

Sir William Brampton Gurdon Cottage Trust

Registered Charity No: 210361

Trustees

Mr.Iain Langdon, The Holme, The Green, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6TA - Chairman

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Mrs.Brenda Garrett, 19 Post Mill Gardens, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 6UP

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Clerk

Mr.John Ager, 8 Post Mill Close, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 6UU

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Emergency Alarms HEARS continues to provide an excellent and much appreciated service for 56 Grundisburgh residents. We are very grateful to their very efficient and caring staff. The Trust also pays for an Alarm for one resident from another supplier.

Three villagers received SPAM telephone calls, claiming to be from HEARS, demanding payment of £39 to avoid the alarm being removed.

Three villagers received letters from our old supplier Careium asking them to complete and return Direct Debit instructions. The Clerk wrote to the Company and phoned on the 20nd January explaining the age and vulnerability of these villagers. He was assured that all accounts previously paid for by the Trust will be cancelled.

Highfields During the year a shower screen seal was fitted and a leaking WC repaired. by Sleepsafe who also carried out the Annual Service and Gas Safety Inspection..

Chapel Row Cottages All Chapel Row Cottage's electric supplies have been changed from overhead to underground.

While the electrical contractor was dealing with Number 2 fire damage repairs the opportunity was taken to replace the consumer units in 1 & 3, thus bringing all 3 cottages up to the latest electrical regulations standard.

1. Chapel Row Sleepsafe carried out the Annual Service and Gas Safety Inspection and replaced the thermostat on the Gas Boiler.

2 Chapel Row In the early hours of the 22nd March 2 Chapel Row suffered a serious electrical fire. The fire-brigade (four appliances) and UK Power Networks attended and made the property safe. The pre-inspection by the electrician indicated that a complete rewire would be required from the incoming overhead feed, new meter, new consumer unit and some cabling was also required. Fortunately, the upstairs doors were shut so the fire and smoke damage was restricted to the landing, ceiling and stairwell but there was need for some non-structural re-building repair and smoke damage repairs and re-decorating.

This work took 21 weeks to complete cost £8,925.96 and was managed by the Chairman. During this time Peggy Last lived with her sister Mrs. B. Johnson, 31 Post Mill Gardens. She continued paying rent and was re-paid 21 weeks rent on her return.

A claim was made on our Insurers and a settlement of £8,325.96 agreed.

HEARS have installed 2 linked smoke detectors in co-ordination with Suffolk Fire Service which provide 24-hour connection to HEARS control team if smoke is detected.

The garden fencing. was repaired.

3. Chapel Row The Gas Free Standing Fire in 3 Chapel Row was very old and needed replacing. At the tenants request, Sleepsafe removed the Gas Fire and an Electric Fire was installed. Sleepsafe also carried out the Annual Service and Gas Safety Inspection. .

Christmas Grants 36 Grundisburgh residents received a grant of £40 which was accompanied by a card produced by pupils of Grundisburgh Primary School. From the letters of thanks received from the recipients the gift was very much appreciated also the delightful cards produced by the children.

Other Grants An application for grants of half fees for four children to attend Grundisburgh Primary School's Summer 2024 residential trip was approved

Finance Despite the unexpected expenditure of restoring the fire damaged 2 Chapel Row the year ended with an operating surplus of £6,009. The Trust's investments increased in value by £23,932.

Trustees Mrs .Kathleen Young suffered a severe stroke in October 2023 which left her unresponsive . She is being cared for in Alice Grange Care Home, Kesgrave.



Iain Langdon
Chairman

8th March, 2024

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Receipts & Payments Account year ending 31st December, 2023

