 1998.

(2) The objects of the Trust (as altered and paraphrased but with the sectioned numbering shown in the Settlement as used in Note 2 to these financial statements) are:

(a) The feeding of poor in the County Borough of Sunderland in times of distress.

(b) The payment of annuities to old aged and infirm poor persons residing in the County of Durham.

(c) The provision of education at any English University of young men as candidates for Holy Orders in the Church of England who are resident in the County of Durham at the time of their assistance.

(d) The establishment or maintenance of any hospital or convalescent home in the County of Durham for the benefit of the poor of the County.

(e) The employment and payment of nurses for the sick and infirm in the County of Durham.

(f) The making of donations to any charitable institution for the benefit of any persons inhabitants of the County of Durham and in particular of the County Borough of Sunderland.

(g) For the benefit of members of the Church of England:

(1) Building, maintaining and furnishing (including provision of organs) churches, mission halls and schools in the Counties of Durham and York.

(2) The relief, if in necessitous circumstances, of ministers of the Church of England who have worked or may be working in the Counties of Durham or York and the relief of widows or families of any such persons who may be in necessitous circumstances.

(3) Any special case for any purpose similar to the foregoing in any part of England and for such other charitable purposes as the Trustees may decide.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2021

3. Structure, Governance and Management

(1) The Trustees meet quarterly and make all decisions regarding investments and payment of grants.

(2) Accounting records are maintained on behalf of the Trustees by Messrs Stephenson Coates Limited, Accountants who present quarterly management accounts to the Trustees.

(3) All other administration including the processing of grant applications prior to consideration by the Trustees is carried out by McKenzie Bell Ltd, Solicitors under the supervision of Mr P W Taylor, a Trustee, who acts as a consultant to that firm.

(4) Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees pursuant to the provisions of the Settlement and the Trustee Act 1925. New Trustees are found from the contacts and personal knowledge of existing Trustees. The aim of the Trustees in making appointments is to have a range of skills qualifications and experience suited to achieving the objects of the Trust as set out in the Settlement.

(5) On appointment, Trustees are provided with a copy of the Settlement and Charity Commission Schemes, the most recent audited financial statements and investment reports and minutes of Trustees meetings. The experience of the persons appointed usually means that they have a good understanding of the responsibilities of a charity trustee, but where necessary guidance is available from the Trust's solicitors. Relevant Charity Commission publications are also available to the Trustees.

4. Risk Management

The Trustees have considered any risks to which the Trust might be exposed and are satisfied that the administrative, investment and financial procedures which are in place, minimise the risk of any loss to the Trust. The position is reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2021

5. Grant-making Policy, Aims and Objectives

(1) The objects of the Trust are furthered by the making of grants from the income of the Trust.

(2) The principal objects of the Trust, save those relating to churches, all require benefits to be provided for persons residing in Sunderland or County Durham. In the case of churches, the geographical area is extended to include the County of York. The Trust is unable to provide benefits directly and therefore aims to achieve its objects by making grants to other United Kingdom Registered charities providing benefits to persons in these areas. This is the method adopted by former trustees for many years as a means of 'tapping into' fields of Charitable expertise serving the general public in the nominated areas. It ensures a wide area of benefit and has been most successful over the years. Only in special cases are grants made outside these geographical areas or to individuals.

(3) The Trustees support a number of charities by way of regular annual grants, but otherwise the Trustees aim where possible to award grants for specific projects. In this way the Trustees aim to assist charities to achieve particular objectives such as acquiring or replacing essential equipment or extending the scope of the benefits which they provide. However grants towards general costs are considered where essential to the benefits being provided. In making grants the Trustees are particularly concerned to establish that projects are viable. Accordingly grants may be awarded subject to such conditions as to funding or otherwise as the Trustees consider appropriate and payment is deferred until the conditions are satisfied. If these cannot be fulfilled the grant is cancelled.

(4) The grants awarded to churches are for building, restoring, altering, enlarging, maintaining and furnishing (including provision of organs) for the benefit of members of the Church of England. The Trustees recognise the challenges faced by parishes, often in deprived areas, in maintaining historic church buildings which often fulfil a vital role in the wider community. Where necessary, the Trustees seek information from the diocese in relation to such applications.

(5) The Trustees policy is generally to award modest grants to a relatively large number of bodies rather than a few large grants. The charities supported cover a wide range of activities. In this way the Trustees aim to provide for a wide variety of needs of persons resident in the geographical area of the Trust.

(6) There is no fixed apportionment of grants between the various Trust objects; each application is dealt with on its merits. If a grant is for a specific project, the recipient is asked to confirm when the project is completed.

6. Review of Activities and Performance

The grants made during the year are listed by object category in Note 2 to the financial statements. Grants paid to churches pursuant to object 2(g)(1) totalled £94,120 and assisted 16 churches to maintain or improve their buildings or organs. In total the Trust supported 89 charities with grants totalling £302,219. The support of the Trust assisted many charities whose fundraising had been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Grants totalling £6,000 awarded to three charities in prior years were cancelled in the year. Annual reports and accounts are obtained from charities supported annually to ensure such grants remain appropriate. The position is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis. The remainder of the grants listed were awarded at Trustees' quarterly meetings during the year in response to numerous applications received by the Trust.

