

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023
FOR
THE GREAT STONE BRIDGE TRUST OF
EDENBRIDGE**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st 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

Objects

The charity is required to administer and manage its freehold properties in Edenbridge, its investments and all other property of the charity in conformity with the Schemes dated 10 May 1978 and 26 June 1996. Out of the income of the charity the trustees are to pay the cost of repairs and insurance of the freehold properties and the other expenses of and incidental to the administration and management of the charity. Subject to these payments the trustees are required to apply out of the income a yearly sum of not less than £1,000 in promoting the education of persons under the age of twenty five years and/or providing benefits for any school or other educational establishment in the Parish of Edenbridge. Subject to this the trustees are required to apply the income of the charity as they think fit for any charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Edenbridge.

Public benefit

The main object of the Trust is to benefit the inhabitants of Edenbridge at large. It is the Trustees' policy to spread this benefit as widely as possible within the community through the grants which they make.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Review of activities

The Trust continued with its objectives of managing and maintaining the trust properties and investments in accordance with the Governing Schemes to provide grants for the benefit of the inhabitants of Edenbridge.

At the year end the trust had not made any commitments to pay grants.

The income decreased from the previous year to £150,886 and expenditure decreased to £147,788. This included an increase in grants made to £106,551 from £103,553. In particular the cost of insurance reduced by £13,387. The grants are made to 40 organisations in and around Edenbridge whose activities cover a wide range of religious, educational, social, medical, sporting and other community support activities. No large grants were made so that the spread of activities supported could be maintained. There was one grant to an individual.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

The Trust's investments are managed by their stockbrokers under delegated authority from the Trustees. The current policy, which is subject to ongoing review, is to maximise total returns within a medium to low risk profile and maintain a balance between equity and fixed interest investments.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a minimum of £250,000 in the Trust's investment portfolio which can be readily realised as cash, when needed to cover a year of charitable expenditure. The Trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to grant applications and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

Financial review

The Trust made a profit of £3,599. The investments maintained their value over the year. The investments have been kept under review by the Investments Committee with regular meetings with the stockbrokers.

The Trustees had £41,178 net current assets in hand at the year end for future use.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing documents

The Great Stone Bridge Trust of Edenbridge is constituted by Schemes of the Charity Commissioners of 19 November 1909, 21 August 1936, 3 June 1970, 10 May 1978, 26 June 1996 and 10 January 2003. The latter Scheme was an Order of the Charity Commission to widen the administrative powers of the Trust.

Organisation

The Trustees have appointed a Clerk who acts as the charity's secretary and treasurer and deals with the day to day administration of the Trust. The Trustees also retain stockbrokers who advise on the management of the properties and the investments and employ a surveyor to advise on property matters as they arise.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed in relation to the operations and finances of the Trust and the maintenance of the Trust properties and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Insurance

The Trust properties are insured through an insurance broker and the Trustees have Directors and Officers insurance cover both of which have been reviewed during the year.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

224309

Principal address

First Floor
13a High Street
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Trustees

Ben Brownless
Roy Cunnington
John Hodson
Giles Jackman
Mrs Julie Johnson
Councillor Robert Todd
Miss Julie Thompsett (resigned 12.1.2023)
Councillor Margot McArthur
Alan Smart OBE
Dr Simon Morrison
Peter Stephen Brook
Elizabeth Crothall (appointed 22.2.2023)

The charity is administered by a body of up to eleven trustees of whom two are nominative trustees appointed by the Town Council of Edenbridge. The remaining nine co-optative trustees are persons who have special knowledge of the town of Edenbridge. The nominative trustees are Councillors Robert Todd and Margot McArthur.

Nominative trustees are appointed for a term of four years and co-optative trustees for a term of five years.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17th April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Julie Johnson - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE GREAT STONE BRIDGE TRUST OF
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Great Stone Bridge Trust of Edenbridge

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Great Stone Bridge Trust of Edenbridge (the Trust) for the year ended 31st 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 I. J. Currie

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9th May 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Capital £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	500
Trading activities	3	99,703	-	99,703	116,924
Investment income	4	51,183	-	51,183	50,706
Total		150,886	-	150,886	168,130
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	33,249	-	33,249	47,232
Charitable activities					
Grants		106,551	-	106,551	103,553
Riverside and water meadows maintenance		7,988	-	7,988	6,752
Total		147,788	-	147,788	157,537
Net gains on investments		501	-	501	449,365
NET INCOME		3,599	-	3,599	459,958
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		669,509	3,086,932	3,756,441	3,296,483
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		673,108	3,086,932	3,760,040	3,756,441

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Capital £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments					
Investments	10	38,002	1,295,860	1,333,862	1,333,361
Investment property	11	595,000	1,790,000	2,385,000	2,385,000
		<u>633,002</u>	<u>3,085,860</u>	<u>3,718,862</u>	<u>3,718,361</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	16,900	-	16,900	15,540
Cash at bank		45,451	1,072	46,523	55,950
		<u>62,351</u>	<u>1,072</u>	<u>63,423</u>	<u>71,490</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(22,245)	-	(22,245)	(33,410)
		<u>40,106</u>	<u>1,072</u>	<u>41,178</u>	<u>38,080</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>40,106</u>	<u>1,072</u>	<u>41,178</u>	<u>38,080</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>673,108</u>	<u>3,086,932</u>	<u>3,760,040</u>	<u>3,756,441</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>673,108</u>	<u>3,086,932</u>	<u>3,760,040</u>	<u>3,756,441</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds:	14				
General fund				673,108	669,509
Capital				3,086,932	3,086,932
				<u>3,760,040</u>	<u>3,756,441</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>3,760,040</u>	<u>3,756,441</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17th April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Julie Johnson - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

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 2015)', 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 with the exception of investments and investment properties which are included at market value.

