

**THE COTTON DISTRICTS CONVALESCENT FUND
AND
THE BARNES SAMARITAN CHARITY**

Charity number: 224727

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2022

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Reference and Administration Details

The Registered charity number is 224727

Trustees	The Right Honourable The Earl of Derby	Ex- Officio
	Mrs S Birtles MBE JP DL	Chairman
	Mr PH Townley FRICS	Treasurer
	Mrs M Lucas JP	
	Doctor H Weinstock	
	Doctor S Chouksey JP	resigned 3 July 2023
	Ms J O'Connor JP	Vice Chairman
	Mrs A Weinstock	
	Mr P Nott	
Auditors	Royce Peeling Green Limited, The Copper Room, Deva City Office Park, Trinity Way, Manchester M3 7BG	
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland PLC.,	CCLA Investment Management Limited, COIF Charity Funds Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4ET
Stockbrokers	Brewin Dolphin Securities Limited, 1 The Avenue, Spinningfields Square Manchester M3 3AP	
Secretary and Principal Address	To 30/06/2023	From 01/07/2023
	Nicholas Stockton BA., FCA.,	Emma Willder, FCMA, CGMA, CG(Affiliate)
	Azets Holdings Limited	Beyond Profit Ltd
	5th Floor	Bolton Arena
	Ship Canal House	Arena Approach
	98 King Street	Horwich
	Manchester M2 4WU	Bolton BL6 6LB

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is regulated by a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 8 April 1975, together with further Schemes dated 21 May 1998, 5 January 2001 and 2 March 2007. From 8 April 1975 the two previously separate Charities operated with common Trustees and shared administration. From 2 March 2007 the two Charities were formally recognised as one Charity. Trustees are appointed by invitation for a period of five years. They may be re-elected for further periods of five years.

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Objectives and Activities

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the donation-making policy for the year.

In fulfilling the objects of the Charity a convalescent holiday is provided to approved applicants living in the area of benefit. Account is taken of the applicants' medical condition and ability to pay. In addition, support has continued to be given to persons in need, living in the area of benefit and who are sick, convalescent, disabled or infirm.

Achievements and performance

Following the COVID-19 pandemic in the previous years, the Charity returned to its main focus in 2022 providing monthly financial support to individuals affected by long term medical conditions and offering grants to organisations supporting people struggling with underlying medical conditions.

The following table shows the number of beneficiaries in recent years, their cost to the Fund and their contribution to our costs.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of holiday beneficiaries	7	8	2	0	0
	£	£	£	£	£
Total cost of convalescence	1,790	2,490	798	0	0
Contributions by beneficiaries	240	240	0	0	0
Net cost to the Fund	1,550	2,250	798	0	0

All of the grant recipients were in receipt of £45 - £50 per month, representing a weekly grant of £10.96. At 31 December 2022, 18 of the recipients were male and 8 were female.

The number of beneficiaries in recent years and their cost to the Fund is as follows:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of grant cases at start of year	37	33	31	33	23
Number of grant cases admitted	12	8	15	6	10
Number of deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Number discontinued	16	10	13	16	7
Number of grant cases at year end	33	31	33	23	26
Yearly amount distributed	£28,554	£20,751	£72,648	£24,760	£25,955

The amount distributed of £25,955 includes one-off payments totalling £5,525 (2021 - £1,200).

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Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the results for the year. In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the requirements of the Schemes. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. Furthermore, the Trustees are not aware of any relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware.

Financial Review

	2022 £	2021 £
Investment income compared with the previous year was as follows:	32,166	31,568
	=====	=====

Total investment income increased 1.89% to £32,166. The net cost of convalescence is unchanged at £nil. Further to the increase in total income of £2,248, there was a increase in expenditure of £2,845 resulting in an overall deficit for the year of £12,727 compared to a deficit of £11,369 in 2021.

Holding Reserves

The level of reserves necessary to ensure sufficient funds are available to meet normal cash flow outlays when they fall due is considered to be up to £30,000.

Investment Policy

The Trustees have an active policy which seeks to maximise income whilst maintaining underlying capital values.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed. See note b) on the accounting policies.

Plans for the future

The Trustees plan to continue the activities previously outlined, in the forthcoming years, subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

The Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 5 Oct 2023 and signed on its behalf by

S. Birtles

Chairman



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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund And the Barnes Samaritan Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

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

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

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, pensions legislation, employment regulation and health and safety regulation, anti-bribery, corruption and fraud, money laundering, non-compliance with implementation of government support schemes relating to COVID-19, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements, such as the Charities Act.

