

# POOR'SLAND TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 222196

## Details

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Other names	THE POOR'S LAND, Slaidburn Poors Land, THE POORSLAND CHARITY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-01-02
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE:(1) TO PROMOTE THE EDUCATION OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND ARE RESIDENT IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT.(2) THE RELIEF OF PERSONS RESIDENT IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHO ARE IN NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS BY: (A) MAKING GRANTS OF MONEY TO THEM; OR (B) PROVIDING OR PAYING FOR GOODS, SERVICES OR FACILITIES FOR THEM; OR (C) MAKING GRANTS OF MONEY TO OTHER PERSONS OR BODIES WHO PROVIDE GOODS, SERVICES OR FACILITIES TO THOSE IN NEED.

**Activities:** The trustees continued to invest in their land and buildings to ensure they are maintained in good condition. Support to people in the community whom they consider to be needy as well as supporting local organisations for community or education purposes has continued The trustees operate their work units for the twin benefits of providing local employment and producing income for the trust.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SLAIDBURN AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA.
- Lancashire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£38,115	£27,264	-	-
2023-12-31	£30,954	£32,497	-	-
2022-12-31	£26,489	£17,494	-	-
2021-12-31	£26,193	£17,494	-	-
2020-12-31	£19,840	£20,103	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
HECTOR HARVEY ROBINSON	Chair	
ANDREW RALPH RIGBY		
Gillian Elizabeth Musson		2013-11-27
Helen Joyce Bury		2019-06-17
JOHN ERNEST HARRISON		
James Allan Carr		2022-05-16
Janet Mary Haigh		2022-05-16
NEIL MALCOM BREAKS		
Robert John Spencer		2022-05-16
THOMAS WILLIAM WELLS		

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024  
for  
Poor'sland Trust**

Bennett Kirkhope Smith  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Suites 5 & 6 The Printworks  
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**Poor'sland Trust**

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The objects and aims of the charity are:

(1) to promote the education of persons who are in need of financial assistance and resident in the area of benefit.

(2) the relief of persons resident in the area of benefit who are in need, hardship or distress by:

- (a) making grants of money to them; or
- (b) providing or paying for goods, services or facilities for them; or
- (c) making grants of money to other persons or bodies who provide goods, services or facilities to those in need.

Each year the trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect the charities aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Our objectives and aims remain to provide advancement of education and relief of poverty for all persons resident in the area of Slaidburn.

### **Public benefit**

In setting our objectives and reviewing our grant making decisions we have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Our objectives and aims as described above benefit the public and local community by enhancing the lives of those in need, hardship or distress and by promoting education of those in need.

### **Grantmaking**

The charity's grant making policy allows the trustees to make grants, at their discretion, to individuals resident in Slaidburn in need of financial assistance to promote education or relief of financial hardship.

This ties in with the charitable objectives which are specifically to make such grants as described above.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

The trustees have continued to invest in their land and buildings to ensure they are maintained in good condition. They operate their work units for the twin benefits of providing local employment and producing income for the trust.

Support to the people in the community whom they consider to be needy as well as supporting local organisations for community and/or education purposes has continued in the year totalling £17,969. This includes the granting of £12,575 to local residents with less financial means in order to assist them during the Easter and Christmas Periods, £500 to the Slaidburn Archive to assist with ongoing costs, and £100 to the Slaidburn Steam Rally to assist with the annual costs of holding the event. £4,794 was granted to St Brennands Endowed School for the purchase of computer equipment for school children and staff.

The maintenance of the work units and local grant making is in line with the charitable objectives in assisting local people and the aforementioned institutions in being available to the public and society as a whole.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Principal funding sources**

The charity's main income source is from rents received, which amounted to £25,619. This along with other investment income of £12,452 and countryside stewardship of £44 provided total investment income of £38,115.

In accordance with the charitable objectives, £17,969 of grants have been made. The costs of generating the rental income were £7,628, and governance and support costs totalled £2,973. A bad debt of £1,306 that was written off in the previous year, for an unpaid loan to a Slaidburn resident, was unexpectedly repaid and therefore the bad debt expense was reversed this year.

Surpluses generated are held in reserves for future expenditure or grant making and deficits are offset against brought forward reserves.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold sufficient funds to meet at least twelve months operating costs as well as to accumulate reserves for future expenditure on local facilities in accordance with the aims and objectives of the charity.

Total funds of £897,179 are held at the year end, which includes £625,172 fixed assets. £247,805 of the fixed assets are restricted funds. Of the remaining £272,007 net current assets, funds of £201,868 are designated towards a future project to develop accommodation for the elderly in the Slaidburn area.

This leaves £70,139 unrestricted and undesignated reserves, which are held in accordance with the reserves policy above.

### **Going concern**

The trustees use the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation on the financial statements and there is no discernible doubt about the charity being able to operate on a going concern basis of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

Designated funds of £201,868 are being held for a future project, in which to develop accommodation for the elderly in the Slaidburn area. There is currently no time frame on starting or completing this plan but the funds are being held for a time that an opportunity to put it into action becomes feasible.

The trustees will continue to provide facilities and financial assistance for the community of Slaidburn.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a scheme dated 29 November 2011 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

By this scheme a body of nine trustees is constituted, of whom four are to be nominated and five co-opted; each appointment must be for a term of four years.

### **Organisational structure**

The trustees meet 4-5 times a year to discuss matters arising and plan future activities and expenditure.

They are assisted by an administrator, who is provided by Slaidburn Village Hall.

All decisions are taken by the trustees.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New trustees are provided with a copy of the governing document and a verbal induction by an existing trustee.

