

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01.01.22	To	31.12.2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts & Donations	201,014	-	-	201,014	513,760
Shop Income	112,458	-	-	112,458	79,188
Rents Received	16,350	-	-	16,350	18,370
Government grants	7,105	-	-	7,105	60,251
Post Office Commission	19,830	-	-	19,830	8,337
Insurance Commissions	5,900	-	-	5,900	3,930
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	362,657	-	-	362,657	683,836
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Interest received	176	-	-	176	6,387
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	176	-	-	176	6,387
Total receipts	362,833	-	-	362,833	690,223
A3 Payments					
Rates & Water	1,592	-	-	1,592	1,298
Insurance	3,493	-	-	3,493	4,409
Light & Heat	12,579	-	-	12,579	8,089
Telephone	1,625	-	-	1,625	1,113
Printing, post and fundraising costs	3,982	-	-	3,982	2,318
Cleaning & Waste	10,901	-	-	10,901	10,537
Vet Expenses	22,398	-	-	22,398	16,686
Food & Litter	8,408	-	-	8,408	5,594
Wages, social security and pension	118,825	-	-	118,825	97,513
Rent	26,000	-	-	26,000	25,208
Travel	756	-	-	756	412
Repairs & Renewals	8,605	-	-	8,605	8,696
Accountancy and professional fees	7,783	-	-	7,783	932
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	6
Card Machine Fees	2,003	-	-	2,003	1,465
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	228,950	-	-	228,950	184,276
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Van Deposit	-	-	-	-	5,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	5,000
Total payments	228,950	-	-	228,950	189,276
Net of receipts/(payments)	133,883	-	-	133,883	500,947
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	133,883	-	-	133,883	500,947

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Metro Shop account	82,402	-	-
	Metro Instant access	2,563		
	Metro Sanctuary account	498,426	-	-
	Metro account	85,000		
	Lloyds account	14,909	-	-
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		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Creditors	unrestricted		
	PAYE	unrestricted		
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