

Charity registration number 288402

Company registration number 01743492 (England and Wales)

**THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees	Mr C Voisey Mrs A Widger Mrs B Gill Ms L Ellis Mr R A Bishop
Charity number	288402
Company number	01743492
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Bankers	Lloyds TSB 65/67 Fore Street Kingsbridge Devon TQ7 1PN
Solicitors	Beers 29 Fore Street Kingsbridge Devon TQ7 1AA

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# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The Trustees present their annual report, together with the accounts and independent auditors report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's Memorandum & Articles of Association dated 29 July 1983 and amended on 14 April 2003, 20 September 2004, 15 June 2009 and 17 July 2018, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

### **Objectives and activities**

#### Objectives and aims

The objects of the Charity are to ensure that people with a Learning Disability living in South Devon have the opportunity to enjoy the widest possible independence and quality of life. This is enabled by providing safe and secure housing for their residents, who are adults with learning difficulties, in South Devon.

The aim is to enable residents and others who are supported to live as fulfilling lives as possible. This is done by offering appropriate financial support to those in difficulties and by encouraging the provision of activities and educational opportunities to the residents and to all other persons with learning difficulties resident in South Devon.

#### Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regards to the guidance on public benefit published by The Charity Commission. The Charity fulfils its duties via the provision of housing support and financial support to adults with learning difficulties in South Devon. They review public benefits as part of their aims and objectives and planning future objectives.

They actively maintain a programme of maintenance of all the properties to ensure they meet the individual needs of tenants and work tirelessly to promote social aspect for all those individuals and families that they support.

The Charity has a policy for the allocation of grants to residents and they may apply to the Secretary at any time for financial assistance.

It is the intention of the Trustees that the objects of the Charity are reassessed in the forthcoming year in view of events to transfer the Charity's properties to Golden Lane Housing.

### **Achievements and performance**

During the year the Charity provided accommodation for 25 residents in 19 properties, including 6 units at Carling Court and 4 at Alta Vista all of which are owned by the Charity.

The Trustees continue to ensure that all the needs and requirements of the residents are met as soon as the Charity is able to carry them out.

The care of residents is provided by Newkey and other providers and The Gordon Carling Foundation will continue to work closely with them to ensure that the needs of our vulnerable residents are fully met.

### **Financial review**

There was a surplus of income over expenditure for the year of £143,520 (2022: £216,635).

The large decrease in net income reflects the sale of 16 Hillside in the previous year. The year saw a small increase in rental income arising from the letting of a flat purchased in Newton Abbot despite difficulties in recovering rent from another property. A fall in expenditure reflects both one off break costs from the repayment of a mortgage and various exceptional maintenance costs in the previous year.

The Charity does not carry out fundraising activities.



# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the Charity should represent 3 months' charitable expenditure.

At this level, the management Committee considered at the year end that they would be able to continue the current activities of the Charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The majority of funding came from rental of various properties, and the Trustees felt that the risk that all income ceased would be unlikely and therefore the Charity was able to service its liabilities and the level of reserves was sufficient to enable continuation of the charitable activities.

The free reserves of the Charity at 31 March 2023 were £358,474 (2022: £370,958) which is well above the level of approximately £49,000 under the policy.

Further significant expenditure on the properties would reduce the reserves to the stated level. In addition, there was always a threat that Central and Local Government will be looking for opportunities to reduce their spending and the Trustees were aware that they needed to protect the level of reserves currently held, without reducing budgeted costs.

It is the intention of the Trustees that this policy is reassessed in the forthcoming year in view of events to transfer the Charity's properties to Golden Lane Housing.

### Plans for future periods

The Charity remains in a very strong financial position at the end of the financial year to 31st March, 2023. As we reported last year we are in the process of transferring all our properties to Golden Lane Housing and that process continues into the present year. Since the end of the financial year we have transferred the following properties to Golden Lane Housing. On the 18th May 2023 Alta Vista (4 Flats), Saffron Park, Dovedale and Northville Park and on the 25th September 2023 Hillview South Brent, 3 Museum Court, and 14 Museum Court. It was anticipated that the remaining properties at Carling Court (6 Flats), 9 Albion Gardens, 5 The Mill Newton Abbot and Flat 4 Market Street Torquay would all be transferred by the end of the current year but due to a problem with one of the properties that property will be retained by The Gordon Carling Foundation until the issue is resolved. This could take some time so until a conclusion is reached the Trustees will continue to consider how best to use the remaining assets and as stated last year we will need to change our constitution which will be further discussed at our next Committee meeting. The Trustees, tenants and their families, support staff would like to thank all at Golden Lane Housing for all the help, support and guidance with the transfer of the properties and the Trustees of the Charity are all agreed that we have made the right decision to transfer them to Golden Lane Housing which will ensure that a safe and secure future for all our tenants will continue with them as it has been over the last 40 years with The Gordon Carling Foundation.

Until the properties are transferred, it is the intention of the Trustees to:

- a) Continue to ensure that all our properties are maintained to a high standard.
- b) Ensure a good working relationship with the local housing authority, Newkey, other providers and Golden Lane Housing to ensure that any changes in funding are managed to avoid a detrimental knock on effect on the Charity.

