

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

England & Wales · Charity number 259638

Details

Other names	STELLA SYMONS, STELLA SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1969-10-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	20 Mill Street Shipston-On-Stour Warwickshire CV36 4AW
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Activities

Objects: FOR SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL IN THEIR UNCONTROLLED DISCRETION FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: general charitable purposes

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£78,926	£85,908	-	-
2024-04-05	£83,507	£95,553	-	-
2023-04-05	£94,680	£89,852	-	-
2022-04-05	£74,572	£90,424	-	-
2021-04-05	£81,875	£99,535	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JANE ELIZABETH WARNICK		2019-12-17
JONATHAN SIMON SHELDON BOSLEY		
KATHERINE ANN WILLIS		

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Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

J S S Bosley
Trustee

Date:- 30 August 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). 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:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
2. 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
3. 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 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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Date:- 30 August 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
INCOME			
Investment income	3	78,926	83,507
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable activities:			
Grants payable	4	66,614	77,050
Governance costs	5	19,294	18,503
Total expenditure		85,908	95,553
Net loss on sale of investments		(167,573)	(11,383)
NET DEFICIT		(174,555)	(23,429)
Gain on revaluation of investments	6	124,166	21,280
Net movement in funds		(50,389)	(2,149)
Total funds brought forward	10	2,094,528	2,096,677
Total funds carried forward	10	2,044,139	2,094,528

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	6	1,931,952	1,951,070
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	40,002	84,289
Cash at bank and in hand		75,702	62,289
		<u>115,704</u>	<u>146,578</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	3,517	3,120
		<u>112,187</u>	<u>143,458</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>2,044,139</u>	<u>2,094,528</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>2,044,139</u>	<u>2,094,528</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted funds	10	<u>2,044,139</u>	<u>2,094,528</u>

J S S Bosley
Trustee

Dated:- 30 August 2025

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Charity of Stella Symons is a registered charity and is a public benefit entity. Its principal office is:

20 Mill Street
Shipston-on-Stour
Warwickshire
CV36 4AW

The financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments principles. The items have been recognised at their cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Investment income

Dividends are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are declared at an amount excluding the tax recoverable from HM Revenue and Customs.

Bank interest is included within investment income when the charity is entitled to receipt.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on a receipts and payments basis.

Grants payable are recognised upon date of payment.

Management and administration comprises costs for the running of the charity itself as an organisation.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued...)

Financial Instruments

The company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Financial assets are measured at cost and are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. Where objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss account.

The impairment loss for financial assets measured at cost is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the best estimate, which is an approximation, of the amount that the company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amount and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date non-financial assets not carried at fair value, like goodwill and plant, property and equipment, are reviewed to determine whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any asset or group of related assets (which is the higher of value in use and the fair value less cost to sell) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If the recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the profit and loss account.

If an impairment loss is subsequently reversed, the carrying amount of the asset, or group of related assets, is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not to exceed the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset, or group of related assets, in prior periods. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the profit and loss account.

Fixed asset investments

Stocks and shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange have been revalued in the balance sheet at market value. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities. No unquoted investments are held.

All investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued...)

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and subsequently at amortised cost.

VAT

As the charity is not registered for Value Added Tax, all costs are VAT inclusive.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the company will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be reliably estimated.

Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

3 INVESTMENT INCOME	2025	2024
	£	£
Dividends and interest on listed investments	35,845	35,430
Overseas unit trust income	37,869	47,040
Interest on cash deposits	1,297	1,037
Sundry income	3,915	-
Total investment income (unrestricted)	78,926	83,507

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4 GRANTS PAYABLE	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants payable	66,614	77,050
The charity provides donations to a wide range of institutions, shown on pages 13 to 14.		
5 GOVERNANCE COSTS	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy fees - examining the accounts	500	500
Accountancy fees - other	3,400	3,280
Management fees	14,811	14,239
Bank charges	393	181
Printing, postage and stationery	-	113
Subscriptions	190	190
	19,294	18,503
6 INVESTMENTS	2025	2024
	£	£
Market value at 6 April 2024	1,951,070	2,005,587
Additions to investments at cost	612,689	270,322
Disposals at carrying value	(755,973)	(346,119)
Net gain in the year on revaluation	124,166	21,280
Market value at 5 April 2025	1,931,952	1,951,070
Investments at market value comprised:		
UK equities	1,207,983	1,385,006
Non UK equities	359,493	331,728
UK fixed interest securities	364,476	288,853
	1,931,952	2,005,587
Historical cost	1,977,363	2,120,647

All investments are listed securities and are shown at market value.

Investments in individual entities held at 5 April 2025 which are over 5% of the portfolio by value are:

VOLARE (Offshore) Income Fund - market value £672,108 (2024 - £700,123)

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7 STAFF COSTS

During the year the charity had no employment related expenditure and the trustees were not reimbursed for any expenses.

8 DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	40,002	84,289

Included within 'Other debtors' are loans to Shipston Sports Clubs totalling £12,500 (2024: £17,500). All loans have been measured initially at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost. 'Other debtors' also includes the cash held in accounts managed by the investment managers totalling £27,502 (2024: £66,789).

9 CREDITORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	3,517	3,120

10 SUMMARY OF FUNDS MOVEMENTS

	Fund balance brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Other recognised losses £	Fund balance carried forward £
Unrestricted funds	2,094,528	78,926	(85,908)	(43,407)	2,044,139

