

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH MARCH 2023**

THE LAWNS TRUST

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 287356

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	287356
START OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	1 April 2022
END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	31 March 2023
TRUSTEES AT 31 March 2021	Mr D F Martin Mrs D J Pavey Mr J D Pavey
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	Flat 7 Sabey Court Bognor Regis West Sussex PO21 1LU
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	TRUST DEED 4TH APRIL 1983
BANKERS	Royal Bank of Scotland Drummond House (S) Branch 1 Redheughs Avenue Edinburgh EH12 9JN
OBJECTS	1. TO PROMOTE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL AID TO SUCH PERSONS AND EVANGELICAL WORK. 2. TO PROMOTE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION GENERALLY. 3. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION. 4. THE RELIEF OF POVERTY. 5. ANY OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

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Objectives and Activities

1. To promote the Christian religion by providing financial aid to such persons and evangelical work.
2. To promote the Christian Religion Generally.
3. The advancement of education
4. The relief of poverty.
5. Any other charitable activities.

The trustees of Lawns Trust are pleased to report that the charity has successfully completed another year, committed to our focus on providing vital support to Christian workers and charities, in accordance with our governing documents.

Achievements and performance

Throughout the year, Lawns Trust continued to uphold its mission of making a positive impact within our community, empowering Christian workers and contributing to the success of various charitable endeavours.

Financial Review

The financial health of the charity remains robust, ensuring the sustainability of our initiatives and the fulfilment of our charitable objectives. Income has been as expected and our reserves position is also on plan.

Future Plans

Looking ahead, we are excited to explore possibilities for expansion. Recognizing the importance of effective fundraising and the value of forging new partnerships, we aim to enhance our outreach efforts. This includes our desire to develop a strategic plan to engage more proactively with potential supporters, donors, and partners, thereby increasing our capacity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Risk Assessment

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

Public Benefit

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The trustees express their gratitude to our supporters, volunteers, and partners for their commitment to Lawns Trust. Together, we look forward to a future of increased impact and continued success.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 7th December 2023

Signed on their behalf by Daryl Martin

Signature: 

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of The Lawns Trust on the accounts for the period ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages 7 to 10.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011) 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 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 STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; 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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7 December 2023

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts	1	7,160	30,774	37,933	24,375
TOTAL		7,160	30,774	37,933	24,380
PAYMENTS					
Charitable Activities	2	6,030	32,272	38,302	27,818
TOTAL		6,030	32,272	38,302	27,818
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		1,130	(1,499)	(369)	(3,438)
Total Funds Brought Forward		5,719	1,688	7,407	10,845
Opening Balance Adjustment		112	1,930	2,042	-
Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		6,962	2,119	9,081	7,407

All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 and 10 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023


ASSETS	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	31-Mar-23 Total £	31-Mar-22 Total £
Cash Funds:				
Bank Account	6,962	2,119	9,081	6,630
	6,962	2,119	9,081	6,630
Other Monetary Assets:				
Tax Reclaim	-	-	-	777
	-	-	-	777
TOTAL ASSETS	6,962	2,119	9,081	7,407
Liabilities				
Independent Examiners Fee	480	-	480	360
Unreconciled Cheques	-	-	-	2,042
	480	-	480	360

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Approved by the Trustees on7th December 2023.....

Signed on their behalf byDaryl Martin.....

Signature: 

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Basis of preparation:

The accounts have been prepared under the Receipts and Payments basis of accounting as prescribed by the Charity Commission and they meet the appropriate legal requirements.

1. RECEIPTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Voluntary Receipts				
Donations and gifts	5,500	26,746	32,246	19,560
Bequests and Legacies	500	255	755	-
Gift Aid	1,113	2,273	3,385	4,815
Activities for Generating Funds	-	1,500	1,500	-
Interest	47	-	47	5
	7,160	30,774	37,933	24,380

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2. PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Charitable Activities				
Grants To Institutions	3,153	-	3,153	5,002
Grants To Individuals	150	-	150	2,050
Grants to Christian Workers	1,900	31,971	33,871	19,618
Independent Examiner Fee	360	-	360	240
Professional Fees	393	301	694	811
Other Fees	74	-	74	97
	6,030	32,272	38,302	27,818

3. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	This year				
	01-Apr-22				31-Mar-23
	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
Carl Wills	-	-	-	-	-
Hearn	-	-	-	-	-
Marks	2,204	11,176	12,337	-	1,042
Noble	-	-	-	-	-
M Andrea	-	17,020	17,020	-	-
Southall	900	-	-	-	900
T23	25	-	20	-	5
Woods	488	2,578	2,895	-	170
	3,617	30,773	32,272	-	2,119

4. TRUSTEE PAYMENTS

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

5. OPENING BALANCE ADJUSTMENT

An opening balance adjustment was required due to the fact that the previous year's closing balances were not reconciled accurately. Payments totalling £2,042 were returned back to the charity before the beginning of this financial year, but was not accounted for. Therefore an adjustment of £2,042 was necessary.