Trustees' report

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7. Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissioner's General Guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives. They consider that the broad range of Charities and number of Churches assisted demonstrates a wide public benefit throughout the Trust's geographical area and that the Trust satisfies the Commission's requirements on public benefit. Reports received from Churches on the completion of their grant-aided projects indicate that the Trust's achievements in relation to this objective continue to be of significant benefit to the communities served by these churches.

8. Financial review

(1) The value of the Trust's investments has increased by £2,311,709 over the previous year and total funds have increased by £2,378,246. The increase in the value of investments is due purely to market factors and could fluctuate both upwards and downwards in the coming year.

(2) The investment income of the Trust increased during the year by £158,992. Grants paid or payable decreased by £816 compared with the previous year. The overall income fund reserves of the Trust have increased by £75,391 at 31 December 2021 principally due to the receipt of the special dividend referred to in the Investment policy and performance note below.

Investment policy and performance

The Trust is an endowed charity with permanent endowment only and is dependent solely on income from its investments to fulfil its objects. The Trustees investment objective is therefore to maintain and enhance the value of the fixed assets over the long term in order to maintain and if possible increase the income available for the purposes of the Trust. This policy had, over a number of years, led to an increase in the Trust's investment income. However as reported in the 2020 Report in 2020 there was a decrease in income of £165,122 due to the economic effects of the Covid 19 pandemic. As referred to in paragraph 8(2) of this Report income during 2021 showed a significant recovery, increasing by £158,992. This increase included a special one-off dividend of £78,455, but also reflected a steady recovery in the general level of dividend income, which the Trustees anticipate will continue in 2022. Investments and projected income are reviewed quarterly and performance compared with appropriate indices. Taking into account the overall economic and financial position investment performance in relation to both capital and income has been satisfactory. The Trustees consider that the standard basis of investment with capital gains accruing to the permanent endowment continues to best serve the Trust. Capital growth had protected and would continue to protect the income to enable the Trust to fulfil its objects in the future.

Reserves policy

Reserves represent the balance of unrestricted income funds which as at 31 December 2021 was £505,650. It is the policy of the Trustees to retain sufficient income in reserve, subject to fluctuation in the value of the Accumulated Income Investments to ensure that in the event of a significant reduction in income the Trustees could at least maintain the regular grants to those charities which have come to rely on them, the Trust having no expendable endowment. In reviewing the level of reserves the Trustees consider that reserves of approximately 9-12 months expenditure are appropriate. In view of the income reduction referred to above the Trustees will continue to review the level of reserves on a quarterly basis to ensure that adequate reserves are maintained.

Future Plans

The Trustees plan to continue the policy of maintaining and enhancing the value of the capital in the medium to long term in order to protect the future income available to fulfil the objects of the Trust. The balance between current and future income will however continue to be monitored closely to enable the Trust to maintain or increase its current support to churches and charities.

Investment Management

The heading of Investment Management Costs in the Statement of Financial Activities reflects Brewin Dolphin's charges on a management fee basis.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2021

9. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Board of Trustees is aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- The Board of Trustees has taken all the steps that it ought to have taken to make itself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

On behalf of the trustees,

T R P S Norton – Trustee

T W Greenwell – Trustee

25th July 2022

Independent auditors' report

to the Trustees of Sir John Priestman Charity Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Sir John Priestman Charity Trust, for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2021 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 Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. 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.

Independent auditors' report

to the Trustees of Sir John Priestman Charity Trust (continued)

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 Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; 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 Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine 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 Trustees are 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 Trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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:

Based on our understanding of the Charity, discussions with Trustees who are those charged with governance, we considered that the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK taxation legislation.

As part of the engagement team discussion about the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud, which may have a material effect on the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

Independent auditors' report

to the Trustees of Sir John Priestman Charity Trust (continued)

- enquiry of the Trustees and review of any relevant correspondence with legal advisers regarding any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- communicating identified laws and regulations and the risks of fraud with our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance or fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- review of the minutes of the board of Trustees;
- review of accounting estimates for Trustee override and bias;
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual transactions;
- Identifying and testing journal entries.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with those charged with governance.

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 the audit report

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees 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 Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an independent auditors' 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 Charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joseph Miller
Statutory Auditor
Floor A
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Dean Street
Newcastle upon Tyne
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Date: 3 August 2022

Joseph Miller is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor under Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	*Income Fund* £	*Capital Account* £	*2021* £	*2020* £
INCOME FROM:					
Investments					
Income from UK investments		457,041	-	457,041	292,045
Income from foreign investments		93,034	-	93,034	98,668
HSBC bank interest		13	-	13	383
Total income		550,088	-	550,088	391,096
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds -					
Investment management costs		44,738	-	44,738	40,308
Charitable activities -					
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objectives	2	390,339	-	390,339	391,155
Support costs of charitable activities	3	49,156	-	49,156	47,235
Total expenditure		484,233	-	484,233	478,698
Net income / (expenditure)		65,855	-	65,855	(87,602)
Net gains / (losses) on investments-					
Realised gains / (losses) on sale of fixed asset investments		308	26,133	26,441	(103,022)
Unrealised gains / (losses) on fixed asset investments	4	13,585	2,272,221	2,285,806	(544,792)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds in year		79,748	2,298,354	2,378,102	(735,416)
Total funds brought forward		425,902	13,741,064	14,166,966	14,902,382
Total funds carried forward		505,650	16,039,418	16,545,068	14,166,966

All activities are continuing.