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INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	£
St. Edmunds Church	300
Abbotshall Healthy Lifestyle Centre	300
Big Give Bees for Monmouth	550
Big Give Fareshare London	550
Big Give Surfers Against Sewage	550
Big Give Tusk Trust	550
Big Give LEWA Wild	550
Big Give The Turing Trust	550
Big Give Chipembebe Trust	550
Big Give TEMWA UK	550
Big Give Renewable Brighton	550
Big Give Sophia AK	479
MOVE Charity	300
St.Edmonds Church	300
Halford Village Hall	500
Shipston Town Council re Sensory Garden	500
Enthuse/RABI	248
Global Giving/ Spanish Red Cross	250
Givewheel London	275
Trussell Trust	1,000
St Wilfrid's Hospice	500
The Felix Trust	1,075
City Harvest	538
Surfers Against Sewage	538
The Brain Tumour Charity	538
Fareshare Bristol	538
The Tusk Trust	538
The Ghurka Trust	538
Sumatran Orangutan Organisation	538
The Africa Trust	538
AMREF	538
Dreams Come True	538
Village Water	538
Children on the Edge	538
Toynbee Hall	538
Dementia Support Chichester	1,075
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The Theatre Chipping Norton	538
Friends of the Earth	538
Smile Train	500
Freedom from Torture	538
Tall Ships Youth Trust	1,075
Prison Ad	538
Build It International	538
Katharine House Hospice	538
MSUK	538
Changing Faces	538
David Shepherd Wildlife Trust	538
Global Care	538
Care International	538
Kids Club Kampala	538
Project Luangwa	538

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	£
EMMAUS UK	538
Maggies Centre	538
Refugee Council	538
River Action	538
North Cotswold Community	500
Tall Ships Youth Trust	10,000
Humpris re Beds4Badger Group	1,000
Shelter UK	250
Hearing Dogs for the Deaf	250
Stop the Traffik	250
Mary's Meals	506
BBC Charity Appeal	250
Fareshare UK	250
Support TCT	500
Just Giving British Eventing	281
Enthuse	538
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Cobnor Activity Centre	1,000
Home Start South Warwickshire	3,000
Give as you Live	800
Just Giving British Eventing	731
Steps Charity worldwide	800
Twins Trust	800
Coventry & Warwickshire	800
Lowlands Farm Trust RDA	1,000
Refuge	900
Farming Community Network	800
Hearing Dogs for the Deaf	550
St Mungo's	550
Chipping Norton Theatre	365
Myron Hospice	800
David Shepherd Wildlife Trust	500
GD MND Association	500
Army benevolent Fund	500
Dementia Trust	500
Institute for Cancer Research	1,000
Freshfields Rescue Liverpool	250
RBLI	500
Caring for Life	250
Sight Research UK	523
RNID	500
Water Harvest	500
AR UK	500
Bowel Cancer UK	500
Donation via CAF 03000123000	500
Hopefull	500
War Child	250
The Isla	550
Bristol Chil	250
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J S S Bosley
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

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1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
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BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
INCOME			
Investment income	3	83,507	94,680
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable activities:			
Grants payable	4	77,050	72,000
Governance costs	5	18,503	17,852
Total expenditure		95,553	89,852
Net (loss) / gain on sale of investments		(11,383)	58,913
NET (DEFICIT) / INCOME		(23,429)	63,741
Gain / (loss) on revaluation of investments	6	21,280	(449,223)
Net movement in funds		(2,149)	(385,482)
Total funds brought forward	10	2,096,677	2,482,159
Total funds carried forward	10	2,094,528	2,096,677

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	6	1,951,070	2,005,587
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	84,289	41,825
Cash at bank and in hand		62,289	52,387
		<u>146,578</u>	<u>94,212</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	3,120	3,122
		<u>143,458</u>	<u>91,090</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>2,094,528</u>	<u>2,096,677</u>
NET ASSETS			
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THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
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There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amount and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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As the charity is not registered for Value Added Tax, all costs are VAT inclusive.

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General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

3 INVESTMENT INCOME	2024	2023
	£	£
Dividends and interest on listed investments	35,430	38,269
Overseas unit trust income	47,040	56,214
Interest on cash deposits	1,037	197
Total investment income (unrestricted)	83,507	94,680

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

4 GRANTS PAYABLE	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants payable	77,050	72,000
The charity provides donations to a wide range of institutions, shown on pages 13 to 15.		
5 GOVERNANCE COSTS	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy fees - examining the accounts	500	500
Accountancy fees - other	3,280	3,160
Management fees	14,239	13,865
Bank charges	181	144
Printing, postage and stationery	113	-
Subscriptions	190	183
	18,503	17,852
6 INVESTMENTS	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value at 6 April 2023	2,005,587	2,416,383
Additions to investments at cost	270,322	1,165,296
Disposals at carrying value	(346,119)	(1,126,869)
Net gain / (loss) in the year on revaluation	21,280	(449,223)
Market value at 5 April 2024	1,951,070	2,005,587
Investments at market value comprised:		
UK equities	1,245,279	1,385,006
Non UK equities	342,526	331,728
UK fixed interest securities	363,265	288,853
	1,951,070	2,005,587
Historical cost	2,044,801	2,120,647

All investments are listed securities and are shown at market value.

Investments in individual entities held at 5 April 2024 which are over 5% of the portfolio by value are:

VOLARE (Offshore) Income Fund - market value £700,123 (2023 - £654,718)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

7 STAFF COSTS

During the year the charity had no employment related expenditure and the trustees were not reimbursed for any expenses.

8 DEBTORS	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	84,289	41,825

Included within 'Other debtors' are loans to Shipston Sports Clubs totalling £17,500 (2023: £22,500). All loans have been measured initially at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost. 'Other debtors' also includes the cash held in accounts managed by the investment managers totalling £66,789 (2023: £17,005).

9 CREDITORS	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	3,120	3,122

10 SUMMARY OF FUNDS MOVEMENTS

	Fund balance brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Other recognised losses £	Fund balance carried forward £
Unrestricted funds	2,096,677	83,507	(95,553)	9,897	2,094,528

