

Charity number
281404R

The Avenue Trust
Accounts
for the year ended
31 March 2023

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Report and accounts
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The Avenue Trust Charity Information

Trustees

Miss P Mulligan - Chair
Mrs J Dickenson

Principal officers

Mrs M Rigby - Treasurer

Registered charity number

281404R

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The Avenue Trust

Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Purposes of the charity

To provide accommodation for the potentially homeless, vulnerable adults and those with learning disabilities.

To give support to the work of Avenue Baptist Church to which the Trust is closely associated.

To financially support other Christian organisations based within the geographical area of the Trust.

Main activities, achievements and performance

This year has seen tenants continuing to live at Johnson House.

Post Covid has been quite eventful for the Trust with changes that have influenced decisions and hopefully will open up new possibilities for the future.

Since Covid it has shown us that there is even more need to reach out to the Community. This is an on-going project as due to changes in supported living requirements we sold one of our properties housing 4 people with Learning Disability. The care-provider terminated their agreement due to there only being 2 tenants left both of whom needed more provision of support. With an empty house which needed some upgrading and no waiting list of service users we chose to sell the property. The other property remains with the Trust and houses four people one of whom is disabled and 3 vulnerable people. We have been able to upgrade one of the flats there with a purpose built kitchen which enables the tenant who is a wheelchair user to remain in her home. With more capital available we purchased a Minibus which serves the community and has already proved itself to be a great asset to various charities including Mencap and the local Windrush society but also groups providing social activities for the local community which serves the younger and older generations alike and also the disadvantaged.

At this time we are exploring how we can be more pro-active with grants and in this past year we have supported the Ironworks a local Community Project along with the local Modern day slavery project, the Mission outreach work of Avenue Baptist Church and CAP being Christians Against Poverty.

The trustees have ensured that the charity's activities are carried out in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The Avenue Trust Report of the Trustees

FINANCIAL POSITION

The attached financial statements show the current state of the finances which the trustees consider to be sound.

At the balance sheet date the charity had total funds of £1,340,299 (2021 £1,356,457), all of which were unrestricted. Of that total, £246,056 (2021 £59,720) was held in a bank account.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES'/DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Charity law 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 24 July 2023 by

The Avenue Trust
Independent Examiner's Report
for the year ended 31 March 2023

I report on the accounts of The Avenue Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. 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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- 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
- 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 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 statements 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, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and Reporting by Charities;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.

Signed: 

Name: STEPHEN JAMES FARROW

Relevant professional qualification or body: FMAAT

Address: Estuary Accountancy Services Ltd

42 North Street

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Date: 21 July 2023

The Avenue Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		330	311
Charitable activities		25,176	26,580
Investments		8,009	4,235
		<u>33,515</u>	<u>31,126</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities		76,477	35,853
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments		26,804	197
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of property		-	275,000
		<u>(16,158)</u>	<u>270,470</u>
Net movement in funds			
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,356,457</u>	<u>1,085,987</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,340,299</u>	<u>1,356,457</u>

The Avenue Trust
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	547,324	1,080,085
Investments	3	545,779	214,704
		<u>1,093,103</u>	<u>1,294,789</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	5	985	2,109
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>246,491</u>	<u>59,834</u>
		247,476	61,943
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(280)	(275)
Net current assets		<u>247,196</u>	<u>61,668</u>
Net assets		<u>1,340,299</u>	<u>1,356,457</u>
Trust funds	7		
<i>Unrestricted</i>			
At 1 April 2022		1,356,457	1,085,987
Deficit for year		(42,962)	(4,727)
Revaluation of investments		26,804	197
Revaluation of property		-	275,000
		<u>1,340,299</u>	<u>1,356,457</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on _____:

_____ Chair

_____ Treasurer

The Avenue Trust
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

Rent receivable

Rent receivable represents the gross rental income received in the year.

Grants payable

Grants payable represent the amounts paid at the discretion of the trustees in accordance with the Trust Deed of the charity. All grants are disclosed in Note 4 to the accounts.

Investment properties

Investment properties are shown in the Balance Sheet at current market value.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Motor vehicles 25% reducing balance

Investments

Investments are capitalised in the Balance Sheet at market value. Profits or losses arising from the disposal of investments are treated as part of the result from ordinary activities.

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2022	1,080,000	8,597	1,088,597
Additions	-	48,851	48,851
Disposals	(580,000)	(8,597)	(588,597)
At 31 March 2023	<u>500,000</u>	<u>48,851</u>	<u>548,851</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	-	8,512	8,512
Charge for the year	-	1,527	1,527
On disposals	-	(8,512)	(8,512)
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>1,527</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	<u>500,000</u>	<u>47,324</u>	<u>547,324</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,080,000</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>1,080,085</u>

Fixed Assets are used for charitable purposes and are shown at cost after deducting any grants obtained.

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for the year ended 31 March 2023

3 Investments

	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Valuation		
At 1 April 2022	214,704	214,704
Additions	304,271	304,271
Revaluation	26,804	26,804
At 31 March 2023	<u>545,779</u>	<u>545,779</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>545,779</u></u>	<u><u>545,779</u></u>
At 1 April 2022	<u><u>214,704</u></u>	<u><u>214,704</u></u>

4 Grants payable

The following grants were paid in the year:

Avenue Baptist Church	10,250
Debt Advice Service	1,200
57 West	15,000
Kiwi Community	2,000
Together Free	500
	<u><u>28,950</u></u>

5 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	<u>985</u>	<u>2,109</u>

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	<u>280</u>	<u>275</u>

7 Funds	Accumulated surplus £	Revaluation reserve £	Total £
Unrestricted			
At 1 April 2022	666,753	689,704	1,356,457
Deficit for the year	(42,962)		(42,962)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments	26,804		26,804
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of property	370,396	(370,396)	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,020,991</u>	<u>319,308</u>	<u>1,340,299</u>

All funds are unrestricted. These funds represent funds maintained by the trustees to ensure the smooth running of the charity and to enable the trustees to maintain a steady level of grant support without having to access capital funds.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Donations and legacies	330	311
Rent receivable	25,176	26,580
Income from investments	8,009	4,235
	<u>33,515</u>	<u>31,126</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities		
<u>Properties</u>		
Water rates	143	1,414
Rates	724	1,631
Light and heat	1,058	4,335
Landlord licences	2,004	-
Property management fee	4,080	4,320
Services	(131)	96
Insurance	1,958	2,763
Repairs and maintenance	23,156	4,960
	<u>32,992</u>	<u>19,519</u>
<u>General</u>		
Grants	28,950	11,235
Depreciation	1,527	29
Loss/(profit) on disposal of vehicle	(295)	-
Bank charges	91	15
Gifts	75	-
	<u>30,348</u>	<u>11,279</u>
<u>Governance</u>		
Accountancy, audit and independent examiner's fees	280	275
Legal and professional fees	9,119	1,500
Investment management fees	3,738	3,280
	<u>13,137</u>	<u>5,055</u>
	<u>76,477</u>	<u>35,853</u>