Balance sheet

at 31 December 2021

		Notes	*2021* £	*2020* £
Fixed assets				
Investments		4	16,229,618	13,917,909
Current assets				
Debtors		5	1,159	178
Short term deposits			6,060	6,585
Cash at bank			326,927	260,846
			334,146	267,609
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		6	(3,696)	(3,552)
Net current assets			330,450	264,057
Grants conditionally payable		7	(15,000)	(15,000)
Net assets			16,545,068	14,166,966
Funds				
Capital funds		8	16,039,418	13,741,064
Income funds	Unrestricted	8	505,650	425,902
Total funds			16,545,068	14,166,966

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25th July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

T. Norton
..... T R P S Norton – Trustee

T.W. Greenwell
..... T W Greenwell – Trustee

Statement of cash flows

at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	10	(485,070)	(489,192)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest from investments		550,088	391,096
Proceeds from sale of investments		337,693	630,701
Purchase of investments		(338,130)	(673,394)
Net cash provided by operating activities		549,651	348,403
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		64,581	(140,789)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		342,978	483,767
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		407,559	342,978
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at bank		326,927	260,846
Short term deposits		6,060	6,585
Long term deposits		74,572	75,547
Total cash and cash equivalents		407,559	342,978

Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2021

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost unless otherwise stated. The financial statements 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 (effective 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Presentation currency

The financial statements are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust.

Funds structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

The Trust has a permanent endowment.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their cost and subsequently measured at fair value as at the balance sheet date generally using the middle market price. Proceeds from sale of rights issues are credited against the cost of investment. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the unrealised gains and losses arising on revaluation of investments held at the year end and the realised gains and losses on disposals throughout the year.

Cash at bank

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value (other than investments as noted above).

Income

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

Investment income is accounted for when receivable. Income from bank deposits is accounted for on a received basis.

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants payable are:

- Agreed grants paid during the year
- Agreed grants which have not been paid but which are payable on the satisfaction of a condition on the part of the grantee which has not yet been satisfied.

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2. Grants

Section 2(e) Employment and payment of nurses

Marie Curie Cancer Care	4,000
Willow Burn Hospice	3,000
	7,000

Section 2(f) Charitable Organisations

Age UK Sunderland	4,000
Alice House Hospice	5,800
Asthma Relief	3,000
Barnardos North East	2,000
Blind Veterans UK	3,000
Cancer Support UK	4,000
Caudwell Children	2,000
Chronicle Sunshine Fund	2,500
Church Army	1,500
Church Lad's and Church Girl's Brigade	3,900
CICRA	1,000
City of Sunderland YMCA	2,200
Clergy Support Trust	1,500
Cleveland Youth Association	3,000
Community Foundation for the High Sheriff's Fund Tyne & Wear	3,000
Deaf blind UK	4,000
Dream Holidays	4,000
Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs	7,500
Durham High School	4,700
Durham School	3,500
Durham School Bursaries	4,000
Durham Scout County Council	2,700
Durham Wildlife Trust	1,500
Friends of Barbara Priestman Academy	1,000
George Hudson's Charity	8,500
Handicapped Children's Action Group	1,119
Happy Days	4,000
Heal & Toe Children's Charity	5,000
Humbledon Outdoor Activities Association	1,000
Independence at Home	5,000
Independent Age	2,500

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2. Grants (*continued*)

Jane Gibson Almshouses	3,000
Kids Cancer Charity	5,000
Lambton Street Youth Centre	3,300
Listening Books	3,000
Message Trust	1,000
Motor Neurone Disease Association	4,000
MS Society	2,000
National Police Community Trust	3,000
North East Autism Society	5,000
North East Disabilities Resource Centre	2,200
North of England District Boys Brigade	2,000
Northern Counties Children's Benevolent Society	2,350
Northumbria Deaf Mission	3,000
NSPCC Bishop Auckland	3,300
NSPCC Sunderland Branch	3,300
Oasis Community Housing	2,500
Ocean Youth Trust North	5,000
Outward Bound Trust	2,000
Parkinsons UK	3,000
PDSA Sunderland	3,300
Prisoners Advice Service	2,000
React	2,000
Re-engage	4,000
Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal	3,300
Royal National Institute of Blind People	2,000
Royal National Lifeboat Institution – Sunderland	2,500
Salvation Army - Sunderland	2,700
Samaritans of Sunderland	2,200
SSAFA Tyne and Wear	3,300
St Benedict's Hospice	6,000
St John's Ambulance	2,200
St Teresa's Hospice	2,400
Stanhope Silver Band	5,000
Sunderland and County Durham Royal Society for the Blind	6,400
Sunderland Guild of Help	3,000
Sunderland North Division Girl Guides Association	2,700
Sunderland Scout Council	2,700
Sunderland South Division Girl Guides Association	2,700

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2. Grants (*continued*)