**Poor'sland Trust**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**  
222196

**Principal address**  
Woodhouse Gate Farm  
Catlow Road  
Slaidburn  
Clitheroe  
Lancashire  
BB7 3AQ

**Trustees**  
Mr J E Harrison  
Mr A Rigby  
Mr H H Robinson  
Mr T W Wells  
Mr N M Breaks  
Mrs G E Musson  
Mrs H Bury  
Mrs J Haigh  
Mr J A Carr  
Mr R J Spencer

All the trustees above, with the exception of Mr A Rigby, Mr N M Breaks, Mrs G Musson, Mr JA Carr, Mrs J Haigh and Mr RJ Spencer are mentioned on the deeds as title holders in their capacity as the trustees of The Slaidburn Poor'sland Trust.

**Independent Examiner**  
Bennett Kirkhope Smith  
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**Bankers**  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....13/10/2025..... and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr H H Robinson - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Poor'sland Trust**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Poor'sland Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Poor'sland Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Mrs A M Smith

Bennett Kirkhope Smith  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
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Date: ..... 10/10/2025 .....

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Investment income	2	<u>38,115</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,115</u>	<u>30,954</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		7,628	-	7,628	11,733
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Relief of poverty		12,575	-	12,575	12,185
Advancement of education		4,088	-	4,088	5,600
Other		<u>2,973</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,973</u>	<u>2,979</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>27,264</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,264</u>	<u>32,497</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		10,851	-	10,851	(1,543)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		638,523	247,805	886,328	887,871
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>649,374</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>897,179</u>	<u>886,328</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Poor'sland Trust

Balance Sheet  
31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	5	172	-	172	225
Investment property	6	<u>377,195</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>625,000</u>	<u>625,000</u>
		377,367	247,805	625,172	625,225
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	5,464	-	5,464	4,129
Cash at bank		<u>271,538</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>271,538</u>	<u>262,833</u>
		277,002	-	277,002	266,962
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(4,995)	-	(4,995)	(5,859)
		<u>272,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>272,007</u>	<u>261,103</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>649,374</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>897,179</u>	<u>886,328</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>649,374</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>897,179</u>	<u>886,328</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>649,374</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>897,179</u>	<u>886,328</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	9			649,374	638,523
Restricted funds				<u>247,805</u>	<u>247,805</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>897,179</u>	<u>886,328</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18/12/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

John E. Harrison  
Mr J E Harrison - Trustee

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. Once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Office equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

### **Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The valuation has been provided by an independent valuer who holds the relevant professional qualifications and has experience in the location and class of the investment property being valued.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Rents received	25,619	25,364
Countryside stewardship and wayleave	44	44
Deposit account interest	<u>12,452</u>	<u>5,546</u>
	<u>38,115</u>	<u>30,954</u>

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Investment income	<u>30,954</u>	-	<u>30,954</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	11,733	-	11,733
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Relief of poverty	12,185	-	12,185
Advancement of education	5,600	-	5,600
Other	<u>2,979</u>	-	<u>2,979</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>32,497</u>	-	<u>32,497</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(1,543)	-	(1,543)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	640,066	247,805	887,871
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>638,523</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>886,328</u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	<u>910</u>	<u>5,153</u>	<u>6,063</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2024	875	4,963	5,838
Charge for year	<u>5</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>53</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>880</u>	<u>5,011</u>	<u>5,891</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2024	<u>30</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>172</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>35</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>225</u>

6. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	£
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	<u>625,000</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2024	<u>625,000</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>625,000</u>

Investment Property Revaluation

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Balance at 31 December 2021 and 1 January 2022	242,195	247,805	490,000
Revaluations	<u>135,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,000</u>
Balance at 31 January 2022	<u>377,195</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>625,000</u>

Fair value at 31 December 2024 is represented by:

Valuation in 2022	£ 135,000
Valuation in 2015	330,718
Cost	<u>159,282</u>
	<u>625,000</u>

**6. INVESTMENT PROPERTY - continued**

If investment property had not been revalued it would have been included at the following historical cost:

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Cost	<u>159,282</u>	<u>159,282</u>

Investment property was valued on an open market basis on 25 August 2023 by Richard Turner & Son.

**7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,392	831
Other debtors	3,306	2,044
Prepayments	<u>766</u>	<u>1,254</u>
	<u>5,464</u>	<u>4,129</u>

**8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
VAT	1,003	392
Other creditors	-	2,504
Deposits held	1,210	1,210
Accrued expenses	<u>2,782</u>	<u>1,753</u>
	<u>4,995</u>	<u>5,859</u>

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	436,655	10,851	447,506
Designated fund	<u>201,868</u>	-	<u>201,868</u>
	638,523	10,851	649,374
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	247,805	-	247,805
	<u>886,328</u>	<u>10,851</u>	<u>897,179</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>886,328</u>	<u>10,851</u>	<u>897,179</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	38,115	(27,264)	10,851
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>38,115</u>	<u>(27,264)</u>	<u>10,851</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	438,198	(1,543)	436,655
Designated fund	<u>201,868</u>	<u>          -</u>	<u>201,868</u>
	640,066	(1,543)	638,523
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	247,805	<u>          -</u>	247,805
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>887,871</u>	<u>(1,543)</u>	<u>886,328</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	30,954	(32,497)	(1,543)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>30,954</u>	<u>(32,497)</u>	<u>(1,543)</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	438,198	9,308	447,506
Designated fund	<u>201,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,868</u>
	640,066	9,308	649,374
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	<u>247,805</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>247,805</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>887,871</u>	<u>9,308</u>	<u>897,179</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	69,069	(59,761)	9,308
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>69,069</u>	<u>(59,761)</u>	<u>9,308</u>

The designated funds of £201,868 are held towards a future project to develop accommodation for the elderly in the Slaidburn area.

The restricted funds of £247,805 relate to a grant received towards the cost of the investment property.