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INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	£
Off the Fence	250
Peoples Trust for Endangered Species	250
Barn Owl Trust	250
Epilepsy Research UK re C Byrd DOW	250
Leukaemia UK	250
David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation	250
Dream Makers	250
Handicapped Children's Action Group	300
Warwicks Riding for the Disabled	300
ICR	300
Freedom from Torture	300
Wainman Trust	300
Terrence Higgins Trust	300
No Judgement Space	300
Sofa Project	300
Royal Hospital for Neuro Disability	300
AMREF	300
KEMP The Wire Forest Hospice	300
Grove Cottage	300
Mount Noddy Animal Centre	300
Brecon & District Dial a Ride Club	300
Young & Free	300
The Fishermen's Mission	300
Hillhouse	300
Lennox Children's Charity Fund	300
Brainwave	300
Rainbow Trust	300
RABI	300
Mare & Foal Sanctuary	300
Social Square	300
Epilepsy Action	300
Acorn's Children's Hospice	300
CBM UK	300
Cystic Fibrosis Trust	300
Francis House Children's Hospice	300
Flora & Fauna International	300
British Dyslexics	300
Father Hudson's Care	300
Dorset MIND	300
Sailors Children's Society	300
British Polio Fellowship	300
Shakespeare Hospice	300
Shipston Home Nursing	300
St Wilfrid's Hospice	500
Dementia Support	500
Army Benevolent Fund	300
RABI	300
Mary's Meals	300
Rainforest UK	300
East Sussex Vision Support	300
NASS	300
Friends of Minstead Study Centre	300
See Kenya	300

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INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	£
Royal Star & Garter Home	300
Childhood	300
Newbridge Foundation	300
St Richard's Hospice	300
Dreams Come True	300
Childrens Burns Trust	300
Go Beyond	300
Chestnut Tree House Hospice	300
Willow	300
Help for Heroes	300
Sparkhill Foodbank	300
YMCA Milton Keynes	300
Friends of Idlicote Church	250
Burmington PCC	250
Home Start South Warwickshire	3,000
Myton Hospice	300
Warwickshire Air Ambulance	300
Katharine House Hospice	300
Shipston Foodbank	300
Carbon Copy Network	800
City Harvest	800
The landmark Arts Centre	800
Shelter	800
The Rivers Trust	800
Captain Paul Watson Foundation UK	800
Teddington Theatre Club Ltd.	800
SPEAR	800
Eastside Community Trust	300
Save the Rhino International	1,000
Children on the Edge	1,000
Tusk Trust	500
Midhurst Palliative Care	300
Home Start South Warwickshire	8,000
Earnley PCC	2,000
Siobhans Trust	1,000
Tall Ships Youth Trust	10,000
Big Give	1,050
ENTHUSE Brighton	800
WWWSAS.org	800
Hackney Winter Nig	800
Royal Marsden Hospital	800
R.I.S.E Brighton	800
Macular Society	250
Chipping Norton theatre	500
Princess Alice Hospice	800
St Mungo's	800
REFUGE	800
Stour Health & Wellbeing Partnership	900
Steps Charity Worldwide	900
Twins Trust	900
Hearing Dogs for the Deaf	900

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INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	£
Coventry & Warwickshire MIND	900
Lifespace Trust	900
Lowlands Farm Riding for the Disabled	900
REFUGE	900
Myton Hospice	1,000
Epilepsy Research UK	900
Children on the Edge	1,000
Siobhan's Trust	1,000
TUSK Trust	1,000
ENTHUSE Brighton	1,000
Save the Rhino	1,000
 TOTAL	 <u><u>77,050</u></u>

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

England & Wales - Charity number 259638

Accounts

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

**ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
5 APRIL 2023**

**The MGroup Partnership
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Charity Number: 259638

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

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CHARITY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

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THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 8 to 10 and comply with the charity's trust deed and applicable law.

CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTS

The Charity of Stella Symons is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 1 February 1968 and is a registered charity (number 259638). The Trust Deed gives the trustees the power to apply the annual income of the trust upon such charitable trusts and for such charitable purposes as they shall in their uncontrolled discretion determine.

The objects of the charity continued to be that of providing financial support to a wide range of charitable organisations providing benefits for the public in the United Kingdom and overseas. The support may take the form of a loan but more usually is made as a donation.

The trustees have a policy of only making contributions where they believe that a public benefit will be derived from the use of the funds made available.

The trustees currently have a policy of supporting organisations in a wide geographic area including those active in the United Kingdom and overseas and cover a wide range of activities including those living in poverty.

We have referred to the guidance contained on the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

ORGANISATION

The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1.

All decisions are made by the trustees.

New trustees are appointed by agreement between the existing trustees.

TRUSTEE INDUCTION AND TRAINING

Trustees are given information regarding the financial state of the trust including expected income and expenditure for the forthcoming year. Trustees have access to financial information at all times.

The charity is a member of the West Midlands Charitable Trust Group and copies of the Charity Commission Newsletter are made available for trustees. New trustees, when appointed, will undergo an induction process to make them aware of their duties and responsibilities as trustees and of the specific objects and operating procedures of this trust.

GRANT MAKING POLICY

The trustees respond to applications for grants where a grant is to be made and in the main will only support organisations registered as charities with the Charity Commission. If this is not the case the trustees will only offer support where they are confident that the funds are to be used for public benefit.

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The charity has distributed the income arising from its investments in each year and a record of distributions is kept and included in the annual accounts for the charity. The trustees believe that the charity provides a valuable and much needed and appreciated source of funding for the organisations it supports.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND INVESTMENT POLICY

The activities of the trust included receiving income during the year from both investments and bank interest receivable of £94,680 (2022 - £74,572), which were the only sources of income. The charitable distributions during the year amounted to £72,000 (2022 - £79,750), which were to various charities upon receipt of applications as set out in the objectives.

The total funds of the trust decreased to an aggregate of £2,096,677 as at 5 April 2023 (2022 - £2,482,159), due to a decrease in the market value of investments held.

The investment strategy is set by the trustees.

Investment performance is monitored by the trustees through monthly valuations and annual investment reports provided by the fund managers, Harris Allday and Aberdeen Standard Capital. (Day-to-day management is carried out by Harris Allday and Aberdeen Standard Capital.) The Trustees operate an investment policy which is updated periodically.

FUTURE PLANS

The future plans for the trust are to distribute income realised during each year in excess of costs in accordance with the distribution policies which are reviewed periodically.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity.

The trustees oversee the level of income reserves held and consider whether they are sufficient in order that the charity meets its needs effectively.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

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.

