

REGISTERED CHARITY NO 233120

THE JOHN GREGSON TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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TRUSTEES

Michael Barber (resigned 26 April 2023)
James Chiriyankandath (appointed 22 March 2023)
Catrin Davies
Dorothy Hewerdine
Helen Mason
Justin Meggitt
Derek McAuley (Chair)
Mark Pearce
Melanie Prideaux
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)".

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity name:	The John Gregson Trust
Charity registration number:	233120
Trustees	James Chiriyankandath Catrin Davies Dorothy Hewerdine Helen Mason Justin Meggitt Derek McAuley Mark Pearce Melanie Prideaux Ann Sinclair

Advisors: These are set out on page 1

Structure governance and management

The John Gregson Trust (which incorporates the John Gregson Fund and the Charles Booth Fund) is constituted as an unincorporated Charity under a trust deed dated 3 August 1956.

The declaration of trust states that the administration of the trust shall be undertaken by the Hibbert Trust and hence only trustees of the Hibbert Trust are eligible to be appointed as trustees of the John Gregson Trust.

Objects and activities

(i) The objects of the Trust are the promotion of corporate worship amongst those who profess Christianity in its most simple and intelligible form, including those churches which are on the Role of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches. (ii) The Trustees shall have special regard for the maintenance of the fabric of places of worship within the sphere of (i) above which, in their opinion, are of historical and architectural importance.

Achievements and performance

The trust has received funding in the form of investment income from its investments which are managed by the Investment Managers. This has enabled it to support a wide range of projects. Grants totalling £6,400 (2022: £21,750) have been authorised during the year. No grants (2022: £9,000) authorised in previous years but no longer required have been cancelled. At the year-end there were grants outstanding of £18,500 (2022: £17,300).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity to retain sufficient funds to meet future commitments. Grants are only paid from funds in hand. If insufficient suitable applications for grants are received, the surplus is invested for future income generation or retained for future grant making.

Public benefit

The charitable activities for the year are in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The charity continues to provide grants subject to satisfactory application for funding within its charitable aims and objectives as explained above.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and trust deed. 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.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

D *McAuley* Trustee Dated:
Derek McAuley

27 Nov 2023

THE JOHN GREGSON TRUST

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of
The John Gregson Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the John Gregson Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Samantha Daniels FCA
for and on behalf of
Shaw Gibbs Limited
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Dated:

THE JOHN GREGSON TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Investment income		<u>30,811</u>	<u>26,680</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>30,811</u>	<u>26,680</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Cost of generating funds	3	5,871	4,920
Charitable activities	4	6,400	12,750
Administrative costs	5	<u>2,797</u>	<u>2,808</u>
Total resources expended		<u>15,068</u>	<u>20,478</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		15,743	6,202
Gains/(losses) on investments	7	<u>(129,432)</u>	<u>45,562</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(113,689)	51,764
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		946,209	894,445
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>832,520</u></u>	<u><u>946,209</u></u>

The notes referred to above form part of these Financial Statements.

THE JOHN GREGSON TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	7	<u>809,631</u>	<u>949,068</u>
		809,631	949,068
Current assets			
Debtors		36,739	13,925
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>5,880</u>	<u>3,373</u>
		42,619	17,298
Current liabilities			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(19,730)</u>	<u>(20,157)</u>
Net current assets		<u>22,889</u>	<u>(2,859)</u>
Net assets		<u>832,520</u>	<u>946,209</u>
Represented by			
Unrestricted fund	9	215,999	231,990
Capital fund	9	<u>616,521</u>	<u>714,219</u>
		<u>832,520</u>	<u>946,209</u>

Approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

27 Nov 2023

D McAuley
Derek McAuley
Chair and Trustee

Ann Sinclair
Ann Sinclair
Trustee

The notes referred to above form part of these Financial Statements.

THE JOHN GREGSON TRUST
NOTES ON AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

(b) Investment Income

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt.

(c) Resources Expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Direct payments are made voluntarily to institutions or to individuals.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

(d) Fixed Asset Investments

Fixed asset investments are included at mid-market value at the balance sheet date. All changes in value during the year, whether realised or unrealised, are reported in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(e) Taxation

The Charity does not trade for tax purposes and hence is not liable to Corporation Tax on its surplus.