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

£150 was gifted to Mrs Brenda Harrison as a thank you for completing the annual bookkeeping for the charity. She is the spouse of Trustee Mr John Harrison and the gift was agreed by Trustees at a meeting of Trustees.

There were no other related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

£150 was gifted to Mrs Brenda Harrison as a thank you for completing the annual bookkeeping for the charity in the year ending 31 December 2023.

There were no other related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rents received	25,619	25,364
Countryside stewardship and wayleave	44	44
Deposit account interest	<u>12,452</u>	<u>5,546</u>
	<u>38,115</u>	<u>30,954</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	38,115	30,954
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising funds</b>		
Insurance	2,414	2,314
Light and heat	3,231	3,208
Rates and water	192	218
Repairs	899	3,703
Internet	<u>892</u>	<u>2,290</u>
	7,628	11,733
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Donations	-	2,504
Bad debts	(1,306)	1,306
Grants	<u>17,969</u>	<u>13,975</u>
	16,663	17,785
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Rent	70	60
Administration fees	1,560	1,560
Fixtures and fittings depreciation	5	6
Office equipment depreciation	<u>48</u>	<u>63</u>
	1,683	1,689
<b>Other</b>		
Sundries	150	150
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Independent examination fee	1,040	1,040
Legal and professional fees	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,140</u>
Total resources expended	<u>27,264</u>	<u>32,497</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>10,851</u>	<u>(1,543)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023  
for  
Poor'sland Trust**

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**Poor'sland Trust**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The objects and aims of the charity are:

(1) to promote the education of persons who are in need of financial assistance and resident in the area of benefit.

(2) the relief of persons resident in the area of benefit who are in need, hardship or distress by:

- (a) making grants of money to them; or
- (b) providing or paying for goods, services or facilities for them; or
- (c) making grants of money to other persons or bodies who provide goods, services or facilities to those in need.

Each year the trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect the charities aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Our objectives and aims remain to provide advancement of education and relief of poverty for all persons resident in the area of Slaidburn.

### **Public benefit**

In setting our objectives and reviewing our grant making decisions we have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Our objectives and aims as described above benefit the public and local community by enhancing the lives of those in need, hardship or distress and by promoting education of those in need.

### **Grant making**

The charity's grant making policy allows the trustees to make grants, at their discretion, to individuals resident in Slaidburn in need of financial assistance to promote education or relief of financial hardship.

This ties in with the charitable objectives which are specifically to make such grants as described above.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

The trustees have continued to invest in their land and buildings to ensure they are maintained in good condition. They operate their work units for the twin benefits of providing local employment and producing income for the trust.

Support to the people in the community whom they consider to be needy as well as supporting local organisations for community and/or education purposes has continued in the year totalling £15,975. This includes the granting of £10,375 to local residents with less financial means in order to assist them during the Easter and Christmas Periods, £500 to the Slaidburn Archive to assist with ongoing costs, £1,000 to St Andrews Church towards repairing the clock and £4,000 to St Brennands Endowed School for the purchase of computer equipment. However, a grant of £2,000 to Slaidburn snooker hall in 2021 has not been expended by them and is to be repaid back to the charity within the next 12 months.

These, along with a grant to Slaidburn Steam Rally have helped alleviate the financial burden on those less fortunate in the locate area, and to assist the aforementioned institutions in being available to the public and society as a whole.

The maintenance of the work units and local grant making is in line with the charitable objectives.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Principal funding sources**

The charity's main income source is from rents received, which amounted to £25,364. This along with other investment income of £5,546, sundry income and countryside stewardship provided total investment income of £30,954. Donations received from the previous year of £2,504, that have not been expended, are to be re-donated to the Slaidburn Property Trust.

In accordance with the charitable objectives, £15,975 of grants have been made, less £2,000 to be returned making net grants of £13,975. Other costs of generating the rental income of £11,733, governance and support costs of £2,979 and the writing off of £1,306 for an unpaid loan to a Slaidburn resident meant the charity incurred total expenditure of £29,993, creating a deficit of £1,543 for the year.

Surpluses generated are held in reserves for future expenditure or grant making and deficits are offset against brought forward reserves.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold sufficient funds to meet at least twelve months operating costs as well as to accumulate reserves for future expenditure on local facilities in accordance with the aims and objectives of the charity.

Total funds of £886,328 are held at the year end, which includes £625,225 fixed assets. £247,805 of the fixed assets are restricted funds. Of the remaining £261,103 net current assets, funds of £201,868 are designated towards a future project to develop accommodation for the elderly in the Slaidburn area.

This leaves £59,235 unrestricted and undesignated reserves, which are held in accordance with the reserves policy above.

### **Going concern**

The trustees use the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation on the financial statements and there is no discernible doubt about the charity being able to operate on a going concern basis of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

Designated funds of £201,868 are being held for a future project, in which to develop accommodation for the elderly in the Slaidburn area. There is currently no time frame on starting or completing this plan but the funds are being held for a time that an opportunity to put it into action becomes feasible.

The trustees will continue to provide facilities and financial assistance for the community of Slaidburn.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a scheme dated 29 November 2011 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

By this scheme a body of nine trustees is constituted, of whom four are to be nominated and five co-opted; each appointment must be for a term of four years.

### **Organisational structure**

The trustees meet 4-5 times a year to discuss matters arising and plan future activities and expenditure.

They are assisted by an administrator, who is provided by Slaidburn Village Hall.

All decisions are taken by the trustees.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New trustees are provided with a copy of the governing document and a verbal induction by an existing trustee.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Charity number**

222196

### **Principal address**

Woodhouse Gate Farm  
Catlow Road  
Slaidburn  
Clitheroe  
Lancashire  
BB7 3AQ

### **Trustees**

All the trustees above, with the exception of Mr A Rigby, Mr N M Breaks, Mrs G Musson, Mr JA Carr, Mrs J Haigh and Mr RJ Spencer are mentioned on the deeds as title holders in their capacity as the trustees of The Slaidburn Poor'sland Trust.