Teenage Cancer Trust	5,000
The British Polio Fellowship Sunderland	2,000
The Camphill Village Trust, Botton	3,300
The Chorister School	4,000
The Guide Association Durham	2,500
The Key	5,000
The Prince's Trust	5,000
The Sick Children's Trust	5,000
The Sunderland Orphanage and Educational Foundation	8,500
The Wildlife & Wetlands Trust	1,850
Walking with the Wounded	3,000
Washington Riding Centre	1,500
Whizz-Kidz	5,000
Willow	1,000
Young Women's Trust	5,000
	278,419
Grants approved cancelled in the year	
The Chorister School	- 2,000
Durham School Bursaries	- 2,000
	274,419

Section 2(g) (1) Maintenance of Churches and Church Buildings

Calverley Parish Church	3,000
Churches Conservation Trust	7,500
Dunnington PCC	5,000
Friends of Durham Cathedral	4,000
Hurworth PCC	6,000
Hutton Magma PCC	1,500
Middleton Tyas Parish Church Committee	10,000
Settrington PCC	8,000
St Cuthbert's Church Peterlee	5,000
St Hilda's Church	4,120
St Leonard's Parish Church Loftus-in-Cleveland	10,000
St Margaret's Church	5,000

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2. Grants (*continued*)

St Mary Magdalene Yarm PCC	8,000
St Mary's Church Wycliffe	5,000
Stranton Parochial Church Council	8,000
The PCC of Crook	4,000
	94,120

Section 2(g) (2) Relief and Maintenance of Clergy/Church Officials and their families

Bishop of Durham's Discretionary Account	3,400
Church of England Pensions Board	3,000
Durham Diocesan Board of Finance	10,400
	16,800

Grants approved cancelled in the year

Durham Diocesan Board of Finance	- 2,000
	14,800
Total of all grants paid or conditionally payable in the year	**390,339**

3. Support costs of charitable activities

	2021	*2020*
	£	£
Legal and professional fees	45,181	43,420
Audit fees (for audit services)	3,798	3,648
Cost of Trustees' meetings	-	15
Bank charges	177	152
	49,156	47,235

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4. Investments

	2021	*2020*
	£	£
Quoted investments	16,155,046	13,842,362
Cash equivalents on deposit	74,572	75,547
	16,229,618	13,917,909

Quoted investments

	2021	*2020*
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2021	13,842,362	14,447,482
Less Disposals based on market value at 1 January 2021	(311,251)	(945,519)
Add Acquisitions at cost	338,130	885,191
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation at 31 December 2021	2,285,806	(544,792)
Market value at 31 December 2021	16,155,046	13,842,362
Historical cost at 31 December 2021	6,112,806	6,302,782

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market price using the middle market price.

5. Debtors

	2021	*2020*
	£	£
McKenzie Bell	1,159	178
	1,159	178

6. Creditors

	2021	*2020*
	£	£
Governance costs accrual	3,696	3,552
	3,696	3,552

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7. Grants conditionally payable

	2021	*2020*
	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2021	15,000	15,000
Grants approved but not paid during the year	10,000	-
Grants approved in a prior year and paid during the year	(10,000)	-
Balance at 31 December 2021	15,000	15,000

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Capital fund	*Income fund*	*Total*
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:			
Fixed asset investments	16,039,418	190,200	16,229,618
Debtors	-	1,159	1,159
Cash at bank and short term deposits	-	332,987	332,987
Creditors	-	(3,696)	(3,696)
Deferred grants	-	(15,000)	(15,000)
Total net assets	16,039,418	505,650	16,545,068

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year

	Capital fund	*Income fund*	*Total*
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:			
Fixed asset investments	13,741,064	176,845	13,917,909
Debtors	-	178	178
Cash at bank and short term deposits	-	267,431	267,431
Creditors	-	(3,552)	(3,552)
Deferred grants	-	(15,000)	(15,000)
Total net assets	13,741,064	425,902	14,166,966

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9. Related party transactions

During the year ended 31 December 2021, £25,500 (plus VAT) (2020: £25,500) was paid to McKenzie Bell, Solicitors, in respect of administration services provided to the Trust. PW Taylor, a Trustee was a consultant of McKenzie Bell Ltd during the year ended 31 December 2021.

The Trustees are authorised to undertake these transactions under clause 9 of the 1931 Settlement.

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the Trustees were not reimbursed for out of pocket expenses incurred (2020: £15).

The Trust considers its key management personnel to be the Trustees.

The Trustees did not receive any emoluments during the year.

10. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021	*2020*
	£	£
Net income / (expenditure) for the reporting period	2,378,102	(735,416)
Adjustments for:		
(Gains) / losses on investments	(2,312,247)	647,814
Dividends and interest from investments	(550,088)	(391,096)
(Increase) /Decrease in debtors	(981)	265
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors	144	(10,759)
Net cash used in operating activities	(485,070)	(489,192)

SIR JOHN PRIESTMAN CHARITY TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 209397

Accounts

Sir John Priestman Charity Trust

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2020

Charity number 209397

Constitution

The Sir John Priestman Charity Trust is a charitable trust governed by its Trust Deed. It is a registered charity no. 209397.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were:

T R P S Norton (Chairman)
P W Taylor
T W Greenwell
J Majer
F Nicholson

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Operating area

The Trust's activities are mainly confined to the areas of the former counties of Durham and Yorkshire.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Formation of the Trust

The Trust was established by a Settlement dated 31 March 1931 made by Sir John Priestman and altered by schemes of the Charity Commission dated 19 December 1958 and 29 December 1997. By a scheme of the Charity Commission dated 9 August 1993 the Charity became an incorporated charity pursuant to the Charitable Trustees Incorporation Act 1872 (as amended by the Charities Act 1992).