The law applicable to charities in England and 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 (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008;
- 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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 the provisions of the 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:

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Trustee

17-Aug-23

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Dividends and interest on listed investments	38,269	55,667
Overseas unit trust income	56,214	18,898
Interest on cash deposits	197	7
Total investment income (unrestricted)	94,680	74,572

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

4 GRANTS PAYABLE	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants payable	72,000	79,750
The charity provides donations to a wide range of institutions, shown on pages 13 to 16.		
5 GOVERNANCE COSTS	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy fees - examining the accounts	500	500
Accountancy fees - other	3,160	3,040
Management fees	13,865	6,884
Bank charges	144	32
Printing, postage and stationery	-	43
Subscriptions	183	175
	17,852	10,674
6 INVESTMENTS	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value at 6 April 2022	2,416,383	2,241,902
Additions to investments at cost	1,165,296	944,517
Disposals at carrying value	(1,126,869)	(785,308)
Net (loss) / gain in the year on revaluation	(449,223)	15,272
Market value at 5 April 2023	2,005,587	2,416,383
Investments at market value comprised:		
UK equities	1,385,006	2,077,920
Non UK equities	331,728	140,280
UK fixed interest securities	288,853	198,183
	2,005,587	2,416,383
Historical cost	2,120,647	2,082,220

All investments are listed securities and are shown at market value.

Investments in individual entities held at 5 April 2023 which are over 5% of the portfolio by value are:

ASC (Offshore) Income Fund - market value £654,718 (2022 - £721,600)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

7 STAFF COSTS

During the year the charity had no employment related expenditure and the trustees were not reimbursed for any expenses.

8 DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	41,825	20,445

Included within 'Other debtors' are loans to Shipston Sports Clubs totalling £22,500 (2022: £15,000). All loans have been measured initially at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost.

9 CREDITORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	3,122	3,122

10 SUMMARY OF FUNDS MOVEMENTS

	Fund balance brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Other recognised losses £	Fund balance carried forward £
Unrestricted funds	2,482,159	94,680	(89,852)	(390,310)	2,096,677

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INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

	£
Acorns Children's Hospice	250
Action for Elders	250
Animal Antiks	250
Autism Bedfordshire	250
Bader Braves	250
Barnabus	250
Basildon Community Resource Centre	250
BDFA	250
BLESMA	250
BLISS	250
Blood Cancer UK	250
Brain Research	250
Brainwave	250
Brecon disAbled Club	250
Bright Sparks	250
British Red Cross	250
British Red Cross	500
British Wireless for the Blind	250
Brooke Animal Hospital	250
Build It International	250
CALM	250
Cardiac Rehab	250
CASCA Advocacy	250
CASE	250
Caudwell Children	250
Cerebral Palsy Plus	250
Charity Link	250
CHASE Africa	250
CHESS Homeless	250
Chestnut Tree Hospice	250
Child Rescue Nepal	500
Clapton Common Boys Club	250
Combat Stress	250
Community Infrastructure	500
Compass Children's Charity	250
Concern Worldwide	250
Concern Worldwide	250
Conquest Art	250
CONTACT	250
County Air Ambulance Trust	250
Crimoinion UK	250
Crohn's & Colitis Relief	250
Cystic Fibrosis Eastside Community Trust	250
David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation	250
Deaf Blind UK	250
DEC Ukraine Appeal	5,000
Dementia Support	1,000
Derian House Hospice	250
Diabetes UK	250
Disabled Sailors	250
Ditch the Label	250
Dream Holidays	250

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INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

	£
Dream Makers	250
Dreams Come True	250
Dressability	500
Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs	250
East Bristol Advice and Information Centres	250
Edinburgh Headway	250
Emerge	250
Erskine	250
ExeAccess	250
Extra Cover Trust	1,500
Eyes Open	250
Families United Network	250
Family Holiday Charity	250
Fauna & Flora International	250
Food Lifeline	250
Food Lifeline	250
Forest of Avon Trust	250
Francis House Children's Hospice	250
Freedom Kit Bags	250
Freshfields Animal Rescue	250
Frontier Youth Trust	250
Galapagos Conservation Trust	250
Global Care	250
Go Beyond	250
Go Beyond	500
Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Charity	250
Great Western Air Ambulance Charity	250
Grove Cottage	250
Halo Project	1,000
Happy Days	250
Headway Devon	250
Hearts & Minds	250
Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity	250
Help for Heroes	250
Honington Parish Meeting	500
Hope for Justice	250
Hope for Tomorrow	250
Hospice Care Northumberland	250
Hotline Meals Service	250
Hurdle	250
International Spinal Research Trust	250
JigsawSouth east	500
Julia's House	250
KEMP	250
Kidney Care UK	250
Kids Club Kampala	250
Kids Space	250
Kol Banaich	250
KSS Air AMbulance	250
Lakeland Day Care Hospice	250
Legs Africa	250

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INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

	£
Leicester Charity	250
Leukaemia & Myeloma Research	250
London Air Ambulance Charity	250
Maggie Keswick Jen	1,000
Maggie's	250
Mary Stevens Hospital	250
Mary's Meals	250
Mencap Leeds	250
Mercia Therapy Centre	250
MIND	250
Montessori Group	250
MS Society	250
Muscular Dystrophy UK	250
My AFK	250
Myaware	250
NACOA	250
NARS	250
NeuroMuscular Centre	250
New Bridge Foundation	250
Norfolk Family Carers	250
NSARDA	250
OCD Action	500
Off the Fence	250
Open Road	250
Oxford Hospitals Charity	250
Peer Advice Services	250
People's Trust for Endangered Species	250
People's Trust for Endangered Species	250
Pham	250
Porridge & Pens for Ghana	250
PRAMA Life	250
Prostate Cancer UK	250
Rainbows	250
Rainforest Concern	250
REACT	250
React	250
Rennie Grove Hospice Care	250
Resolve west	250
Retina UK	250
RNID	250
Robbie Anderson Cancer Trust	1,000
ROCK UK	250
Royal Air Force benevolent Fund	250
Royal Hospital for Neardisability	250
RSBC	250
Safe Child Thailand	250
SCOPE	250
Second Chance	250
SHINE	250
Siblings Together	250
Siobhan's Trust	1,000

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INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