### **Independent Examiner**

Bennett Kirkhope Smith  
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### **Bankers**

Barclays Bank PLC  
Castle Street  
Clitheroe  
Lancashire  
BB7 2BT

**Poor'sland Trust**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr H H Robinson - Trustee

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Poor'sland Trust

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### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Poor'sland Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Poor'sland Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Mrs A M Smith

Bennett Kirkhope Smith  
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25 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	5,724
Investment income	2	30,954	-	30,954	26,489
Other income		-	-	-	8
<b>Total</b>		<u>30,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,954</u>	<u>32,221</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		11,733	-	11,733	5,826
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Relief of poverty		12,185	-	12,185	8,150
Advancement of education		5,600	-	5,600	3,435
Other		<u>2,979</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,979</u>	<u>3,195</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>32,497</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,497</u>	<u>20,606</u>
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	<u>135,000</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(1,543)	-	(1,543)	146,615
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		640,066	247,805	887,871	741,256
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>638,523</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>886,328</u>	<u>887,871</u>

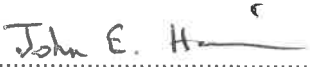
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Balance Sheet  
31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	5	225	-	225	294
Investment property	6	<u>377,195</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>625,000</u>	<u>625,000</u>
		377,420	247,805	625,225	625,294
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	4,129	-	4,129	2,762
Cash at bank		<u>262,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>262,833</u>	<u>263,741</u>
		266,962	-	266,962	266,503
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(5,859)	-	(5,859)	(3,926)
		<u>261,103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>261,103</u>	<u>262,577</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>261,103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>261,103</u>	<u>262,577</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>638,523</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>886,328</u>	<u>887,871</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>638,523</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>886,328</u>	<u>887,871</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	9			638,523	640,066
Unrestricted funds				<u>247,805</u>	<u>247,805</u>
Restricted funds					
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>886,328</u>	<u>887,871</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
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Mr J E Harrison - Trustee

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. Once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Office equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

### **Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The valuation has been provided by an independent valuer who holds the relevant professional qualifications and has experience in the location and class of the investment property being valued.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Rents received	25,364	24,188
Countryside stewardship and wayleave	44	44
Deposit account interest	<u>5,546</u>	<u>2,257</u>
	<u>30,954</u>	<u>26,489</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	5,724	-	5,724
Investment income	26,489	-	26,489
Other income	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>32,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,221</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	5,826	-	5,826
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Relief of poverty	8,150	-	8,150
Advancement of education	3,435	-	3,435
Other	<u>3,195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,195</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>20,606</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,606</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>135,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,000</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	146,615	-	146,615
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>493,451</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>741,256</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>640,066</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>887,871</u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	<u>910</u>	<u>5,153</u>	<u>6,063</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2023	869	4,900	5,769
Charge for year	<u>6</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>69</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>875</u>	<u>4,963</u>	<u>5,838</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2023	<u>35</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>225</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>41</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>294</u>

6. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

<b>FAIR VALUE</b>	£
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	<u>625,000</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2023	<u>625,000</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>625,000</u>

Investment Property Revaluation

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Balance at 31 December 2021 and 1 January 2022	242,195	247,805	490,000
Revaluations	<u>135,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,000</u>
Balance at 31 January 2022	<u>377,195</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>625,000</u>

Fair value at 31 December 2023 is represented by:

Valuation in 2022	£
Valuation in 2015	135,000
Cost	330,718
	<u>159,282</u>
	<u>625,000</u>

6. INVESTMENT PROPERTY - continued

If investment property had not been revalued it would have been included at the following historical cost:

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Cost	<u>159,282</u>	<u>159,282</u>

Investment property was valued on an open market basis on 25 August 2023 by Richard Turner & Son.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Trade debtors	831	758
Other debtors	2,044	1,349
Prepayments	<u>1,254</u>	<u>655</u>
	<u>4,129</u>	<u>2,762</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
VAT	392	853
Other creditors	2,504	-
Deposits held	1,210	1,210
Accrued expenses	<u>1,753</u>	<u>1,863</u>
	<u>5,859</u>	<u>3,926</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	438,198	(1,543)	436,655
Designated fund	<u>201,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,868</u>
	640,066	(1,543)	638,523
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	247,805	-	247,805
	<u>887,871</u>	<u>(1,543)</u>	<u>886,328</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	30,954	(32,497)	(1,543)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>30,954</u>	<u>(32,497)</u>	<u>(1,543)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	291,583	146,615	438,198
Designated fund	<u>201,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,868</u>
	493,451	146,615	640,066
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	247,805	-	247,805
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>741,256</u>	<u>146,615</u>	<u>887,871</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	32,221	(20,606)	135,000	146,615
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>32,221</u>	<u>(20,606)</u>	<u>135,000</u>	<u>146,615</u>

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	291,583	145,072	436,655
Designated fund	<u>201,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,868</u>
	493,451	145,072	638,523
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	247,805	-	247,805
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>741,256</u>	<u>145,072</u>	<u>886,328</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	63,175	(53,103)	135,000	145,072
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>63,175</u>	<u>(53,103)</u>	<u>135,000</u>	<u>145,072</u>

The designated funds of £201,868 are held towards a future project to develop accommodation for the elderly in the Slaidburn area.

The restricted funds of £247,805 relate to a grant received towards the cost of the investment property.

**10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

£150 was gifted to Mrs Brenda Harrison as a thank you for completing the annual bookkeeping for the charity. She is the spouse of Trustee Mr John Harrison and the gift was agreed by Trustees at a meeting of Trustees.