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	INCOME
£641.96	£529.63	£508.36	£481.48	£481.48	Dividends
£3,649.91	£3,861.43	£4,391.06	£2,825.81	£3,334.17	BLK Charities UK Bond Fund £481.48
				£4,088.30	BLK Charities UK Equity Fund £4,800.43
				£4,569.78	£5,281.91
				£4,623.89	Highfields Rent £6,383.00
				£6,372.00	1 Chapel Row Rent £4,810.00
				£4,810.00	2 Chapel Row Rent £4,862.00
				£4,862.00	3 Chapel Row Rent £5,486.00
				£20,048.00	£21,541.00
				£5,486.00	Insurance Claim £8,325.96
				£21,530.00	Building Society Interest £4.35
				£320.00	Christmas Grant returned
				£27.32	Emergency Alarm refund
				£69.13	Christmas Grant not banked
				£67.42	Christmas Grant returned
				£0.36	Bank refund
				£13.50	Yorkshire Building Society
				£40.00	BLK Charities UK Equity Fund
				£40.00	Donation
				£40.00	Highfields Council Tax refund
				£40.00	Unpresented chequw
				£13,700.00	Total Income £35,153.22
				£30,000.00	EXPENDITURE
				£15,000.00	Bank charges
				£50.00	Chapel Row Sign
				£2,826.11	1 Chapel Row £1,562.40
				£723.35	2 Chapel Row £9,125.96
				£27,399.99	3 Chapel Row £1,536.88
				£42,547.75	£12,225.24
					Highfields £482.78
					Insurance £619.81
					Clerks Salary £2,600.00
					Emergency Alarms £10,496.50
					Christmas Grants £1,440.00
					Donation returned
					Other Grants £1,280.00
					Yorkshire Building Society
					Total Expenditure £29,144.33
					GENERAL FUND
					Balance at 1st January 2023 £15,599.73
					Add Total Income £35,153.22
					£50,752.95
					Deduct Total Expenditure £29,144.33
					Balance at 31st December 2022 £21,608.62

2018	2019		2020		2021		2022		CURRENT ASSETS		
£9,473.58	£3,964.82		£7,705.61		£13,137.70		£15,336.23		Cash & Bank Accounts		
£13,825.32	£13,894.45	£17,859.27	£261.87	£7,967.48	£262.23	£13,399.93	£263.50	£15,599.73	Current	£21,340.77	
£23,298.90									Building Society	£267.85	£21,608.62
£23,298.90		£17,859.27		£7,967.48		£13,399.93		£15,599.73	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
									Accumulation Fund		£21,608.62
£23,298.90		£17,859.27		£7,967.48		£13,399.93		£15,599.73			£21,608.62
£14,926.04	£15,295.18		£15,808.76		£14,741.47		£11,706.56		INVESTMENTS (as at 31/12/2023)		
£188,612.58	£232,966.42		£194,118.05		£205,967.20		£207,379.19		BLK Charities UK Bond Inc	£11,904.07	
£114,377.16	£137,228.79	£385,490.39	£128,044.51	£337,971.32	£141,910.20	£362,618.87	£138,054.04	£357,139.79	BLK Charities UK Equity Acc	£224,666.18	
£317,915.78									BLK Charities UK Equity Inc	£144,502.42	£381,072.67
£985,699.00		£985,699.00		£1,044,717.00		£1,153,758.00		£1,229,616.00			
£1,326,913.68		£1,389,048.66		£1,390,655.80		£1,529,776.80		£1,602,355.52	Cottages		£1,165,623.00
									Total Capital Assets		£1,568,304.29

Chapel Row	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
No:1	£200,472.00	£206,887.00	£212,431.00	£215,220.00	£228,037.00	£251,838.00	£268,396.00	£254,428.00
No:2	£200,472.00	£206,887.00	£212,431.00	£215,220.00	£228,037.00	£251,838.00	£268,396.00	£254,428.00
No:3	£210,069.00	£216,791.00	£222,600.00	£225,259.00	£238,643.00	£263,551.00	£280,879.00	£266,261.00
Highfields				£330,000.00	£350,000.00	£386,531.00	£411,945.00	£390,506.00
	£611,013.00	£630,565.00	£647,462.00	£985,699.00	£1,044,717.00	£1,153,758.00	£1,229,616.00	£1,165,623.00

Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Trustees held on the 21rd November, 2023

7. Christmas Grants A list of Grundisburgh residents who received the Christmas 2022 grant was scrutinised to produce a list to receive the 2023 grant – attached.

I confirm that the foregoing accounts represent a true and accurate position of the Trust's finances.

Signed Oliver H. Heltz Date 26/2/24