

Stanton House Trust

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Charity Information

Trustees	P Edmonds-Seal H Elbourn A Payne C Cleverly I Dennis D Saunder
Charity Number	275205
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Independent Examiner	David Dixie FCA 167 Black Haynes Road Selly Oak Birmingham, B29 4RE

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Constitution and Objects

Stanton House Trust is established by a Deed of Trust dated 31 January 1978.

The object of the charity is " the advancement of the Christian faith and such other charitable purposes as the Trustees shall from time to time determine."

In furtherance of this object, the house provides informal retreat facilities for Christian guests in need of rest or refreshment, who come on the basis of making voluntary donations, and a relaxing venue for Christian groups to meet.

2 Trustees and Management

Trustees who served during the year under review are as listed on page 2 of these financial statements.

The responsibility for the day to day management of the house is delegated to the permanent team who were during the year under review the following personnel

A Rimmer
A Rimmer
E Schippers
M Schippers
M Birkin
M Birkin

As in past years, the House has benefitted from the many volunteers whose enthusiasm and hard work has ensured the smooth running of the House.

3 Development and Activities

The Trustees have sought advice on the current state of the roof of the House. They have been advised that major work is required on the roof. To finance this work a Roof Fund has been established and donations towards this project have been solicited.

4 Public Benefit

In accordance with Charity Commission strictures, the Trustees confirm that due regard has been given to the Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities should be undertaken by the Trust

5 Reflecting the objects of the Trust, the Trustees confirm that Stanton House has been used by many Day Groups, Resident Groups and Individual Retreat Guests.

6 Reserves and Funds Policy

The Trustees have reviewed the charity's needs for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and have designated funds for the following purposes

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Operational Reserve - an amount of £10,000 is set aside to provide cover in the event of unforeseen circumstances or falls in income.

Buildings Reserve - an amount of £10,000 is set aside to provide funds for essential maintenance of the buildings.

7 Risk Assessment

The Trustees have ensured that sufficient insurance has been arranged to cover re-building costs and public liability. Fire and security systems are tested and maintained regularly, as is the general condition of the building. The risk of fraud is addressed by the preparation of monthly management accounts, distributed to all Trustees.

8 Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are required under current legislation 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 its results for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to :-

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- c) state whether applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d) prepare financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable you to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. 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.

The Trustees regularly review the various aspects of Health and Safety relating to the running of Stanton House.

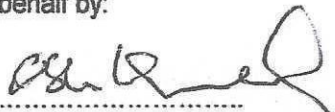
The Trustees have put in place a suitable policy to safeguard vulnerable beneficiaries.


The Trustees have a suitable policy on identifying and reporting serious incidents.

9 Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on the behalf by:

and signed on their


Charlie Cleverly 24/2/23


Ian Dennis 22/2/23

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Stanton House Trust

I have examined the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022 as set out on pages 6 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act, and

To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

.....*DRD*.....
David Dixie F C A

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Date *8 February 2023*

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming resources					
<i>Voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Income from donors		13,120	2,250	15,370	25,310
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>					
Receipts from retreat guests		65,241	-	65,241	43,568
Sale of assets			-		0
<i>Activities for generating income</i>					
Charges for day and resident groups		48,486	-	48,486	36,789
Bookstall			-		355
Bank interest		220	-	220	0
Job retention scheme grant		0	-	0	16,108
SODC Additional Restrictions Grant		0	-	0	3,975
Gift Aid		0	-	0	1,325
Sundry income		1,708	-	1,708	1,998
Total incoming resources		128,775	2,250	131,025	129,428
Outgoing resources					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Housekeeping costs	2	71,042	-	71,042	46,769
Management and administration	3	6,255	-	6,255	5,263
Staff costs	4	48,074	-	48,074	42,783
Bookstall		68	-	68	0
Depreciation	5	3,097	912	4,009	6,220
Total outgoing resources		128,536	912	129,448	101,035
Net increase (-decrease) in funds		239	1,338	1,577	28,393

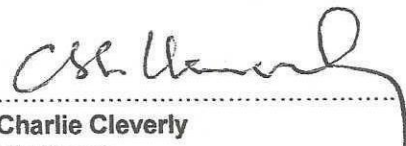
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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	5		
Buildings		22,972	25,636
Furnishings & Fittings		3,743	1,840
Plant & Machinery		4,341	110
		31,056	27,586
Current assets			
Stocks		664	251
Debtors and prepayments		640	611
Cash at Bank		67,675	61,433
Cash in Hand		1	2
		68,980	62,297
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year		-12,764	-4,188
Net current assets		56,216	58,109
Liabilities: amounts falling due after one year		0	0
Net assets		87,272	85,695
Funds			
Unrestricted	6	79,935	79,696
Restricted	7	7,337	5,999
		87,272	85,695

Approved by the Trustees and signed on the

by


 Charlie Cleverly
 Chairman


 Ian Dennis
 Trustee 22/2/23

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with

- a) the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 and accounting standards
- b) the Charities Act 2003
- c) the historic cost basis of accounting

Funds

Unrestricted funds include the General Fund which represents the funds of the Trust that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Trust. (Note 7)

Restricted funds represent:

Jubilee Fund - funds raised through the Jubilee Appeal for capital projects identified in the access audit. All funds raised under this appeal have been expended on capital items.

