

SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST

Charity No. 280711

Registered Office:
The Old Barn
Madjeston
Gillingham
Dorset SP8 5JH

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023

Trustees: Brian Watts (Chairman), Trudie Stanley (Vice Chairman), Alastair Morgan, John Parker, Duncan Weir, Sue Hewitson

Trust Administrator and Treasurer: Sophie Franks

Assistance given by the Trust is in line with the objectives of the charity, these being:

- a) to provide suitable headquarters accommodation for the Shaftesbury Scout Group
- b) to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Shaftesbury in the County of Dorset and the districts surrounding Shaftesbury with special regard to the needs of the elderly.

The Trust works under a Trust Deed 'Declaration of Trust' dated 8 July 1980 and is incorporated as a body. Trustees are appointed on the basis of the skills they can bring to the work of the Trust.

Trustees

Terry Mole resigned as a trustee in 2022. Trustees were united in their praise for Terry and the time he has given to the trust over the years. He had also given his time to the Scouts, being a member of the scout executive committee which was a valuable link with the main users of Trinity Hall.

Following Terry Mole's departure, the trustees have been actively looking for new trustees, and were delighted to welcome Antony Streets along to meetings through 2023 with a view to becoming a trustee at the AGM.

Financial Governance

Financial governance to ensure clarity and transparency is regularly reviewed, and a system is in place which provides trustees with greater confidence in future planning. Trustees manage carefully the assets and income from the trust property and have been able to give grants to local individuals and good causes in line with the objectives of the charity. The legacy received in 2021 has now been invested in a 3-bedroom house in Gillingham, which has since been let. Charities commission guidance CC14 was referred to and due process followed. The trust is managed with funds set aside in case of urgent repair of the listed former church, and can be called upon for immediate need. The legacy has been invested for the longer term, and the house is currently let on the open market providing funds for the trust to meet the objectives of the charity (above).

Administrator and Treasurer

Mrs Sophie Franks continues to look after the administration of the Trust and we are grateful for her exceptional commitment which continues to exceed day to day administration.

Building and Grounds

The centre and bookings are back in full use following several years of disruption due to Covid restrictions. The impacts of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in February of 22 continues to present challenges. Inflation rose to a 31 year high in 2023 exceeding 10% and the cost of living have caused hardship to many. The charity is increasingly called on by people in need. Our efforts to maximise the use of the facility to the benefit of the people of Shaftesbury continues, and Sophie has successfully arranged a number of addition hall bookings.

The trust continues to support the 1st Shaftesbury Scouts (being a primary objective of the Trust) and monies from outside lettings are now used to cover the maintenance and running costs of the Scout Hall and to fund future repairs.

To ensure continued care of the building, and as noted above, money is set aside each year so that repair work can be carried out without delay. A maintenance contract placed in 2018 helps target repairs for the upkeep of the building and grounds. The churchyard remains well cared for and continues to be a focal point for the town.

Lime Tree Walk

The Trust's land includes the historic avenue of Lime trees which appear on the 1790 map of Shaftesbury. We continue to work with the Tree Officer of North Dorset District Council, and Shaftesbury tree group for the continued upkeep of this important feature of the town. Trustee John Parker continues to provide valuable care and advice in this matter. The trust has recently completed repair/replacement of the kissing gate to the west end of the site, completed by local craftsman Tom Arkle.

Trinity grounds have been an important part of the annual snowdrop festival for several years, the lime trees having been extensively under planted. Footfall in the grounds increase significantly during February and March when the display becomes a major attraction in the town.

Car Parking

All car park spaces remain allocated with a waiting list. Some are let on a weekly contract allowing spaces to be offered to anyone booking Trinity Hall on Saturdays and Sundays. The existing chain barrier and vehicle recognition system has caused some issues over the year, including several collisions, and malfunctions. Consents have now been granted to replace the chain barrier with a rising arm barrier, and work is set to be completed during 2024.

Utilisation of the Tower

The lease with Wessex Internet for continued use of the bell chamber in the tower remains, providing broadband to the surrounding area. The local podcaster 'This is Alfred' began broadcasting from its transmitter at the top of the tower in '22. A community radio station is now followed by many in the town broadcasting about life in Shaftesbury.

Brian Watts RIBA
Chairman
Trinity Centre Trust

22 February 2024

SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
280711

Principal address

The Old Barn
Madjeston
Gillingham
Dorset
SP8 5JH

Trustees

Mr B Watts (Chairman)
Mrs T A Stanley (Vice Chairman)
Mr T Mole (Resigned 9.11.22)
Mr J Parker
Mr D Weir
Mr A Morgan
Mrs S Hewitson

Independent Examiner

Philip Bevis
FCA FCCA
Andrews and Palmer
32 The Square
Gillingham
Dorset
SP8 4AR

Bankers

HSBC
The Commons
Shaftesbury
Dorset
SP7 8JX

Administrator

Mrs S Franks MCMI

SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of Trust dated 8 July 1980 and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed via the local community and on the basis of the skills they can bring to the work of the Trust.

Organisational structure

The day to day running of the charity is overseen by the administrator. The Trustees meet to receive updates, review finances and prioritise the key objectives.