2. Objects of the Trust

(1) By the scheme of the Charity Commission dated 29 December 1997 the Settlement was altered, inter alia, by the deletion therefrom of all references to the Clothing Fund. This effected the merger of the Clothing Fund and the General Fund from 1 January 1998.

(2) The objects of the Trust (as altered and paraphrased but with the sectioned numbering shown in the Settlement as used in Note 2 to these financial statements) are:

(a) The feeding of poor in the County Borough of Sunderland in times of distress.

(b) The payment of annuities to old aged and infirm poor persons residing in the County of Durham.

(c) The provision of education at any English University of young men as candidates for Holy Orders in the Church of England who are resident in the County of Durham at the time of their assistance.

(d) The establishment or maintenance of any hospital or convalescent home in the County of Durham for the benefit of the poor of the County.

(e) The employment and payment of nurses for the sick and infirm in the County of Durham.

(f) The making of donations to any charitable institution for the benefit of any persons inhabitants of the County of Durham and in particular of the County Borough of Sunderland.

(g) For the benefit of members of the Church of England:

(1) Building, maintaining and furnishing (including provision of organs) churches, mission halls and schools in the Counties of Durham and York.

(2) The relief, if in necessitous circumstances, of ministers of the Church of England who have worked or may be working in the Counties of Durham or York and the relief of widows or families of any such persons who may be in necessitous circumstances.

(3) Any special case for any purpose similar to the foregoing in any part of England and for such other charitable purposes as the Trustees may decide.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2020

3. Structure, Governance and Management

(1) The Trustees meet quarterly and make all decisions regarding investments and payment of grants.

(2) Accounting records are maintained on behalf of the Trustees by Messrs Stephenson Coates Limited, Accountants who present quarterly management accounts to the Trustees.

(3) All other administration including the processing of grant applications prior to consideration by the Trustees is carried out by McKenzie Bell Ltd, Solicitors under the supervision of Mr P W Taylor, a Trustee, who acts as a consultant to that firm.

(4) Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees pursuant to the provisions of the Settlement and the Trustee Act 1925. New Trustees are found from the contacts and personal knowledge of existing Trustees. The aim of the Trustees in making appointments is to have a range of skills qualifications and experience suited to achieving the objects of the Trust as set out in the Settlement.

(5) On appointment, Trustees are provided with a copy of the Settlement and Charity Commission Schemes, the most recent audited financial statements and investment reports and minutes of Trustees meetings. The experience of the persons appointed usually means that they have a good understanding of the responsibilities of a charity trustee, but where necessary guidance is available from the Trust's solicitors. Relevant Charity Commission publications are also available to the Trustees.

4. Risk Management

The Trustees have considered any risks to which the Trust might be exposed and are satisfied that the administrative, investment and financial procedures which are in place, minimise the risk of any loss to the Trust. The position is reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2020

5. Grant-making Policy, Aims and Objectives

(1) The objects of the Trust are furthered by the making of grants from the income of the Trust.

(2) The principal objects of the Trust, save those relating to churches, all require benefits to be provided for persons residing in Sunderland or County Durham. In the case of churches, the geographical area is extended to include the County of York. The Trust is unable to provide benefits directly and therefore aims to achieve its objects by making grants to other United Kingdom Registered charities providing benefits to persons in these areas. This is the method adopted by former trustees for many years as a means of 'tapping into' fields of Charitable expertise serving the general public in the nominated areas. It ensures a wide area of benefit and has been most successful over the years. Only in special cases are grants made outside these geographical areas or to individuals.

(3) The Trustees support a number of charities by way of regular annual grants, but otherwise the Trustees aim where possible to award grants for specific projects. In this way the Trustees aim to assist charities to achieve particular objectives such as acquiring or replacing essential equipment or extending the scope of the benefits which they provide. However grants towards general costs are considered where essential to the benefits being provided. In making grants the Trustees are particularly concerned to establish that projects are viable. Accordingly grants may be awarded subject to such conditions as to funding or otherwise as the Trustees consider appropriate and payment is deferred until the conditions are satisfied. If these cannot be fulfilled the grant is cancelled.

(4) The grants awarded to churches are for building, restoring, altering, enlarging, maintaining and furnishing (including provision of organs) for the benefit of members of the Church of England. The Trustees recognise the challenges faced by parishes, often in deprived areas, in maintaining historic church buildings which often fulfil a vital role in the wider community. Where necessary, the Trustees seek information from the diocese in relation to such applications.

(5) The Trustees policy is generally to award modest grants to a relatively large number of bodies rather than a few large grants. The charities supported cover a wide range of activities. In this way the Trustees aim to provide for a wide variety of needs of persons resident in the geographical area of the Trust.

(6) There is no fixed apportionment of grants between the various Trust objects; each application is dealt with on its merits. If a grant is for a specific project, the recipient is asked to confirm when the project is completed.