Bursary Fund - during 2014, various gifts were received, specifically to assist payment of charges in the case of genuine hardship, such to be determined by the team.

Roof Fund - contributions are designated for the repair work required on the roof of Stanton House.

Incoming resources from charitable activities are the receipts from retreat guests towards the cost of their visit.

Charges for day and resident groups - groups are charged for their visits, whereas retreat guests contributions are voluntary.

Income from bookstall - the profit on goods sold on the bookstall is shown net of costs.

Rent receivable on the grazing rights in the paddocks is included at the date due in Sundry Income.

Income from investments is Bank Interest and is accounted for when receivable and is paid gross.

Some voluntary help has been received from trustees, their spouses and others. No attempt has been made to quantify this.

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1 Accounting Policies (Continued)

Resources used

Staff costs include team member salaries. Stanton House is a religious intentional community. There have been on average 6 team members living in the community during the year.

No expenses have been paid to trustees or their spouses.

Fixed Assets

The property, Stanton House, was originally gifted to the Trust in 1978. No value has ever been placed upon this in the balance sheet apart from subsequent additions to the building.

In 1999 the whole property was valued professionally at £2,000,000.

All equipment, furniture and fittings purchased or donated before 1999 has not been valued or written into the accounts.

Stocks

Stocks been valued at the lower of cost or market value as at the date of the balance sheet.

Reserves Policy

Unrestricted funds are needed to:

(a) ensure that the principal activity of the Trust can be maintained during periods of fluctuating income;

(b) enable capital projects that are planned for the near future to be completed.

The trustees have agreed that it is prudent to retain net current assets equivalent to three months running costs, plus contingent repairs to the property.

Current assets less all liabilities at 31st December 2022 stand at £56,216 (2021 £58,109).

The level of reserves is monitored on a regular basis, and the reserves policy reviewed by the trustees once a year.

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for the year ended 31 December 2022						
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022		Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£		£
2	Housekeeping costs					
	Provisions	23,661	-	23,661		18,872
	Insurance	4,640	-	4,640		4,480
	Council tax and water rates	5,888	-	5,888		5,299
	Light and heat	20,341	-	20,341		11,259
	Building maintenance	2,489	-	2,489		2,360
	Grounds and garden	2,431	-	2,431		1,768
	Housekeeping other	11,592	-	11,592		2,731
		71,042	-	71,042		46,769
3	Management and administration					
	Motor and travel	365	-	365		573
	Computer consumables	2,298	-	2,298		1,452
	Office supplies and stationery	501	-	501		44
	General administration expenses	1,102	-	1,102		0
	Bank charges	766	-	766		683
	Professional fees	1,223	-	1,223		2,511
		6,255	-	6,255		5,263
4	Staff costs					
	Team costs	48,074	-	48,074		42,783
		48,074	-	48,074		42,783

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

5 Fixed Assets

	Land & Buildings £	Furnishings and Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Gross book value				
Balance at 1 January 2021	149,481	61,268	41,689	252,438
Additions	0	2,397	5,082	7,479
Disposals	0	0	0	0
Balance at 31 December 2021	149,481	63,665	46,771	259,917
Depreciation				
Balance at 1 January 2021	123,845	59,428	41,579	224,852
Charge for year	2,664	494	851	4,009
Released on disposals	0	0	0	0
Balance at 31 December 2021	126,509	59,922	42,430	228,861
Net book value				
At 1 January 2021	25,636	1,840	110	27,586
At 31 December 2021	22,972	3,743	4,341	31,056

By Fund Analysis of:

	Land & Buildings £	Furnishings and Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Depreciation charge for year				
Restricted Funds	912	0	0	912
Unrestricted Funds	1,752	494	851	3,097
TOTAL	2,664	494	851	4,009

Note:

(1) From 1999 Fixed Assets were depreciated using the following method

Buildings	4% on reducing balance
Furnishings and Equipment	20% straight line

From 2002 new rates of depreciation were adopted with Furnishing and Equipment separated

Buildings	4% straight line on additions after 2002
Furnishings & Fittings	10% straight line
Equipment	25% straight line

All items costing less than under £500 are written off in the revenue accounts.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

6 Unrestricted Funds

	Balance 1.1.22	Net incoming resources	Transfers	Balance 31.12.22
General Fund	59,696	239	0	59,935
Operational reserve	10,000	0	0	10,000
Buildings reserve	10,000	0	0	10,000
	<u>79,696</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>79,935</u>

7 Restricted Funds

	Balance 1.1.22	Net incoming resources	Transfers	Balance 31.12.22
Jubilee Fund	5,824	-912	0	4,912
Bursary Fund	175	0	0	175
Roof Fund	0	2,250	0	2,250
	<u>5,999</u>	<u>1,338</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,337</u>

8 Allocation of funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£		£
Fixed assets	26,144	4,912	31,056	27,586
Current assets	66,555	2,425	68,980	62,297
Liabilities	-12,764	0	-12,764	-4,188
	<u>79,935</u>	<u>7,337</u>	<u>87,272</u>	<u>85,695</u>