There were no other related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	-	5,724
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rents received	25,364	24,188
Countryside stewardship and wayleave	44	44
Deposit account interest	<u>5,546</u>	<u>2,257</u>
	30,954	26,489
<b>Other income</b>		
Sundry Income	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	30,954	32,221
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising funds</b>		
Insurance	2,314	2,178
Light and heat	3,208	2,813
Rates and water	218	160
Repairs	3,703	675
Internet	<u>2,290</u>	<u>-</u>
	11,733	5,826
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Donations	2,504	-
Bad debts	1,306	-
Grants	<u>13,975</u>	<u>11,585</u>
	17,785	11,585
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Rent	60	75
Administration fees	1,560	1,560
Fixtures and fittings depreciation	6	7
Office equipment depreciation	<u>63</u>	<u>85</u>
	1,689	1,727
<b>Other</b>		
Sundries	150	223
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Independent examination fee	1,040	995
Carried forward	1,040	995

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
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	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Brought forward	1,040	995
Legal and professional fees	<u>100</u>	<u>250</u>
	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,245</u>
Total resources expended	<u>32,497</u>	<u>20,606</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before gains and losses</b>	(1,543)	11,615
<b>Realised recognised gains and losses</b>		
Realised gains/(losses) on investment property	<u>-</u>	<u>135,000</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(1,543)</u>	<u>146,615</u>

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**POOR'SLAND TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 222196

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
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for  
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## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The objects and aims of the charity are:

- (1) to promote the education of persons who are in need of financial assistance and resident in the area of benefit.
- (2) the relief of persons resident in the area of benefit who are in need, hardship or distress by:
  - (a) making grants of money to them; or
  - (b) providing or paying for goods, services or facilities for them; or
  - (c) making grants of money to other persons or bodies who provide goods, services or facilities to those in need.

Each year the trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect the charities aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Our objectives and aims remain to provide advancement of education and relief of poverty for all persons resident in the area of Slaidburn.

### **Public benefit**

In setting our objectives and reviewing our grant making decisions we have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Our objectives and aims as described above benefit the public and local community by enhancing the lives of those in need, hardship or distress and by promoting education of those in need.

### **Grantmaking**

The charity's grant making policy allows the trustees to make grants, at their discretion, to individuals resident in Slaidburn in need of financial assistance to promote education or relief of financial hardship.

This ties in with the charitable objectives which are specifically to make such grants as described above.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

The trustees have continued to invest in their land and buildings to ensure they are maintained in good condition. They operate their work units for the twin benefits of providing local employment and producing income for the trust.

Support to the people in the community whom they consider to be needy as well as supporting local organisations for community and/or education purposes has continued in the year totalling £11,585. This includes the granting of £8,150 to local residents with less financial means in order to assist them during the Easter and Christmas Periods, £250 to the Slaidburn Archive to assist with ongoing costs, and £1,960 towards St Brennands Endowed School.

These, along with grants to R Glendinning, Slaidburn Steam Rally and Slaidburn Brownies have helped alleviate the financial burden on those less fortunate in the local area, and to assist the aforementioned institutions in being available to the public and society as a whole.

The maintenance of the work units and local grantmaking is in line with the charitable objectives.

## Poor'sland Trust

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Principal funding sources**

The charity's main income source is from rents received, which amounted to £24,189. Rental income, along with a donation of £5,724 towards the cost of upgrading the broadband facilities in the investment properties, other investment income of £2,257, sundry income and countryside stewardship provided total incoming resources of £32,221.

In accordance with the charitable objectives, £11,585 of grants have been made. Other costs of generating the rental income of £5,826, governance and support costs of £2,972 and gifts of £223 meant the charity incurred total expenditure of £20,606, creating a surplus before revaluation gains of £11,615 for the year.

Surpluses generated are held in reserves for future expenditure or grant making.

##### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold sufficient funds to meet at least twelve months operating costs as well as to accumulate reserves for future expenditure on local facilities in accordance with the aims and objectives of the charity.

Total funds of £887,871 are held at the year end, which includes £625,294 fixed assets, following a revaluation uplift of £135,000. £247,805 of the fixed assets are restricted funds. Of the remaining £262,577 net current assets, funds of £201,868 are designated towards a future project to develop accommodation for the elderly in the Slaidburn area.

This leaves £60,709 unrestricted and undesignated reserves, which are held in accordance with the reserves policy above.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees use the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation on the financial statements and there is no discernible doubt about the charity being able to operate on a going concern basis of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

The trustees will continue to provide facilities and financial assistance for the community of Slaidburn.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a scheme dated 29 November 2011 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

By this scheme a body of nine trustees is constituted, of whom four are to be nominated and five co-opted; each appointment must be for a term of four years.

##### **Organisational structure**

The trustees meet 4-5 times a year to discuss matters arising and plan future activities and expenditure.

They are assisted by an administrator, who is provided by Slaidburn Village Hall.

All decisions are taken by the trustees.

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New trustees are provided with a copy of the governing document and a verbal induction by an existing trustee.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

222196

**Poor'sland Trust**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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**Principal address**

Woodhouse Gate Farm  
Catlow Road  
Slaidburn  
Clitheroe  
Lancashire  
BB7 3AQ

**Trustees**

Mr J E Harrison  
Mr A Rigby  
Mr H H Robinson  
Mr T W Wells  
Mr N M Breaks  
Mrs G E Musson  
Mrs H Bury  
Mrs J Haigh (appointed 16.5.22)  
Mr J A Carr (appointed 16.5.22)  
Mr R J Spencer (appointed 16.5.22)

All the trustees above, with the exception of Mr A Rigby, Mr N M Breaks, Mrs G Musson, Mr JA Carr, Mrs J Haigh and Mr RJ Spencer are mentioned on the deeds as title holders in their capacity as the trustees of The Slaidburn Poor'sland Trust.