(f) Fund Accounting

The Charity maintains a capital fund. The capital fund is established to protect the real value of the funds into the future and are not available for distribution.

An amount equal to the increase in value of investments in line with RPI is set aside from realised or unrealised gains in the year and credited to the capital fund. Any excess realised or unrealised gains are allocated to the unrestricted fund and are to be used in accordance with the charitable objects.

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2 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

None of the trustees were paid any remuneration by the Charity during the year (2022 – none).

For administrative purposes, all of the bank transactions of the John Gregson Trust are undertaken by the Hibbert Trust. This results in an amount due to or from the Hibbert Trust. That amount at the year-end is £34,213 due from the Hibbert Trust (2022: £12,199). All of the trustees of the John Gregson Trust are also trustees of the Hibbert Trust and vice versa.

Administrative costs of the Hibbert Trust are incurred in common with the John Gregson Trust. The Hibbert Trust charges an appropriate amount to the John Gregson Trust annually. The amount for the current year is £2,797 (2022: £2,808).

During the year the 3 trustees (2022: 7) were reimbursed expenses of £804 (2022:£1,356) to cover travel costs to meetings and small items of expenditure made on behalf of the Hibbert Trust. These amounts are included in the accounts of the Hibbert Trust.

3 COST OF GENERATING FUNDS

	2023 £	2022 £
Management fees	5,871	4,920
	<u>5,871</u>	<u>4,920</u>

4 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Grants approved	6,400	21,750
Grants cancelled	-	(9,000)
	<u>6,400</u>	<u>12,750</u>

5 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

The Hibbert Trust provides administration services to the John Gregson Trust. This service cost £2,797 (2022: £2,808). Included in this amount is a proportion, £1,114 (2022:£728) of the total Independent Examiner's fee of £3,714 (2022:£2,460)

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6 ANALYSIS OF GRANTS

a Grants awarded	2023	2022
	£	£
Altrincham	-	2,500
Brookfield	600	-
Bridgwater	-	850
Christchurch	-	600
Dukinfield	-	600
Fulwood	600	-
Gellionen	-	600
Leicester	1,500	5,000
Maidstone	-	3,000
Monton	600	-
Newry	-	5,000
Rochdale	-	250
Rivington	-	1,350
Southampton	-	2,000
Urmston	600	-
Whitby	2,500	-
	6,400	21,750

b Grants from previous years not required

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cape Town	-	1,000
Sheffield Fulwood	-	500
Wakefield	-	5,000
Whitby	-	1,500
Findhorn	-	1,000
	-	9,000

All grants are for maintenance of the fabric of places of worship.

7 Fixed asset investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Market Value as at 1 April 2022	949,068	909,486
Acquisitions at cost	-	92,836
Disposals	(7,765)	(91,195)
Gain/(loss) on revaluation	(131,672)	37,941
Market Value as at 31 March 2023	809,631	949,068
Cost as at 31 March 2023	740,806	748,569
	2023	2022
	£	£
Statement of gains and losses on investments		
Realised gain /(loss) on sale of investments	2,240	7,621
Gain / (loss) on revaluation	(131,672)	37,941
	(129,432)	45,562

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7 Fixed asset investments (continued)

Analysis of investments market value

	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed asset investment	131,289	148,458
UK equity funds	77,000	79,350
Overseas equity funds	236,270	240,972
Multi-asset funds	95,297	113,402
Property	115,186	193,230
Alternative funds	154,589	173,656
	<u>809,631</u>	<u>949,068</u>

8 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Grants approved but unpaid	18,500	17,300
Other creditors and accruals	1,230	2,857
	<u>19,730</u>	<u>20,157</u>

9 ACCUMULATED FUNDS

	£	2023 £	£	£	2022 £	£
	Unrestricted fund	Capital fund	Total	Unrestricted fund	Capital fund	Total
Balance as at 1 April 2022	231,990	714,219	946,209	225,788	668,657	894,445
Movement on investments	(31,734)	(97,698)	(129,432)	-	45,562	45,562
Surplus/(deficit) in year	15,743	-	15,743	6,202	-	6,202
Balance as at 31 March 2023	<u>215,999</u>	<u>616,521</u>	<u>832,520</u>	<u>231,990</u>	<u>714,219</u>	<u>946,209</u>



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