	£
Social Square	250
Solar Aid	250
SPANNA	250
SSAFA	250
St David's Hospice Care	250
St Giles' Hospice Care	250
St Pauls Advice Centre	250
St Richards Hospice	250
St Wilfrids Hospice	5,000
Strongbones Children's Charitable Trust	250
STUBS	250
Sunshine Wishes Children's Charity	250
Tall Ships Youth Trust	5,000
Target Ovarian Cancer	250
Teen Action	250
The 3H Foundation	250
The Barn Owl Trust	250
The Brain Tumour Charity	250
The Children's Society	250
The Children's Charity Trust	250
The Cordon Sailing Trust	250
The Derbyshire Federation for Mental Health	250
The Happy and Healthy Trust	250
The Hospice Charity	250
The Jessie May Trust	250
The Linda Tremble Foundation	500
The Migraine Trust	250
The Miscarriage Association	250
The Robbie Anderson Cancer Trust	250
The Royal Star & Garter Homes	250
The Soil Association	250
The Sussex Snowdrop Trust	250
The Sylvia Wright Trust	250
The Urology Foundation	250
Tiny Tim's Children's Centre	250
Tom's Trust	250
UCL Hospitals Charitable Trust	250
Wessex Cancer Trust	250
Whale & Dolphin Conservation Society	250
Whittington Health Trust	250
Wildlife Trust Staffordshire	250
World Horse Welfare	250
Worldwide Literacy	250
YMCA England	250
YMCA Milton Keynes	250
YMCA Reading	250
Yorkshire Children's Trust	250
Zambia Orphans Aid UK	250
TOTAL	<u><u>72,000</u></u>

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Accounts

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

**ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
5 APRIL 2022**

**The MGroup Partnership
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Charity Number: 259638

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CHARITY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

TRUSTEES

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J S S Bosley

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

259638

ACCOUNTANTS

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THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 8 to 10 and comply with the charity's trust deed and applicable law.

CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTS

The Charity of Stella Symons is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 1 February 1968 and is a registered charity (number 259638). The Trust Deed gives the trustees the power to apply the annual income of the trust upon such charitable trusts and for such charitable purposes as they shall in their uncontrolled discretion determine.

The objects of the charity continued to be that of providing financial support to a wide range of charitable organisations providing benefits for the public in the United Kingdom and overseas. The support may take the form of a loan but more usually is made as a donation.

The trustees have a policy of only making contributions where they believe that a public benefit will be derived from the use of the funds made available.

The trustees currently have a policy of supporting organisations in a wide geographic area including those active in the United Kingdom and overseas and cover a wide range of activities including those living in poverty.

We have referred to the guidance contained on the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

ORGANISATION

The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1.

All decisions are made by the trustees.

New trustees are appointed by agreement between the existing trustees.

TRUSTEE INDUCTION AND TRAINING

Trustees are given information regarding the financial state of the trust including expected income and expenditure for the forthcoming year. Trustees have access to financial information at all times.

The charity is a member of the West Midlands Charitable Trust Group and copies of the Charity Commission Newsletter are made available for trustees. New trustees, when appointed, will undergo an induction process to make them aware of their duties and responsibilities as trustees and of the specific objects and operating procedures of this trust.

GRANT MAKING POLICY

The trustees respond to applications for grants where a grant is to be made and in the main will only support organisations registered as charities with the Charity Commission. If this is not the case the trustees will only offer support where they are confident that the funds are to be used for public benefit.

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The charity has distributed the income arising from its investments in each year and a record of distributions is kept and included in the annual accounts for the charity. The trustees believe that the charity provides a valuable and much needed and appreciated source of funding for the organisations it supports.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND INVESTMENT POLICY

The activities of the trust included receiving income during the year from both investments and bank interest receivable of £74,572 (2021 - £81,875), which were the only sources of income. The charitable distributions during the year amounted to £79,750 (2021 - £89,800), which were to various charities upon receipt of applications as set out in the objectives.

The total funds of the trust increased to an aggregate of £2,482,159 as at 5 April 2022 (2021 - £2,315,946), due to increasing market value of investments held.

The investment strategy is set by the trustees.

Investment performance is monitored by the trustees through monthly valuations and annual investment reports provided by the fund managers, Harris Allday and Aberdeen Standard Capital. (Day-to-day management is carried out by Harris Allday and Aberdeen Standard Capital.) The Trustees operate an investment policy which is updated periodically.

FUTURE PLANS

The future plans for the trust are to distribute income realised during each year in excess of costs in accordance with the distribution policies which are reviewed periodically.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity.

The trustees oversee the level of income reserves held and consider whether they are sufficient in order that the charity meets its needs effectively.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

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.

The law applicable to charities in England and 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 (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008;
- 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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 the provisions of the 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:

J S S Bosley
Trustee

Date: 8 November 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). 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:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
2. 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
3. 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 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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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £
INCOME			
Investment income	3	74,572	81,875
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable activities:			
Grants payable	4	79,750	89,800
Governance costs	5	10,674	9,735
Total expenditure		90,424	99,535
Net gain / (loss) on sale of investments		166,793	(7,303)
NET INCOME		150,941	(24,963)
Other recognised gains			
Gain on revaluation of investments	6	15,272	456,470
Net movement in funds		166,213	431,507
Total funds brought forward	10	2,315,946	1,884,439
Total funds carried forward	10	2,482,159	2,315,946

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	6	2,416,383	2,241,902
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	20,445	26,891
Cash at bank and in hand		48,453	50,275
		<u>68,898</u>	<u>77,166</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	3,122	3,122
		<u>65,776</u>	<u>74,044</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>2,482,159</u>	<u>2,315,946</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>2,482,159</u>	<u>2,315,946</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted funds	10	<u>2,482,159</u>	<u>2,315,946</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 8 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

J S S Bosley
Trustee

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Charity of Stella Symons is a registered charity and is a public benefit entity. Its principal office is:

20 Mill Street
Shipston-on-Stour
Warwickshire
CV36 4AW

The financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments principles. The items have been recognised at their cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Investment income

Dividends are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are declared at an amount excluding the tax recoverable from HM Revenue and Customs.

Bank interest is included within investment income when the charity is entitled to receipt.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on a receipts and payments basis.

Grants payable are recognised upon date of payment.

Management and administration comprises costs for the running of the charity itself as an organisation.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued...)

