

FUND of the CONGREGATION des FILLES de Ste. MARIE de la PROVIDENCE
of the CONVENT of our LADY of PROVIDENCE, ALTON, HAMPSHIRE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended August 31st 2024

Cottrill Mason Limited
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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31st 2024

STATUS AND ADMINISTRATION

The Fund of the Congregation des Filles de Ste Marie de la Providence of the Convent of our Lady of Providence, Alton, Hampshire ("Convent") was founded in April 1938. The Convent became a Trust in 1965 and is a registered charity, number 232908.

The Trustees of the Convent are:

Helen Elizabeth Samuel
Laisamma Joseph
Margaret Garman
Marie-Anne Marot
John Bueno

The Trustees can be removed by the Superior General of the CONGREGATION des FILLES de Ste. MARIE de la PROVIDENCE the CONVENT of our LADY of PROVIDENCE in Lucknow, India.

The Convent had run a school known as the Alton Convent School which now has been transferred to an independent charity by the name of Alton Convent School , a registered charity - number 1071684 on September 1st 1998. The school has announced that it will not be re-opening in September 2024. Declining pupil numbers mean that the school has become financially unviable.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31st 2024

OBJECTS

The objects are set out in the Trust Deed as the education of children including the advancement of the Roman Catholic faith.

ORGANISATION

Three of the Trustees are also Trustees of the Alton Convent School and assist with the policy decisions to assure compliance with the Objects of the Trust.

The Convent has retained the ownership of the properties and rents them to the Alton Convent School. The school has been forced to close due to declining pupil numbers and the property has been put up for sale. The school is no longer paying rent to the Trust.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The General Fund had a surplus for the year of £ 214,691

(2023 Surplus £ 1,371,200).

INVESTMENT POWERS

These are governed by the Trust Deed which permits the funds to be invested in assets authorised for the investment of trust funds.

RESOURCES

As stated in Note 8 to the accounts, the reserves are all available for the day to day requirements of the Convent. The Convent's assets are sufficient to meet its obligations.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees had a policy of retaining free reserves of £150,000 to cover any major structural repairs which might be required to the Convent's major building. The free reserves amount to £100,579 (2023 free reserves £ 1,500,697). Given that the school has closed, the £150,000 is no longer considered necessary. Sale of part of the land in September 2024 have increased free reserves by £625146.

Loans to Alton School total £ Nil at the year end. New donations to the school in the year totalled £ 1,027,378. Alton school repaid £Nil of the loan in the year.

The Convent had guaranteed a mortgage, granted by The NatWest Bank, in favour of the Alton Convent School, for a total of £1,565,000 over a term of twenty five years from 2007. Using donations from the convent, the mortgage in the sum of £ 770058 was fully repaid on 31st July 2024

The Convent is in the process of selling the school buildings after its closure and, following legal advice, will be using part of the proceeds to provide funds pay the redundancy and other costs of the school closure.

Approved by the Trustees at their meeting held on 16th June 2025.
and signed on their behalf by:

Helen Elizabeth Samuel

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The purpose of this statement is to distinguish the trustees' responsibilities for the accounts from those of the accountant as stated in his report.

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing the accounts the trustees should follow best practice and:

select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

follow the recommendations of the Charity Commission and of the accounting profession with regard to form and content of the accounts, or to disclose and explain any departures therefrom; and

prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will be able to continue to meet its objectives.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which are such as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at any time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

Report of the Accountant to the Trustees of

The FUND of the CONGREGATION des FILLES de Ste. MARIE de la PROVIDENCE

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I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended August 31st 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act and
- * to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the

accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the

accounts to be reached.