We evaluated the trustees' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to use of restricted funds, and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to those identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) and fraud that are material to the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- Discussing with the trustees and management their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations throughout our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the charity which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- Making enquiries of the trustees and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and

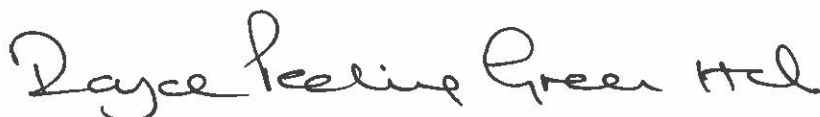
There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, Charities Act 2011, Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Royce Peeling Green Limited
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Statutory Auditor**

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Permanent Endowments £	Total £	2021 Total £
Income and endowments					
Income from investments		32,166	0	32,166	31,568
Beneficiary contributions		0	0	0	0
Total income and endowments		<u>32,166</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>32,166</u>	<u>31,568</u>
Expenditure on Raising funds					
Stockbroker's management fees		0	7,721	7,721	8,498
Expenditure on Charitable activities					
Recipients' accommodation		0	0	0	0
Payments to beneficiaries		25,955	0	25,955	24,760
		<u>25,955</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,955</u>	<u>24,760</u>
Governance Costs					
Secretarial and accountancy charges		8,160	0	8,160	8,160
Data protection fee		35	0	35	35
Audit fee	3	1,200	0	1,200	1,200
Governors' travelling expenses	4	0	0	0	0
Governors' indemnity insurance		172	0	172	235
Website costs		0	0	0	43
Sundry expenses		0	0	0	6
		<u>9,567</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,567</u>	<u>9,679</u>
Net gains / (losses) on investments					
Realised gains / (losses) on sale of investments		0	(44,201)	(44,201)	46,164
Equalisation	2	0	(224)	(224)	(253)
Unrealised gains / (losses) on investments	2	0	(67,079)	(67,079)	85,506
		<u>0</u>	<u>(111,504)</u>	<u>(111,504)</u>	<u>131,417</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(3,356)</u>	<u>(119,225)</u>	<u>(122,581)</u>	<u>120,048</u>
Total funds brought forward		82,125	1,140,701	1,222,826	1,102,778
Total Funds carried forward		<u>78,769</u>	<u>1,021,476</u>	<u>1,100,245</u>	<u>1,222,826</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
		Unrestricted Funds £	Permanent Endowments £	Total £	Total £
Fixed Assets					
Investments	2	0	1,020,951	1,020,951	1,169,416
Current Assets					
Debtors		2,954	45,357	48,311	17,926
Cash at bank		53,590	(42,918)	10,672	15,339
Cash at COIF		26,000	0	26,000	26,000
Total Current Assets		82,544	2,439	84,983	59,265
Creditors: payable within one year					
Creditors and accruals		(3,775)	(1,914)	(5,689)	(5,855)
Net Current Assets		78,769	525	79,294	53,410
Net Assets		78,769	1,021,476	1,100,245	1,222,826
		=====	=====	=====	=====
Capital Funds					
Permanent endowments		0	1,021,476	1,021,476	1,140,701
Income Funds					
Unrestricted		78,769	0	78,769	82,125
		78,769	1,021,476	1,100,245	1,222,826
		=====	=====	=====	=====

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 5 Oct 2023 and signed on its behalf by



S. Birtles

Chairman

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

b) Going concern

The Charity is not reliant on donations for its income, which comes from the dividends received from its investment portfolio. The Trustees are mindful that the level of this dividend income may continue to be suppressed, due to the ongoing war in Ukraine and the impact this is having on world economies. As a result they are reviewing their investment policies closely with their investment brokers on a continual basis going forward. However, at the year end, the Charity has significant cash reserves. The Charity continues to hold cash reserves, and whilst the overall impact of the war in Ukraine remains difficult to predict long term, the Trustees consider that these should be sufficient to ensure the Charity can continue to provide monthly support to its beneficiaries for the foreseeable future. As such, the financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

c) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income.

d) Recognition of expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities.

e) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

f) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Governors in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

g) Fixed asset investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their market value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

h) Permanent endowments

The permanent endowment is an 'investment' permanent endowment. It is capital which can be used to provide an income for the charity and which, other than for management fees, cannot itself be spent as income.

2 Fixed Asset Investments	2022	2021
Quoted Investments	Total	Total
	£	£
Market value at 1 January	1,169,416	1,031,667
Add acquisitions at cost	494,320	586,572
Less disposals	(531,281)	(580,240)
Realised gains / (losses)	(44,201)	46,164
Movement of unrealised gains / (losses)	(87,079)	85,506
Fees	0	0
Equalisation	(224)	(253)
Market value at 31 December	1,020,951	1,169,416
	=====	=====
Historical cost at 1 January	1,060,759	979,002
Add acquisitions at cost	494,320	586,571
Less disposals	(531,281)	(580,240)
Realised gains	1,119	75,679
Fees	0	0
Equalisation	(224)	(253)
Historical cost at 31 December	1,024,693	1,060,759
	=====	=====

Individual investment holdings in excess of 5% of the total portfolio value are:

UK unit trusts:	BNY Mellon FD Manager Newton Asian Inc	£ 59,315
	Fidelity UCITS ICA US Qual Inc	63,368
		122,683
		=====

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3 Auditor's Fees for Reporting on the Accounts

	2022	2021
	£	£
Remuneration paid to the Auditor	1,200	1,200
	=====	=====

4 Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

None of the Trustees have received any remuneration during the year, out of the funds of the Charity (2021 - £nil), and none have chosen to claim reimbursement of expenses to attend Governors' meetings.

5 Staff Numbers

No staff were employed by the charity during the year.