Wider network

The charity work alongside many local voluntary and charitable organisations, and in particular the Shaftesbury Scout Group.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are to apply its funds and assets as the trustees think fit in accordance with the Trust Deed.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

In particular, the charity's main aims and objectives are

- a) to provide suitable headquarters accommodations for the Shaftesbury Scout Group
- b) to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Shaftesbury in the county of Dorset and the districts surrounding Shaftesbury with special regard to the needs of the elderly.

Significant activities

The charity continues to provide suitable headquarters accommodation for the Shaftesbury Scout Group.

Grant making

Grants and donations totalling £135 were made in the year to institutions. (2022: £3,069)

Grants and donations totalling £1,893 were made in the year to individuals. (2022: £860)

SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The charity was established with a general charitable purpose and to promote the advancement of health or saving of lives and the disabled.

The main beneficiaries from the charity's activities are children and young people, the elderly and those with disabilities.

The charity makes various grants to individuals and organisations in the Shaftesbury area and provides services, buildings, open spaces and other facilities available for beneficiaries.

Volunteers

Other than the administrator, the charity is reliant upon unpaid volunteers and trustees in achieving its charitable objectives.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The charity continues to promote its charitable objectives by continuing to provide suitable headquarters accommodation for the Shaftesbury Scout Group and to provide grants and support institutions and individuals.

Further charitable activities are outlined in the Chairman's Report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity seeks to maintain sufficient reserves to be able to fund its core charitable activities. Restricted reserves, where applicable, are only used for the purpose of which they were initially donated.

Principle funding sources

The charity's principle funding sources are derived from the rent of land and buildings and donations received.

During the year outgoing resources exceeded incoming resources by £259,894.

Approved by the board of trustees on the 28 February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr B Watts (Chairman) - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
TO THE COMMITTEE OF SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023
AS SET OUT ON PAGES 7 TO 9

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 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have 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 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.

Signed:

Date: 26th February 2024

Name: Mr P L Bevis

Relevant professional

qualifications: FCA, FCCA

Address: Andrews & Palmer Ltd
Chartered Accountants
32 The Square
Gillingham
Dorset
SP8 4AR

SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Last</u> <u>Year</u> £
Receipts				
Legacy	-	-	-	6,349
Interest	2,242	-	2,242	381
Rents receivable	57,399	-	57,399	53,257
Car parking	19,456	-	19,456	18,402
Insurance claims etc	3,928	-	3,928	13,693
Grant	500	-	500	-
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Total Receipts	£ 83,525	£ -	£ 83,525	£ 92,082
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Payments				
Rates and water	1,847	-	1,847	1,348
Insurance	20,873	-	20,873	17,384
Light and heat	9,863	-	9,863	1,761
Repairs, renewals, and servicing	17,742	-	17,742	14,011
Car park barrier, signage and CCTV	1,076	-	1,076	12,624
Tree pollarding and removal	-	-	-	1,602
Postage, stationery, and sundry expenses	913	-	913	377
Building maintenance	9,229	-	9,229	6,512
South boundary stone wall works	12,504	-	12,504	-
Grants/donations to institutions	135	-	135	3,069
Grants/donations to individuals	1,893	-	1,893	860
Wages	6,300	-	6,300	5,932
Accountancy	687	-	687	528
Professional fees	2,047	-	2,047	884
Bank charges	266	-	266	187
Purchase and improvements of residential property	258,044	-	258,044	-
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Total Payments	£343,419	£ -	£343,419	£ 67,079
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Net Receipts/(Payments)	(259,894)	-	(259,894)	25,003
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	357,238	-	357,238	332,235
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Cash funds this year end	£ 97,344	£ -	£ 97,344	£ 357,238
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SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total this</u> <u>Year</u> £	<u>Total last</u> <u>Year</u> £
<u>Cash Funds</u>				
HSBC Current Account	28,486	-	28,486	39,003
HSBC Refurb Account	2,186	-	2,186	4,365
HSBC Bella West Account	1,463	-	1,463	1,518
HSBC Deposit Account	8,298	-	8,298	265,244
CCLA Building Maintenance Account	41,624	-	41,624	40,180
HSBC Community Account	15,287	-	15,287	6,928
	<u>£97,344</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£97,344</u>	<u>£ 357,238</u>
<u>Investment Assets</u>				
Residential Property & Improvements	<u>£258,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£258,044</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Assets retained for the Charity's own use</u>				
Trinity Centre Buildings & Improvements	470,628	-	470,628	470,628
Debtors	-	-	-	-
	<u>£470,628</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 470,628</u>	<u>£ 470,628</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Creditors	472	-	472	240
	<u>£472</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£472</u>	<u>£ 240</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>			<u>£825,544</u>	<u>£ 827,626</u>

Signed on behalf of all trustees

Signature

Full names Mr Brian Watts

Position Chairman

Date 28 February 2024

SHAFTESBURY TRINITY CENTRE TRUST
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

1. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	<u>At 01.10.22</u>	<u>Net movement</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>At 30.09.23</u>
	£	in funds	between funds	£
		£	£	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>				
General Fund	357,238	(1,850)	(258,044)	97,344
Freehold Property Fund	470,628	-	258,044	728,672
Trinity Hall Upgrade Fund	-	-	-	-
Scout Hall Refurbishment Fund	-	-	-	-
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	£ 827,866	(£1,850)	£ -	£ 826,016
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