Financial Instruments

The company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Financial assets are measured at cost and are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. Where objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss account.

The impairment loss for financial assets measured at cost is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the best estimate, which is an approximation, of the amount that the company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amount and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date non-financial assets not carried at fair value, like goodwill and plant, property and equipment, are reviewed to determine whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any asset or group of related assets (which is the higher of value in use and the fair value less cost to sell) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If the recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the profit and loss account.

If an impairment loss is subsequently reversed, the carrying amount of the asset, or group of related assets, is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not to exceed the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset, or group of related assets, in prior periods. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the profit and loss account.

Fixed asset investments

Stocks and shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange have been revalued in the balance sheet at market value. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities. No unquoted investments are held.

All investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued...)

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and subsequently at amortised cost.

VAT

As the charity is not registered for Value Added Tax, all costs are VAT inclusive.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the company will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be reliably estimated.

Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

3 INVESTMENT INCOME	2022	2021
	£	£
Dividends and interest on listed investments	55,667	66,174
Overseas unit trust income	18,898	15,687
Interest on cash deposits	7	14
Total investment income (unrestricted)	74,572	81,875

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

4 GRANTS PAYABLE	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants payable	79,750	89,800
The charity provides donations to a wide range of institutions, shown on pages 13 to 14.		
5 GOVERNANCE COSTS	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountancy fees - examining the accounts	500	500
Accountancy fees - other	3,040	2,920
Management fees	6,884	6,081
Bank charges	32	-
Printing, postage and stationery	43	64
Subscriptions	175	170
	10,674	9,735
6 INVESTMENTS	2022	2021
	£	£
Market value at 6 April 2021	2,241,902	1,754,147
Additions to investments at cost	944,517	804,559
Disposals at carrying value	(785,308)	(773,274)
Net gain in the year on revaluation	15,272	456,470
Market value at 5 April 2022	2,416,383	2,241,902
Investments at market value comprised:		
UK equities	2,077,920	1,616,834
Non UK equities	140,280	253,020
UK fixed interest securities	198,183	372,048
	2,416,383	2,241,902
Historical cost	2,082,220	1,923,011

All investments are listed securities and are shown at market value.

Investments in individual entities held at 5 April 2022 which are over 5% of the portfolio by value are:

ASC (Offshore) Income Fund - market value £721,600 (2021 - £670,119)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

7 STAFF COSTS

During the year the charity had no employment related expenditure and the trustees were not reimbursed for any expenses.

8 DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	20,445	26,891

Included within 'Other debtors' are two loans to Shipston Sports Club totalling £15,000 (2021: £17,500). Both loans have been measured initially at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost.

9 CREDITORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals and deferred income	3,122	3,122

10 SUMMARY OF FUNDS MOVEMENTS

	Fund balance brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Other recognised gains £	Fund balance carried forward £
Unrestricted funds	2,315,946	74,572	(90,424)	182,065	2,482,159

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INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

	£
Alive Activities	250
AMREF	500
AMREF	250
Army Benevolent Fund	500
Aspergers Children	250
Bede House Association	250
Carbon Copy Trust	600
Care 4 Calais	250
Chichester Foodbank	500
Children on the Edge	500
Children on the Edge	2,500
Children on the Edge	2,500
Chipping Norton Theatre	600
City Harvest	600
Clean Rivers Trust	250
DEC Ukraine Appeal	10,000
Dementia Support	1,000
Durham Association of Boys Clubs	250
ERIC	250
Extra Cover Trust	500
Farming Community Network	1,000
Four Paws UK	250
Galapagos Conservation Society	250
Ghurka Welfare Trust	250
Home Start Richmnd	600
Home Start South Warwickshire	8,000
Hope Project	250
Jake McCarthy Foundation	500
JE Warnick re donation	250
Kids Klub Kampala	250
Kids n Action	250
Lifepsace Trust	1,000
London Air Ambulance	250
Lowlands Farm RDA	1,000
Making Space	250
Martha Trust	250
Marys Meals	500
Moirra Anderson Foundation	250
Motor Neurone Disease Society	1,000
MS Therapy Centre Coventry	500
Musical Keys	250
Norwood & Brixton Food Bank	600
OPA Cancer Charity	250
Oxford Hospitals Trust	250
Phoebe	250
Plan International	250
Playschule	250
Police Community Hubs of GB	500
Porridge & Pens	250
Portsmouth Foodbank	500
RABI	500
Renewable World	600
Richmond Foodbank	600

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INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

	£
RISE Brighton	500
RNIB	500
RNLI	250
Robbie Anderson Trust	3,000
Royal Marsden Cancer Charity	600
Sailors Childrens Society	250
Sea Shepherd	600
Sebakwe Black Rhino Trust	500
Sense Trust	250
Shakespeare Hospice	500
SHELTER	600
Shipston Foodbank	500
Shipston Home Nursing	500
Shipston Hospital League of Friends	500
SPAnA	250
SPEAR	600
St Wilfrid's Hospice	1,000
STCF Philanthorpy	250
Stratford Foodbank	500
Sunny Days Childrens Charity	250
Surfers Against Sewage	600
Tall Ships Youth Trust	3,000
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The Donkey Sanctuary	250
The Felix Project	1,000
The Hackney Shelter	250
The Honeypot Childrens Charity	250
The Landmark Arts Trust	600
The Rivers Trust	600
The Rossendale Trust	250
The SOFA Project	250
The Trussell Trust	500
The Trussell Trust	10,000
The Vineyard Community Centre	1,000
TUSK	1,000
Versus Arthritis	250
Whoopsadaisy Brighton	250
Winstons Wish	500
World Land Bank	1,000
Worldwide Veterinary Service	250
Young Minds	500
Young Minds Trust	250
TOTAL	<u><u>79,750</u></u>

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

England & Wales - Charity number 259638

Accounts

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

**ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
5 APRIL 2021**

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CHARITY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

TRUSTEES

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PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

259638

ACCOUNTANTS

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Cranbrook House
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1 George Street
Edinburgh
EH2 2LL

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 8 to 10 and comply with the charity's trust deed and applicable law.

CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTS

The Charity of Stella Symons is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 1 February 1968 and is a registered charity (number 259638). The Trust Deed gives the trustees the power to apply the annual income of the trust upon such charitable trusts and for such charitable purposes as they shall in their uncontrolled discretion determine.

The objects of the charity continued to be that of providing financial support to a wide range of charitable organisations providing benefits for the public in the United Kingdom and overseas. The support may take the form of a loan but more usually is made as a donation.

The trustees have a policy of only making contributions where they believe that a public benefit will be derived from the use of the funds made available.

The trustees currently have a policy of supporting organisations in a wide geographic area including those active in the United Kingdom and overseas and cover a wide range of activities including those living in poverty.

We have referred to the guidance contained on the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

ORGANISATION

The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1.

All decisions are made by the trustees.

New trustees are appointed by agreement between the existing trustees.

TRUSTEE INDUCTION AND TRAINING

Trustees are given information regarding the financial state of the trust including expected income and expenditure for the forthcoming year. Trustees have access to financial information at all times.

The charity is a member of the West Midlands Charitable Trust Group and copies of the Charity Commission Newsletter are made available for trustees. New trustees, when appointed, will undergo an induction process to make them aware of their duties and responsibilities as trustees and of the specific objects and operating procedures of this trust.

GRANT MAKING POLICY

The trustees respond to applications for grants where a grant is to be made and in the main will only support organisations registered as charities with the Charity Commission. If this is not the case the trustees will only offer support where they are confident that the funds are to be used for public benefit.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The charity has distributed the income arising from its investments in each year and a record of distributions is kept and included in the annual accounts for the charity. The trustees believe that the charity provides a valuable and much needed and appreciated source of funding for the organisations it supports.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND INVESTMENT POLICY

The activities of the trust included receiving income during the year from both investments and bank interest receivable of £81,875 (2020 - £76,525), which were the only sources of income. The charitable distributions during the year amounted to £89,800 (2020 - £92,250), which were to various charities upon receipt of applications as set out in the objectives.

The total funds of the trust increased to an aggregate of £2,315,946 as at 5 April 2021 (2020 - £1,884,439), due to increasing market value of investments held.

The investment strategy is set by the trustees.

Investment performance is monitored by the trustees through monthly valuations and annual investment reports provided by the fund managers, Harris Allday and Aberdeen Standard Capital. (Day-to-day management is carried out by Harris Allday and Aberdeen Standard Capital.) The Trustees operate an investment policy which is updated periodically.

FUTURE PLANS

The future plans for the trust are to distribute income realised during each year in excess of costs in accordance with the distribution policies which are reviewed periodically.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity.

The trustees oversee the level of income reserves held and consider whether they are sufficient in order that the charity meets its needs effectively.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

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.

The law applicable to charities in England and 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 (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008;
- 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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 the provisions of the 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:

J S S Bosley
Trustee

Date: 11 November 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). 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:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
2. 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
3. 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 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.

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £
INCOME			
Investment income	3	81,875	76,525
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable activities:			
Grants payable	4	89,800	92,250
Governance costs	5	9,735	10,641
Total expenditure		99,535	102,891
Net (loss) / gain on sale of investments		(7,303)	121,050
NET INCOME		(24,963)	94,684
Other recognised gains / (losses)			
Gain / (loss) on revaluation of investments	6	456,470	(509,160)
Net movement in funds		431,507	(414,476)
Total funds brought forward	10	1,884,439	2,298,915
Total funds carried forward	10	2,315,946	1,884,439

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 5 APRIL 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	6	2,241,902	1,754,147
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	26,891	68,292
Cash at bank and in hand		50,275	65,123
		<u>77,166</u>	<u>133,415</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	3,122	3,123
		<u>74,044</u>	<u>130,292</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>2,315,946</u>	<u>1,884,439</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>2,315,946</u>	<u>1,884,439</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted funds	10	<u>2,315,946</u>	<u>1,884,439</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 11 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

J S S Bosley
Trustee

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Charity of Stella Symons is a registered charity and is a public benefit entity. Its principal office is:

20 Mill Street
Shipston-on-Stour
Warwickshire
CV36 4AW

The financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments principles. The items have been recognised at their cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Investment income

Dividends are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are declared at an amount excluding the tax recoverable from HM Revenue and Customs.

Bank interest is included within investment income when the charity is entitled to receipt.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on a receipts and payments basis.

Grants payable are recognised upon date of payment.

Management and administration comprises costs for the running of the charity itself as an organisation.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued...)

Financial Instruments

The company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Financial assets are measured at cost and are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. Where objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss account.

The impairment loss for financial assets measured at cost is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the best estimate, which is an approximation, of the amount that the company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amount and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date non-financial assets not carried at fair value, like goodwill and plant, property and equipment, are reviewed to determine whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any asset or group of related assets (which is the higher of value in use and the fair value less cost to sell) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If the recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the profit and loss account.

If an impairment loss is subsequently reversed, the carrying amount of the asset, or group of related assets, is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not to exceed the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset, or group of related assets, in prior periods. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the profit and loss account.

Fixed asset investments

Stocks and shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange have been revalued in the balance sheet at market value. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities. No unquoted investments are held.

All investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued...)

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and subsequently at amortised cost.

VAT

As the charity is not registered for Value Added Tax, all costs are VAT inclusive.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the company will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be reliably estimated.

Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

3 INVESTMENT INCOME	2021 £	2020 £
Dividends and interest on listed investments	66,174	57,649
Overseas unit trust income	15,687	18,741
Interest on cash deposits	14	135
Total investment income (unrestricted)	81,875	76,525

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

4 GRANTS PAYABLE	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants payable	89,800	92,250
The charity provides donations to a wide range of institutions, shown on pages 13 to 16.		
5 GOVERNANCE COSTS	2021	2020
	£	£
Accountancy fees - examining the accounts	500	500
Accountancy fees - other	2,920	2,800
Management fees	6,081	6,890
Printing, postage and stationery	64	261
Subscriptions	170	190
	9,735	10,641
6 INVESTMENTS	2021	2020
	£	£
Market value at 6 April 2020	1,754,147	2,127,213
Additions to investments at cost	804,559	767,662
Disposals at carrying value	(773,274)	(631,568)
Net gain / (loss) in the year on revaluation	456,470	(509,160)
Market value at 5 April 2021	2,241,902	1,754,147
Investments at market value comprised:		
UK equities	1,616,834	1,199,977
Non UK equities	253,020	284,428
UK fixed interest securities	372,048	269,742
	2,241,902	1,754,147
Historical cost	1,923,011	1,891,726

All investments are listed securities and are shown at market value.