6. Review of Activities and Performance

The grants made during the year are listed by object category in Note 2 to the financial statements. Grants paid to churches pursuant to object 2(g)(1) totalled £93,000 and assisted 16 churches to maintain or improve their buildings or organs. Grants totalling £2,000 during the year were paid to Outward Bound Trust for the funding of courses for young people from Sunderland and County Durham; the figure was substantially less than in previous years as a result of the cancellation of courses due to the Covid 19 pandemic. In total the Trust supported 80 charities with grants totalling £267,555. Grants totalling £3,300 awarded to one charity in prior years were cancelled in the year. Annual reports and accounts are obtained from charities supported annually to ensure such grants remain appropriate. The position is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis. The remainder of the grants listed were awarded at Trustees' quarterly meetings during the year in response to numerous applications received by the Trust.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2020

7. Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissioner's General Guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives. They consider that the broad range of Charities and number of Churches assisted demonstrates a wide public benefit throughout the Trust's geographical area and that the Trust satisfies the Commission's requirements on public benefit. Reports received from Churches on the completion of their grant-aided projects indicate that the Trust's achievements in relation to this objective continue to be of significant benefit to the communities served by these churches.

8. Financial review

(1) The value of the Trust's investments has decreased by £678,318 over the previous year and total funds have decreased by £735,416. The decrease in the value of investments is due purely to market factors and could fluctuate both upwards and downwards in the coming year.

(2) The investment income of the Trust decreased during the year by £165,122. Grants paid or payable decreased by £39,686 compared with the previous year. The overall income fund reserves of the Trust have decreased by £99,296 at 31 December 2020.

Investment policy and performance

The Trust is an endowed charity with permanent endowment only and is dependent solely on income from its investments to fulfil its objects. The Trustees investment objective is therefore to maintain and enhance the value of the fixed assets over the long term in order to maintain and if possible increase the income available for the purposes of the Trust and this policy has, over a number of years, led to an increase in the Trust's investment income. The decrease of 29.69% in 2020 as referred to in paragraph 8(2) of this Report was due to the reduction or cessation of dividends being paid by many companies during the year as a result of the economic effects of the Covid 19 pandemic. The Trustees anticipate that income in 2021 will remain below the 2019 level but income reserves are sufficient to prevent a significant impact on the operation of the Trust. Investments and projected income are reviewed quarterly and performance compared with appropriate indices. Taking into account the overall economic and financial position investment performance in relation to both capital and income has been satisfactory. The Trustees consider that the standard basis of investment with capital gains accruing to the permanent endowment continues to best serve the Trust. Capital growth had protected and would continue to protect the income to enable the Trust to fulfil its objects in the future.

Reserves policy

Reserves represent the balance of unrestricted income funds which as at 31 December 2020 was £425,902. It is the policy of the Trustees to retain sufficient income in reserve, subject to fluctuation in the value of the Accumulated Income Investments to ensure that in the event of a significant reduction in income the Trustees could at least maintain the regular grants to those charities which have come to rely on them, the Trust having no expendable endowment. In reviewing the level of reserves the Trustees consider that reserves of approximately 9-12 months expenditure are appropriate. In view of the income reduction referred to above the Trustees will continue to review the level of reserves on a quarterly basis to ensure that adequate reserves are maintained.

Future Plans

The Trustees plan to continue the policy of maintaining and enhancing the value of the capital in the medium to long term in order to protect the future income available to fulfil the objects of the Trust. The balance between current and future income will however continue to be monitored closely to enable the Trust to maintain or increase its current support to churches and charities.

Investment Management

The heading of Investment Management Costs in the Statement of Financial Activities reflects Brewin Dolphin's charges on a management fee basis.

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 December 2020

9. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

T R P S Norton – Trustee

J Majer – Trustee

26 July 2021

Independent auditors' report

to the Trustees of Sir John Priestman Charity Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Sir John Priestman Charity Trust, for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 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 Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. 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.

Independent auditors' report

to the Trustees of Sir John Priestman Charity Trust (continued)

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 Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; 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 Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine 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 Trustees are 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 Trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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:

Based on our understanding of the Charity, discussions with Trustees who are those charged with governance, we considered that the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK taxation legislation.

As part of the engagement team discussion about the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud, which may have a material effect on the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- enquiry of the Trustees and review of any relevant correspondence with legal advisers regarding any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;

- communicating identified laws and regulations and the risks of fraud with our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance or fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- review of the minutes of the board of Trustees;
- review of accounting estimates for Trustee override and bias;
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual transactions;
- identifying and testing journal entries.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with those charged with governance.