**Independent Examiner**

Bennett Kirkhope Smith  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Suites 5 & 6 The Printworks  
Hey Road  
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**Bankers**

Barclays Bank PLC  
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Clitheroe  
Lancashire  
BB7 2BT

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....23/10/2023..... and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr H H Robinson - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Poor'sland Trust**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Poor'sland Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Poor'sland Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Mrs A M Smith

Bennett Kirkhope Smith  
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Date: 29.10.2022

Poor'sland Trust

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		5,724	-	5,724	-
Investment income	2	26,489	-	26,489	26,193
Other income		<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>32,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,221</u>	<u>26,193</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	3	5,826	-	5,826	8,059
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Relief of poverty		8,150	-	8,150	5,000
Advancement of education		3,435	-	3,435	2,200
Other		<u>3,195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,195</u>	<u>2,235</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>20,606</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,606</u>	<u>17,494</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>135,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		146,615	-	146,615	8,699
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>493,451</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>741,256</u>	<u>732,557</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>640,066</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>887,871</u>	<u>741,256</u>

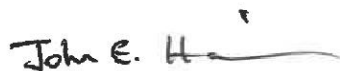
The notes form part of these financial statements

Poor'sland Trust

Balance Sheet  
31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	294	-	294	386
Investment property	7	<u>377,195</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>625,000</u>	<u>490,000</u>
		377,489	247,805	625,294	490,386
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	2,762	-	2,762	2,555
Cash at bank		<u>263,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>263,741</u>	<u>252,344</u>
		266,503	-	266,503	254,899
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(3,926)	-	(3,926)	(4,029)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>262,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>262,577</u>	<u>250,870</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>640,066</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>887,871</u>	<u>741,256</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>640,066</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>887,871</u>	<u>741,256</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	10			640,066	493,451
Restricted funds				<u>247,805</u>	<u>247,805</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>887,871</u>	<u>741,256</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23/10/2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr J E Harrison - Trustee

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. Once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Office equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

### **Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The valuation has been provided by an independent valuer who holds the relevant professional qualifications and has experience in the location and class of the investment property being valued.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Rents received	24,188	24,000
Countryside stewardship and wayleave	44	44
Deposit account interest	2,257	1,911
Other interest receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>238</u>
	<u>26,489</u>	<u>26,193</u>

3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Insurance	2,178	2,058
Light and heat	2,813	3,285
Rates and water	160	227
Repairs	675	1,827
Support costs	<u>-</u>	<u>662</u>
	<u>5,826</u>	<u>8,059</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Investment income	<u>26,193</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,193</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	8,059	-	8,059
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Relief of poverty	5,000	-	5,000
Advancement of education	2,200	-	2,200
Other	<u>2,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,235</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>17,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,494</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	8,699	-	8,699

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	484,752	247,805	732,557
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>493,451</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>741,256</u>

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	<u>910</u>	<u>5,153</u>	<u>6,063</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2022	862	4,815	5,677
Charge for year	<u>7</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>92</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>869</u>	<u>4,900</u>	<u>5,769</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2022	<u>41</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>294</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>48</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>386</u>

7. INVESTMENT PROPERTY	£
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2022	490,000
Revaluation	<u>135,000</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>625,000</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2022	<u>625,000</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>490,000</u>

**Investment Property Revaluation**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Balance at 31 December 2021 and 1 January 2022	242,195	247,805	490,000
Revaluations	<u>135,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,000</u>
Balance at 31 January 2022	<u>377,195</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>625,000</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

7. INVESTMENT PROPERTY - continued

Fair value at 31 December 2022 is represented by:

	£
Valuation in 2022	135,000
Valuation in 2015	330,718
Cost	<u>159,282</u>
	<u>625,000</u>

If investment property had not been revalued it would have been included at the following historical cost:

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Cost	<u>159,282</u>	<u>159,282</u>

Investment property was valued on an open market basis on 25 August 2023 by Richard Turner & Son.

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Trade debtors	758	566
Other debtors	1,349	1,349
Prepayments	<u>655</u>	<u>640</u>
	<u>2,762</u>	<u>2,555</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	300
VAT	853	867
Deposits held	1,210	1,210
Accrued expenses	<u>1,863</u>	<u>1,652</u>
	<u>3,926</u>	<u>4,029</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	291,583	146,615	438,198
Designated fund	<u>201,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,868</u>
	493,451	146,615	640,066
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	247,805	-	247,805
	<u>741,256</u>	<u>146,615</u>	<u>887,871</u>

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	32,221	(20,606)	135,000	146,615
	<u>32,221</u>	<u>(20,606)</u>	<u>135,000</u>	<u>146,615</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>32,221</u>	<u>(20,606)</u>	<u>135,000</u>	<u>146,615</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	282,884	8,699	291,583
Designated fund	201,868	-	201,868
	484,752	8,699	493,451
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	247,805	-	247,805
	<u>732,557</u>	<u>8,699</u>	<u>741,256</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>732,557</u>	<u>8,699</u>	<u>741,256</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	26,193	(17,494)	8,699
	<u>26,193</u>	<u>(17,494)</u>	<u>8,699</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>26,193</u>	<u>(17,494)</u>	<u>8,699</u>

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	282,884	155,314	438,198
Designated fund	<u>201,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,868</u>
	484,752	155,314	640,066
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	<u>247,805</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>247,805</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>732,557</u></u>	<u><u>155,314</u></u>	<u><u>887,871</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	58,414	(38,100)	135,000	155,314
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>58,414</u></u>	<u><u>(38,100)</u></u>	<u><u>135,000</u></u>	<u><u>155,314</u></u>

The designated funds of £201,868 are held towards a future project to develop accommodation for the elderly in the Slaidburn area.

