



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Charity name: Stevens Park, Quarry Bank

Charity registration number: 219690

Objectives and Activities

To hold the property identified in the Deed of Gift as public pleasure grounds, and to support, improve and maintain the property for this purpose and in accordance with the conditions set out in the Deed of Gift.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

The Charity has received income in the financial year from the Council as a contribution to the costs of maintenance of grounds and property.

The Council recognises the substantial benefits provided to the local community and to the Council by the Park and notes that there is an active Friends Group and other volunteers who work tirelessly on behalf of the Park.

Expenditure during the financial year related to grounds maintenance and maintenance and improvement of the buildings, primarily Tintern House.

Financial Review

The Charity has received income from Council support of £121,748.

This has met the costs in the financial year of £121,748 which related to grounds maintenance costs, mainly provided by the Council's Greencare team. In financial year 2022/23, no other maintenance works were carried out.

The Charity does not generally hold reserves. If income received from service charges or other income relating to occupation of the premises is not sufficient to meet the costs of maintenance, the Council will make the required contribution to break even in the year.

The property is currently valued at £75,000 and was revalued in 2020.

The Charity currently has no investments.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity was established by the Deed of Gift made on 29 January 1921 between Ernest Stevens of Prescott House, Stourbridge and the Urban District Council of Quarry Bank in the County of Stafford.

The Trustee of the Charity is Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council. The Ernest Stevens Management Committee has been created with the delegated power of the Trustee.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Stevens Park, Quarry Bank
Registered charity number	219690
Charity's principal address	The Council House Priory Road Dudley West Midlands DY1 1HF

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Councillor Ian Kettle	
Full name(s)	Councillor Ian Kettle	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of the Ernest Stevens Trust Management Committee	
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Stevens Park, Quarry Bank

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2023

Charity no
(if any)

219690

Set out on pages

See attached Accounts and Trustees Annual Report

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Date:

2/10/2023

Name:

Graham Harrison

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCCA

Address:

Dudley Audit Services, Council House,

Priory Road,

Dudley. DY1 1HF

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.