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 the audit report

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees 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 Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an independent auditors' 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 Charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joseph Miller
Statutory Auditor
Floor A
Milburn House
Dean Street
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 1LE

Date: 29 July 2021

Joseph Miller is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor under Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	*Income Fund* £	*Capital Account* £	*2020* £	*2019* £
INCOME FROM:					
Investments					
Income from UK investments		292,045	-	292,045	458,826
Income from foreign investments		98,668	-	98,668	96,717
HSBC bank interest		383	-	383	675
Total income		391,096	-	391,096	556,218
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds -					
Investment management costs		40,308	-	40,308	41,686
Charitable activities -					
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objectives	2	391,155	-	391,155	430,841
Support costs of charitable activities	3	47,235	-	47,235	47,224
Total expenditure		478,698	-	478,698	519,751
Net (expenditure) / income		(87,602)	-	(87,602)	36,467
Net (losses) / gains on investments-					
Realised (losses) / gains on sale of fixed asset investments		(7,890)	(95,132)	(103,022)	39,799
Unrealised (losses) / gains on fixed asset investments	4	3,078	(547,870)	(544,792)	2,313,924
Transfer between funds		(6,882)	6,882	-	-
Net movement in funds in year		(99,296)	(636,120)	(735,416)	2,390,190
Total funds brought forward		525,198	14,377,184	14,902,382	12,512,192
Total funds carried forward		425,902	13,741,064	14,166,966	14,902,382

All activities are continuing.

Balance sheet

at 31 December 2020

		Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets				
Investments		4	13,917,909	14,596,227
Current assets				
Debtors		5	178	443
Short term deposits			6,585	18,769
Cash at bank			260,846	316,253
			267,609	335,465
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		6	(3,552)	(14,310)
Net current assets			264,057	321,155
Grants conditionally payable		7	(15,000)	(15,000)
Net assets			14,166,966	14,902,382
Funds				
Capital funds		8	13,741,064	14,377,184
Income funds	Unrestricted	8	425,902	525,198
Total funds			14,166,966	14,902,382

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

T. Norton
..... T R P S Norton – Trustee

..... J Majer – Trustee

Statement of cash flows

at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cashflows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	10	(489,192)	(519,572)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest from investments		391,096	556,218
Proceeds from sale of investments		630,701	479,958
Purchase of investments		(673,394)	(319,699)
Net cash provided by operating activities		348,403	716,477
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(140,789)	196,905
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		483,767	286,862
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		342,978	483,767
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at bank		260,846	316,253
Short term deposits		6,585	18,769
Long term deposits		75,547	148,745
Total cash and cash equivalents		342,978	483,767

Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2020

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost unless otherwise stated. The financial statements 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 (effective 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Presentation currency

The financial statements are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust.

Funds structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

The Trust has a permanent endowment.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their cost and subsequently measured at fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. Proceeds from sale of rights issues are credited against the cost of investment. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the unrealised gains and losses arising on revaluation of investments held at the year end and the realised gains and losses on disposals throughout the year.

Cash at bank

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provision are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Income

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

Investment income is accounted for when receivable. Income from bank deposits is accounted for on a received basis.

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants payable are:

- Agreed grants paid during the year
- Agreed grants which have not been paid but which are payable on the satisfaction of a condition on the part of the grantee which has not yet been satisfied.

Notes to the financial statements

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2. Grants

Section 2(e) Employment and payment of nurses

	£
Willow Burn Hospice	14,000
Marie Curie Cancer Care	5,000
	19,000

Section 2(f) Charitable Organisations

Age UK Sunderland	4,000
Alice House Hospice	5,700
Barnardos North East	2,000
Blind Veterans UK	5,000
Blue Watch Youth Centre	1,500
Carers UK	3,000
Caudwell Children	2,000
Centre for Health & Pastoral Care	3,000
Church Army	1,500
City of Sunderland YMCA	2,200
Cleveland Youth Association	3,000
Clowns In The Sky	800
Community Foundation for the High Sheriff's Fund Tyne and Wear	3,000
Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy	1,500
Deafblind UK	4,000
Dream Holidays	4,500
Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs	7,500
Durham Choristers School	2,000
Durham High School	4,700
Durham School	3,500
Durham School Bursaries	2,000
Durham Scout County	2,700
Durham Wildlife Trust	1,500
Family Holiday Association	2,000
Finchale Group	1,000
Framwellgate Moor Youth & Community Association	5,355
Friends of Barbara Priestman Academy	1,000
George Hudson's Charity	8,500
Happy Days	4,000
Heartbeat	3,000
Innervation Trust	1,000
Kepier Trust	5,000
Lambton Street Youth Centre	3,300
Leonard Cheshire	2,000
Listening Books	3,000
Living Paintings	1,500
Motor Neurone Disease Association	4,000
National Police Community Trust	2,400
Newlife the Charity for Disabled Children	5,000
North East Disabilities Resource Centre	2,000
North of England District Boys Brigade	2,000
Carried forward	126,655

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2. Grants (continued)