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

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 cost 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 payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the charitable activities of the Trust. Single or multi-year grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the Trust.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of the grant payable.

Investment property

Freehold property is stated at valuation.

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. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a special purpose.

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.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	-	500
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rents receivable	91,828	103,640
Insurance recovered	7,741	13,276
Interest	134	8
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	99,703	116,924
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
On assets held at stockbrokers	51,183	50,706
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

Trading activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Repairs and maintenance	2,712	4,168
Letting expenses	1,105	1,710
Legal fees	1,400	-
Insurance	9,130	22,517
Gas, electricity and rates	2,121	226
Other costs	728	1,207
Support costs	10,605	11,364
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	27,801	41,192
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Investment management costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Support costs	5,448	6,040
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Aggregate amounts	33,249	47,232
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6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants	106,551	103,553

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
To support organisations acting for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Edenbridge	106,296	103,392

The total grants paid to individuals during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
To support individual inhabitants education	255	161

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance	Totals
	£	costs £	£
Other trading activities	9,677	928	10,605
Investment management costs	4,984	464	5,448
	14,661	1,392	16,053

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2023 other than the reimbursement of costs expended on behalf of the Trust.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Capital £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	500	-	500
Trading activities	116,924	-	116,924
Investment income	50,706	-	50,706
Total	168,130	-	168,130
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	47,232	-	47,232

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Capital £	Total funds £
Charitable activities			
Grants	103,553	-	103,553
Riverside and water meadows maintenance	6,752	-	6,752
Total	157,537	-	157,537
Net gains on investments	449,365	-	449,365
NET INCOME	459,958	-	459,958
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	209,551	3,086,932	3,296,483
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	669,509	3,086,932	3,756,441

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2023	1,333,361
Revaluations	501
At 31st December 2023	1,333,862
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2023	1,333,862
At 31st December 2022	1,333,361

Investments held within the stockbrokers funds at fair value comprised:

	2023 £	2022 £
Equities	1,047,961	1,040,854
Fixed income	182,650	158,056
Liquid assets	18,016	24,192
Alternatives	85,235	110,229
	1,333,862	1,333,361

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10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Investments comprising more than 5% of the total valuation were:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sarasin Income and Reserves Class A Income Units	103,040	83,080
Sarasin Global Higher Dividend (Sterling Hedged) Units	138,092	147,525
Sarasin Global Higher Dividend Units	292,826	290,259

The Trust having been in existence since 1909 and being exempt from tax, it is neither useful nor possible to show the original cost of the investments.

11. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	£
FAIR VALUE	
At 1st January 2023	
and 31st December 2023	2,385,000
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2023	2,385,000
At 31st December 2022	2,385,000

Fair value at 31st December 2023 is represented by:

	£
Valuation in 2022	2,385,000

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	10,900	10,540
Prepayments and accrued income	6,000	5,000
	16,900	15,540

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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	336	672
VAT	4,253	5,440
Grant commitments	-	6,000
Rent deposit	6,662	6,604
Prepaid income	9,794	13,494
Accrued expenses	1,200	1,200
	22,245	33,410

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	669,509	3,599	673,108
Capital	3,086,932	-	3,086,932
	3,756,441	3,599	3,760,040
TOTAL FUNDS	3,756,441	3,599	3,760,040

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	150,886	(147,788)	501	3,599
TOTAL FUNDS	150,886	(147,788)	501	3,599

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	209,551	459,958	669,509
Capital	3,086,932	-	3,086,932
	3,296,483	459,958	3,756,441
TOTAL FUNDS	3,296,483	459,958	3,756,441

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	168,130	(157,537)	449,365	459,958
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>168,130</u>	<u>(157,537)</u>	<u>449,365</u>	<u>459,958</u>

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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	209,551	463,557	673,108
Capital	3,086,932	-	3,086,932
	<u>3,296,483</u>	<u>463,557</u>	<u>3,760,040</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,296,483</u>	<u>463,557</u>	<u>3,760,040</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 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	319,016	(305,325)	449,866	463,557
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>319,016</u>	<u>(305,325)</u>	<u>449,866</u>	<u>463,557</u>

The capital fund arose some years ago and reflected the value of the investment properties and the portfolios of investments held by stockbrokers and was adjusted when valuations were done. Under current accounting standards valuations of investments are taken to the statement of financial activities on a yearly basis.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	-	500
Trading activities		
Rents receivable	91,828	103,640
Insurance recovered	7,741	13,276
Interest	134	8
	99,703	116,924
Investment income		
On assets held at stockbrokers	51,183	50,706
Total incoming resources	150,886	168,130
EXPENDITURE		
Trading activities		
Repairs and maintenance	2,712	4,168
Letting expenses	1,105	1,710
Legal fees	1,400	-
Insurance	9,130	22,517
Gas, electricity and rates	2,121	226
Other costs	728	1,207
	17,196	29,828
Charitable activities		
Riverside Walk maintenance	4,501	4,760
Water meadows maintenance	3,487	1,992
Grants to institutions	106,296	103,392
Grants to individuals	255	161
	114,539	110,305
Support costs		
Management		
Rates and water	4	-
Bank charges	77	84
Clerk's fees	14,400	16,000
Carried forward	14,481	16,084

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	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total funds £
Management		
Brought forward	14,481	16,084
Agents, certification and risk assessment fees	180	-
	14,661	16,084
Governance costs		
Accountancy	1,392	1,320
Total resources expended	147,788	157,537
Net income before gains and losses	3,098	10,593
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	501	(145,635)
Realised gains/(losses) on investment property	-	595,000
Net income	3,599	459,958

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