Investments in individual entities held at 5 April 2021 which are over 5% of the portfolio by value are:

ASC (Offshore) Income Fund - market value £670,119 (2020 - £547,295)

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021**

7 STAFF COSTS

During the year the charity had no employment related expenditure and the trustees were not reimbursed for any expenses.

8 DEBTORS	2021	2020
	£	£
Other debtors	26,891	68,292

Included within 'Other debtors' are two loans to Shipston Sports Club totalling £17,500 (2020: £18,500). Both loans have been measured initially at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost.

9 CREDITORS	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,122	3,123

10 SUMMARY OF FUNDS MOVEMENTS

	Fund balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Other recognised gains / (losses)	Fund balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	1,884,439	81,875	(99,535)	449,167	2,315,946

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INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

	£
2nd Warwick Sea Scout Group	250
ABF The Soldiers Charity	500
Alder Hey Children's Charity	250
AMREF Health Africa	250
Anthoy Nolan	250
Anti-Slavery International	250
Aspergers Childen and Carer Trust	250
BCCS	250
BIBIC	250
Blesma	250
Blind Veterans UK	250
Bone Cancer Research Trust	250
Bowel Cancer UK	250
Boxes of Basics	250
Brain Research UK	250
Brain Tumour Support	250
Bristol Children's Charity	250
Brooke	250
CAF Appeal	10,000
Canley Community Centre	250
Charity Link	250
Chichester Foodbank	250
Child Autism UK	250
Child's I Foundation	250
Chrysalis Holidays	250
Clapton Common Boys Club	250
COIF Charites Appeal Eventing	250
Coram Life Education Hillingdon Ltd	250
CURE UK	250
Cygnets Education Charity	400
David Shepherd Wildlife Trust	500
David Shepherd Wildlife Trust	500
Dementia Support	1,000
Derby Toc H Children's Camp	250
Designability	250
Dodford Children's Farm	250
Downside Up	250
Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs	250
East Anglian Air Ambulance	250
Extra Cover	250
Father Hudson's Care	250
Feeding Britain	1,500
Feeding Coventry	250
Friends of Idlicote Church	250
GL11 Community Hub	250
Good Neighbours Coventry	250
Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity	250
Great Western Air Ambulance	250
Grove Adventure Playground	250
Hackney Quest	250
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance	250
Headway Tyneside	250
Heart of England Commmunity Association	2,500

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	£
Home from Hospital care	250
Home Start Oxford	250
Home-Start South Wariwckshire	3,500
Itala Foundation	250
Jake Macarthey Foundation	500
Jessie May Hospice	250
John Fawcett Foundation	250
Keech Hospice Care	250
KEMP Hospice	250
Kids Club Kampala	250
Landmark Arts Centre	800
Lennox Children's Cancer Fund	250
Levi's Star	250
Lilian Faithful Care	250
London Air Ambulance	250
Lowlands RDA	250
Lucy Air Ambulance for Children	250
Macmillan Cancer Support	250
Martha Trust	250
Mary's Meals	250
Miscarriage Association	250
MS Therapy Centre Bedfordshire & Northants	250
MS Therapy Centre Coventry	1,000
Nansa	250
NASS	250
National Emergency Appeal	10,000
National Tremor Foundation	250
Off the Record	250
Orchestra of the Sun	250
Penny Brohn UK	250
PHOEBE	250
Plan International UK	250
Police Community Clubs of GB	250
Princess Alice Hospice	500
QEF	250
RABI	500
RAF Benevolent Fund	250
Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid	250
Retina UK	250
Revitalise	250
RISE	1,000
RISE	1,000
Robbie Anderson Cancer Trust	500
Rose Road Association	250
Roy Castle Lung Cancer Fund	250
Safety net UK	250
SANDS	250
Sayers Croft Trust	250
Scampps in Surrey	250
Second Chance	250
Sexey's Hospital	250
Shakespeare Hospice	250
Shipston Foodbank	250

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INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

	£
Shipston Home Nursing	500
Shipston Home Nursing	250
Shipston on Stour Hospital League of Friends	500
SNAPS	250
Sofa Project	250
South Warwickshire Home Start	8,000
Spencer Contact	250
Spinal Muscular Atrophy UK	250
St Michaels fellowship	250
St Pauls Advice Centre	250
St Wilfrid's Hospice	1,000
Step Together	250
Stonepillow	250
Stratford Food Bank	500
Stratford Foodbank	250
Strongbones Children's Charitable Trust	250
Tall Ships Charity	250
Teenage Cancer Trust	250
The Africa Foundation	1,500
The Bouncing Ball Trust	250
The Childhood Trust	1,500
The Children's Adventure Farm Trust	250
The Counselling Centre	250
The Felix Project	600
The Ghurka Welfare Trust	250
The Gifted	250
The Giving Hands Mission	250
The Honeypot Children's Charity	250
The Light House	250
The Lullaby Trust	250
The Marine Conservation Society	250
The Matthew Trust	250
The Movement Centre	250
The Pit Pony Sanctuary	250
The Respite Association	250
The Sebakwe Black Rhino Trust	250
The Sylvia Wright Trust	250
The Theatre Chipping Norton	250
The Trussell Trust	1,000
Tom's Trust	250
Tools4Teens	250
Triple H Trust	250
Trussell Trust	5,000
Up 'n Away	250
Wainman Trust	250
Warwickshire Young Carers Trust	250
West Sussex MIND	500
Winston's Wish	250
World Child Cancer	250
Worldwide Veterinary Service	250
YMCA	250
Young Bristol	250
Young Minds	250

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**INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021**

	£
Young Women's Trust	250
Youth on the Move (London)	250
TOTAL	89,800