Section 2(f) Charitable Organisations

	£
Brought forward	126,655
Northern Counties Children's Benevolent Foundation	2,350
Northumbria Deaf Mission	3,000
NSPCC Bishop Auckland	3,300
NSPCC Sunderland Branch	3,300
Outward Bound Trust	2,000
Parkinson's UK	3,000
PDSA Sunderland	3,300
Place2Be	5,000
Queen Street Heritage Trust	10,000
Refuge	2,000
ROCSOLID	7,000
Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal	3,300
Royal National Lifeboat Institution - Sunderland	2,500
Sailors Children's Society	2,000
Salvation Army, Sunderland	2,700
Samaritans of Sunderland	2,200
SSAFA Tyne & Wear	3,000
St John Ambulance	2,200
Stella Maris	2,000
Sunderland & Durham Royal Society of the Blind	5,000
Sunderland Guild of Help	3,000
Sunderland Maritime Heritage	5,000
Sunderland North Division Girl Guide Association	2,700
Sunderland Scout Council	2,700
Sunderland South Division Girl Guide Association	2,700
The British Polio Fellowship Sunderland	2,000
The Camphill Village Trust, Botton	3,300
The Children's Foundation	4,000
The Guide Association Durham	2,500
The Sick Children's Trust	5,000
The Sunderland Orphanage and Educational Foundation	8,500
The Wildlife & Wetlands Trust	1,850
TURN2US	2,000
Vision Learning Trust	5,000
Washington Riding Centre	1,500
Wear Valley Women's Aid	5,000
Weardale Museum	8,000
World Cancer Research Fund	2,000
Zoe's Place Baby Hospice	5,000
	267,555
Grants approved cancelled in the year	
Sunderland Victims Support Scheme	(3,300)
	264,255

Notes to the financial statements

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2. Grants (continued)

Section 2(g) (1) Maintenance of Churches and Church Buildings

	£
All Saints Preston PCC	3,000
Burythorpe Village Church Council	7,000
Churches Conservation Trust	10,000
Friends of Durham Cathedral	4,000
Greatham PCC	6,000
Holy Trinity Micklegate PCC	5,000
Holy Trinity Wensley Friends	8,000
Middleton Tyas Parish Church Committee	6,000
PCC of Kirbymisperton	7,000
St Catherine's Church New Brancepeth	5,000
St Helen's PCC	5,000
St Lawrence PCC	5,000
St Mary's Church Development Appeal	8,000
St Marys Church, Wycliffe	5,000
St Peter's Bentley PCC	2,000
St Peter's Church Brafferton PCC	7,000
	93,000

Section 2(g) (2) Relief and Maintenance of Clergy/Church Officials and their families

	£
Bishop of Durham's Discretionary Board	3,100
Church of England Pensions Board	3,000
Clergy Support Trust	2,000
Durham Diocesan Board of Finance	6,800
	14,900

Total of all grants paid or conditionally payable in the year	391,155

3. Support costs of charitable activities

	2020	*2019*
	£	£
Legal and professional fees	43,420	43,215
Audit fees (for audit services)	3,648	3,552
Cost of Trustees' meetings	15	129
Bank charges	152	328
	47,235	47,224

Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2020

4. Investments

	2020	*2019*
	£	£
Quoted investments	13,842,362	14,447,482
Cash equivalents on deposit	75,547	148,745
	13,917,909	14,596,227

Quoted investments

	2020	*2019*
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2020	14,447,482	12,254,018
Less Disposals based on market value at 1 January 2020	(945,519)	(440,159)
Add Acquisitions at cost	885,191	319,699
Net unrealised (losses)/gains on revaluation at 31 December 2020	(544,792)	2,313,924
Market value at 31 December 2020	13,842,362	14,447,482
Historical cost at 31 December 2020	6,302,782	6,249,248

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value using the bid price.

5. Debtors

	2020	*2019*
	£	£
McKenzie Bell	178	193
Bank charges refund receivable	-	250
	178	443

6. Creditors

	2020	*2019*
	£	£
Governance costs accrual	3,552	3,455
McKenzie Bell	-	7,650
Stephenson Coates	-	3,205
	3,552	14,310

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at 31 December 2020

7. Grants conditionally payable

	2020	*2019*
	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2020	15,000	15,000
Grants approved but not paid during the year	-	5,000
Grants approved in a prior year and paid during the year	-	(5,000)
Balance at 31 December 2020	15,000	15,000

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Capital fund	*Income fund*	*Total*
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:			
Fixed asset investments	13,741,064	176,845	13,917,909
Debtors	-	178	178
Cash at bank and short term deposits	-	267,431	267,431
Creditors	-	(3,552)	(3,552)
Deferred grants	-	(15,000)	(15,000)
Total net assets	13,741,064	425,902	14,166,966

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year

	Capital fund	*Income fund*	*Total*
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2019 are represented by:			
Fixed asset investments	14,169,548	426,679	14,596,227
Debtors	-	443	443
Cash at bank and short term deposits	207,636	127,386	335,022
Creditors	-	(14,310)	(14,310)
Deferred grants	-	(15,000)	(15,000)
Total net assets	14,377,184	525,198	14,902,382

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9. Related party transactions

During the year ended 31 December 2020, £25,500 (plus VAT) (2019: £25,375) was paid to McKenzie Bell, Solicitors, in respect of administration services provided to the Trust. PW Taylor, a Trustee was a consultant of McKenzie Bell Ltd during the year ended 31 December 2020.

The Trustees are authorised to undertake these transactions under clause 9 of the 1931 Settlement.

During the year ended 31 December 2020 the Trustees were not reimbursed for out of pocket expenses incurred (2019: £Nil).

The Trust considers its key management personnel to be the Trustees.

The Trustees did not receive any emoluments during the year.

10. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2020	*2019*
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period	(735,416)	2,390,190
Adjustments for:		
Losses/(gains) on investments	647,814	(2,353,723)
Dividends and interest from investments	(391,096)	(556,218)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	265	(121)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(10,759)	300
Net cash used in operating activities	(489,192)	(519,572)