The restricted funds of £247,805 relate to a grant received towards the cost of the investment property.

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Poor'sland Trust****Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	5,724	-
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rents received	24,188	24,000
Countryside stewardship and wayleave	44	44
Deposit account interest	2,257	1,911
Other interest receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>238</u>
	26,489	26,193
<b>Other income</b>		
Sundry Income	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	32,221	26,193
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising funds</b>		
Insurance	2,178	2,058
Light and heat	2,813	3,285
Rates and water	160	227
Repairs	<u>675</u>	<u>1,827</u>
	5,826	7,397
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	11,585	7,200
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Rent	75	15
Administration fees	1,560	1,560
Fixtures and fittings depreciation	7	9
Office equipment depreciation	<u>85</u>	<u>113</u>
	1,727	1,697
<b>Other</b>		
Sundries	223	260
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Independent examination fee	995	940
Legal and professional fees	<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,245	940
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>20,606</u>	<u>17,494</u>
<b>Net income before gains and losses</b>	11,615	8,699

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**Poor'sland Trust**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
<b>Net gains and losses</b>		
Net gains/(losses) on investment property	<u>135,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>146,615</u>	<u>8,699</u>

**POOR'SLAND TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 222196

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021  
for  
Poor'sland Trust**

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**Poor'sland Trust**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The objects and aims of the charity are:

(1) to promote the education of persons who are in need of financial assistance and resident in the area of benefit.

(2) the relief of persons resident in the area of benefit who are in need, hardship or distress by:

(a) making grants of money to them; or

(b) providing of paying for goods, services or facilities for them; or

(c) making grants of money to other persons or bodies who provide goods, services or facilities to those in need.

Each year the trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect the charities aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Our objectives and aims remain to provide advancement of education and relief of poverty for all persons resident in the area of Slaidburn.

### **Public benefit**

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### **Grantmaking**

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## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

The trustees have continued to invest in their land and buildings to ensure they are maintained in good condition. They operate their work units for the twin benefits of providing local employment and producing income for the trust.

Support to the people in the community whom they consider to be needy as well as supporting local organisations for community and/or education purposes has continued in the year. This includes the granting of £5,000 to local residents with less financial means in order to assist them during the Christmas Period, £200 to the Slaidburn Archive to assist with ongoing costs, and £2,000 towards a new heating system for the Slaidburn Reading and Snooker Room.

These grants helped alleviate the financial burden on those less fortunate in the locate area, and to assist the aforementioned institutions in being available to the public and society as a whole.

The maintenance of the the work units and local grantmaking is in line with the charitable objectives.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Principal funding sources**

The charity's main income source is from rents received, which amounted to £24,000. This amount has increased from the previous years' income because payment holidays were provided to rental tenants during the Coronavirus pandemic. Rental income, along with other investment income of £1,955 and interest received on bad debts gave total incoming resources of £26,193.

In accordance with the charitable objectives, £7,200 of grants have been made. Other costs of generating the rental income of £1,697, governance and support costs of £8,337 and gifts to related parties of £260 meant the charity incurred total expenditure of £17,494, creating a surplus of £8,699 for the year.

Surpluses generated are held in reserves for future expenditure or grant making.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold sufficient funds to meet at least twelve months operating costs as well as to accumulate reserves for future expenditure on local facilities in accordance with the aims and objectives of the charity.

Total funds of £741,256 are held at the year end, which includes £490,386 fixed assets of which £247,805 are restricted funds. Of the remaining £250,780 net current assets, funds of £201,868 are designated towards a future project to develop accommodation for the elderly in the Slaidburn area.

This leaves £48,912 unrestricted and undesignated reserves, which are held in accordance with the reserves policy above.

### **Going concern**

The trustees use the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation on the financial statements and there is no discernible doubt about the charity being able to operate on a going concern basis of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

The trustees will continue to provide facilities and financial assistance for the community of Slaidburn.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a scheme dated 29 November 2011 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

By this scheme a body of nine trustees is constituted, of whom four are to be nominated and five co-opted; each appointment must be for a term of four years.

### **Organisational structure**

The trustees meet 4-5 times a year to discuss matters arising and plan future activities and expenditure.

They are assisted by an administrator, who is provided by Slaidburn Village Hall.

All decisions are taken by the trustees.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New trustees are provided with a copy of the governing document and a verbal induction by an existing trustee.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Charity number**

222196

**Poor'sland Trust**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

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**Principal address**

Woodhouse Gate Farm  
Catlow Road  
Slaidburn  
Clitheroe  
Lancashire  
BB7 3AQ

**Trustees**

Mr A Carr (resigned 15.11.21)  
Mr J E Harrison  
Mr A Rigby  
Mr E M Slinger (resigned 15.11.21)  
Mr H H Robinson  
Mr T W Wells  
Mr N M Breaks  
Mrs G E Musson  
Mrs H Bury  
Mrs J Haigh (appointed 16.5.22)  
Mr J A Carr (appointed 16.5.22)  
Mr R J Spencer (appointed 16.5.22)

All the trustees above, with the exception of Mr A Rigby, Mr N M Breaks, Mrs G Musson, Mr JA Carr, Mrs J Haigh and Mr RJ Spencer are mentioned on the deeds as title holders in their capacity as the trustees of The Slaidburn Poor'sland Trust.

**Independent Examiner**

Bennett Kirkhope Smith  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Suites 5 & 6 The Printworks  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr H H Robinson - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Poor'sland Trust**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Poor'sland Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Poor'sland Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Mrs A M Smith  
FMAAT FCCA CTA  
Bennett Kirkhope Smith  
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Date: .....17/10/2022.....