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S C Mason AIA
Accountant & Tax Adviser

16th June 2025

FUND of the CONGREGATION des FILLES de Ste. MARIE de la PROVIDENCE**of the CONVENT of our LADY of PROVIDENCE, ALTON, HAMPSHIRE****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31st 2024**

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Other income	2	76,197	129,525
Bank and other interest		29,622	2,829
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Total Incoming Resources		105,819	132,354
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RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Direct Charitable Expenditure			
Premises		9,819	14,893
(Profit)/Loss on sale of building			(1,128,903)
Donations		1,027,379	488,560
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		1,037,198	(625,450)
Other Expenditure			
Management & administration		175,130	129,795
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Total Resources Expended		1,212,328	(495,655)
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Net Incoming Resources/(Outgoings)		(1,106,509)	628,009
Balances brought forward 01.09.23		1,371,200	743,191
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Balances carried forward 31.08.24		264,691	1,371,200
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The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these accounts

FUND of the CONGREGATION des FILLES de Ste. MARIE de la PROVIDENCE**of the CONVENT of our LADY of PROVIDENCE, ALTON, HAMPSHIRE****BALANCE SHEET as at AUGUST 31st 2024**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets			
School buildings and equipment	4	114,112	122,132
Investments	5	97,193	50,200
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		211,305	172,332
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CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	1,811	-
Cash in Hand and at Bank		55,000	1,500,697
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		56,811	1,500,697
CREDITORS: due within one year	7	3,425	301,829
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		53,386	1,198,868
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TOTAL NET ASSETS		264,691	1,371,200
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UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		264,691	1,371,200
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Approved by the Trustees on 16th June..... 2025
and signed on its behalf by

Helen Elizabeth Samuel.....

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31st 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a)Basis of Preparation

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice , Accounting by Charities.

b)Tangible Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets in use, other than freehold land, at rates and bases calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:-

Freehold buildings over 50 years

Furniture and equipment over 10 years

Motor vehicles over 4 years

Items costing less than £3,000 are written off as an expense as acquired.

c)Expenditure

Expenditure is allocated to expense headings either on a direct cost basis or apportioned according to time spent. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

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2. OTHER INCOME	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Other	49,530	49,525
Rent	26,667	80,000
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	76,197	129,525
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3. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs	Other	Depn	Total
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Teaching costs	-	-	-	-
Welfare	-	-	-	-
Premises	-	9,819	-	9,819
Support costs	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	1,027,379	-	1,027,379
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	-	1,037,198	-	1,037,379
Other Expenditure				
Administration	30,022	137,088	8,020	175,130
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	30,022	1,174,286	8,020	1,212,328
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Management and administration of the charity includes:

Accountant's Remuneration: For audit	nil	nil
For other services	1010	1010

The staff costs are incurred in respect of cleaners and gardeners who maintain the convent.

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4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Freehold Land and Buildings</u>	<u>Furniture & Equipment</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>Total</u>
September 1 st 2023	464,640	48,368	6,700	519,708
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
August 31 st 2024	464,640	48,368	6,700	519,708
<u>Depreciation</u>				
September 1 st 2023	344,183	48,368	5,025	397,566
Charge for year	6,345	-	1,675	8,020
Disposals	-	-	-	-
August 31 st 2024	350,528	48,368	6,700	405,586
Net book value 31.08.24	114,112	nil	nil	114,112
Net book value 31.08.23	120,457	nil	1,675	122,132

The Value for Furniture and Equipment has been arrived at by estimating the cost, since it consists of a mixture of purchases and gifts over a long period without records being available to create an accurate valuation.

5. INVESTMENTS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Term bank deposits/Shares	97,193	50,200
	97,193	50,200

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6.DEBTORS	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Rent	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
Loan to the School	-	-
Debtors - Congregation	1,811	-
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	1,811	NIL
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7.CREDITORS: Due within one year

Creditors - Congregation	-	300,819
Other taxes and social security	-	-
Accruals	1,010	1,010
Other creditors	2,415	-
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	3,425	301,829
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8.FUNDS

The Convent's funds are held to cover normal fluctuations in working capital and are all held in the General Reserve.

9.CONTRACTS AND COMMITMENTS

No capital expenditure has been contracted for in 2024. (2023 £nil).