Poor'sland Trust

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Investment income	2	26,193	-	26,193	19,840
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	3	8,059	-	8,059	7,801
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Relief of poverty		5,000	-	5,000	6,050
Advancement of education		2,200	-	2,200	3,656
Other		2,235	-	2,235	2,596
<b>Total</b>		<b>17,494</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,494</b>	<b>20,103</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>8,699</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,699</b>	<b>(263)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		484,752	247,805	732,557	732,820
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>493,451</b>	<b>247,805</b>	<b>741,256</b>	<b>732,557</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Poor'sland Trust

Balance Sheet  
31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	386	-	386	508
Investment property	7	242,195	247,805	490,000	490,000
		<u>242,581</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>490,386</u>	<u>490,508</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	2,555	-	2,555	3,616
Cash at bank		252,344	-	252,344	241,716
		<u>254,899</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,899</u>	<u>245,332</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(4,029)	-	(4,029)	(3,283)
		<u>250,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250,870</u>	<u>242,049</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>250,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250,870</u>	<u>242,049</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>493,451</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>741,256</u>	<u>732,557</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>493,451</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>741,256</u>	<u>732,557</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	10			493,451	484,752
Restricted funds				247,805	247,805
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>741,256</u>	<u>732,557</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

*John E. Harrison*

Mr J E Harrison - Trustee

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. Once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Office equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

### **Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The valuation has been provided by an independent valuer who holds the relevant professional qualifications and has experience in the location and class of the investment property being valued.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Rents received	24,000	16,981
Countryside stewardship and wayleave	44	87
Deposit account interest	1,911	2,772
Other interest receivable	238	-
	<u>26,193</u>	<u>19,840</u>

3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Insurance	2,058	1,835
Light and heat	3,285	1,990
Rates and water	227	2,099
Repairs	1,827	901
Support costs	662	-
	<u>8,059</u>	<u>6,825</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Investment income	<u>19,840</u>	-	<u>19,840</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	7,801	-	7,801
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Relief of poverty	6,050	-	6,050
Advancement of education	3,656	-	3,656
Other	<u>2,596</u>	-	<u>2,596</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>20,103</u>	-	<u>20,103</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(263)	-	(263)

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	485,015	247,805	732,820
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>484,752</u>	<u>247,805</u>	<u>732,557</u>
6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	910	5,153	6,063
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2021	853	4,702	5,555
Charge for year	9	113	122
At 31 December 2021	862	4,815	5,677
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2021	<u>48</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>386</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>57</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>508</u>
7. INVESTMENT PROPERTY			£
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>			
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021			<u>490,000</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2021			<u>490,000</u>
At 31 December 2020			<u>490,000</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31.12.21	31.12.20	
	£	£	
Trade debtors	566	1,430	
Other debtors	1,349	1,349	
Prepayments	640	837	
	<u>2,555</u>	<u>3,616</u>	
9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31.12.21	31.12.20	
	£	£	
Trade creditors	300	275	
VAT	867	491	
Deposits held	1,210	1,210	
Accrued expenses	1,652	1,307	
	<u>4,029</u>	<u>3,283</u>	
10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.21
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	282,884	8,699	291,583
Designated fund	201,868	-	201,868
	<u>484,752</u>	<u>8,699</u>	<u>493,451</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	247,805	-	247,805
	<u>732,557</u>	<u>8,699</u>	<u>741,256</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	26,193	(17,494)	8,699
	<u>26,193</u>	<u>(17,494)</u>	<u>8,699</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	283,147	(263)	282,884
Designated fund	201,868	-	201,868
	<u>485,015</u>	<u>(263)</u>	<u>484,752</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	247,805	-	247,805
	<u>247,805</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>247,805</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>732,820</u></u>	<u><u>(263)</u></u>	<u><u>732,557</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	19,840	(20,103)	(263)
	<u>19,840</u>	<u>(20,103)</u>	<u>(263)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>19,840</u></u>	<u><u>(20,103)</u></u>	<u><u>(263)</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	283,147	8,436	291,583
Designated fund	201,868	-	201,868
	<u>485,015</u>	<u>8,436</u>	<u>493,451</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	247,805	-	247,805
	<u>247,805</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>247,805</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>732,820</u></u>	<u><u>8,436</u></u>	<u><u>741,256</u></u>

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	46,033	(37,597)	8,436
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>46,033</u>	<u>(37,597)</u>	<u>8,436</u>

The designated funds of £201,868 are held towards a future project to develop accommodation for the elderly in the Slaidburn area.

The restricted funds of £247,805 relate to a grant received towards the cost of the investment property.

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

The Trustees agreed to gift an amount of £100 to Mrs B Harrison, spouse of Trustee Mr J E Harrison, for the time and effort committed to bookkeeping services for the Trust during the financial period ending 31 December 2021.

£80 each was also agreed to be gifted to Mr A Carr and Mr E M Slinger upon their resignation as Trustees, as a recognition of their many years of service to the Trust.

**Poor'sland Trust****Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rents received	24,000	16,981
Countryside stewardship and wayleave	44	87
Deposit account interest	1,911	2,772
Other interest receivable	238	-
	<u>26,193</u>	<u>19,840</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>26,193</b>	<b>19,840</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Insurance	2,058	1,835
Light and heat	3,285	1,990
Rates and water	227	2,099
Repairs	1,827	901
	<u>7,397</u>	<u>6,825</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Bad debts	-	976
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	7,200	9,706
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Rent	15	15
Administration fees	1,560	1,560
Fixtures and fittings depreciation	9	10
Office equipment depreciation	113	151
	<u>1,697</u>	<u>1,736</u>
<b>Other</b>		
Sundries	260	-
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Independent examination fee	940	860
	<u>17,494</u>	<u>20,103</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>17,494</b>	<b>20,103</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>8,699</b>	<b>(263)</b>

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