### Structure, governance and management

#### Constitution

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association from its incorporation on 29 July 1983 as amended by the special resolutions dated 14 April 2003, 20 September 2004, 15 June 2009 and 17 July 2018 are the primary governing documents of the Charity. The company registration number is 01743492. In the event of the charitable company being wound up every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the company's assets.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The Governing Document was also updated on 8 December 2005 following the change of name from South Hams Society for the Mentally Handicapped after disaffiliation from Mencap. It has also been updated and re-written in accordance with the recommendations and approval of the Charity Commission, by Special Resolution, by the members at the Annual General Meeting 20 July 2009.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr C Voisey	
Mrs A Widger	
Mrs A S Bishop	(Resigned 31 July 2022)
Mrs B Gill	
Ms L Ellis	
Mr R A Bishop	
Dr K Porkess	(Resigned 4 October 2022)

### Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The members carry out the election of the officers and committee members at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations are made in writing and delivered to the secretary. Each nomination must be proposed and seconded by a voting member of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee. New Trustees are inducted into the workings of the Charity through a carefully organised induction programme and once appointed during meetings held on a regular basis. All Trustees have attended appropriate training organised locally.

### Organisational structure

Full responsibility for the running of the Charity is vested in Trustees who by reason of the incorporation of the Charity are also directors of the Company. The Company is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The Memorandum of Association precludes the Trustees/Directors from receiving any remuneration or benefits.

The Trustees met for business meetings five times in the year.

### Risk management

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

The Trustees have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for the authorisation of all transactions and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the Charity. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the Charity.

The key controls used by the Charity include:

- Formal agendas for all Committee and Board meetings;
- Comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting;
- Established organisational structure and lines of reporting;
- Clear authorisation and approval levels.

The Trustees recognise that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

The Trustees are aware of uncertainties in relation to Government funding continuing to be available for the type of accommodation provided. The Trustees monitor Government policy and announcements for potential changes and are in a position to respond if necessary.

### **Auditor**

A resolution proposing that Darnells Audit Limited be reappointed as auditors of the company for 2024 if appropriate will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

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# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

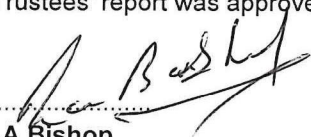
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### Disclosure of information to auditor

The Directors have confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit but which the Charity's auditor are unaware. Additionally, the Directors/Trustees have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as Directors/Trustees in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditor are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees, as company directors and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr R A Bishop

Trustee

Dated: .....7/12/2023

# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The Trustees, who are also the directors of The Gordon Carling Foundation for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBER OF THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Gordon Carling Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.



# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBER OF THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

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#### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentation or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBER OF THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

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However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with those charged with governance of the company and management.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company, and determined the most significant are the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985, the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987 and the Housing Act 2004 (as well as Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Companies Act 2006 and relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK).

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by considering the controls that the company has established to both address risks identified by management and to prevent, deter and detect fraud. No particular areas were identified during the audit as being susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud.

We evaluated the conditions in the context of incentives and/or pressure to commit fraud, considering the opportunity to commit fraud and the potential rationalisation of the fraudulent act.

Based on this understanding, we designed our audit procedures to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud, and to identify non-compliance with the laws and regulations above, as follows:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of management in compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing compliance with letting laws and regulations.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

We corroborated our enquiries through inspection of supporting documentation and records, as well as reviewing correspondence with regulatory bodies where available.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBER OF THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

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#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to the members in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Paul Beard (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Darnells Audit Limited

11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor

Quay House  
Quay Road  
Newton Abbot  
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TQ12 2BU

# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Charitable activities	2	246,692	-	246,692	243,337	-	243,337
Other income	3	6,785	-	6,785	141,459	-	141,459
<b>Total income</b>		<u>253,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>253,477</u>	<u>384,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>384,796</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	4	<u>109,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,957</u>	<u>168,161</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>168,161</u>
<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		143,520	-	143,520	216,635	-	216,635
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		<u>3,007,365</u>	<u>35,530</u>	<u>3,042,895</u>	<u>2,790,730</u>	<u>35,530</u>	<u>2,826,260</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2023</b>		<u><u>3,150,885</u></u>	<u><u>35,530</u></u>	<u><u>3,186,415</u></u>	<u><u>3,007,365</u></u>	<u><u>35,530</u></u>	<u><u>3,042,895</u></u>

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	9		3,192,469		3,056,041
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	10	15,054		5,154	
Cash at bank and in hand		387,844		410,848	
		402,898		416,002	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	(29,379)		(29,089)	
Net current assets			373,519		386,913
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			3,565,988		3,442,954
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	13		(379,573)		(400,059)
<b>Net assets</b>			3,186,415		3,042,895
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	15	35,530		35,530	
Unrestricted funds		3,150,885		3,007,365	
		3,186,415		3,042,895	

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7/12/2023

Mr R A Bishop  
Trustee

Company Registration No. 01743492



# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

The Gordon Carling Foundation is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 30 Fore Street, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5RP.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements of the Charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business net of discounts.

Rent is received on a monthly basis and is recognised when due.

# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended once there is a legal or constructive obligation to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis and includes irrecoverable VAT. Expenditure is allocated to categories either on a direct or a usage basis.

Expenditure attributable to meeting the aims and objectives, including the support costs, is included in charitable activities.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include the costs related to the audit of the accounts.

Overhead costs incurred wholly or mainly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Charity and being an integral part of the costs of carrying out those activities, are separately analysed within Charitable Expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities as appropriate.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and are carried at historic cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	1% on cost of buildings
Leasehold land and buildings	straight line over period of lease
Plant and equipment	10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

#### Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.



# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the assets expire or are settled or when the Charity transfers the financial assets and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity.

#### Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.10 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

### 2 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	Provision of safe & secure residential housing 2023 £	Provision of safe & secure residential housing 2022 £
Rental income	246,692	243,337

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Net gain on disposal of 16 Hillside Drive	-	133,952
Feed in tariff	6,785	7,507
	<u>6,785</u>	<u>141,459</u>

### 4 Charitable expenditure

#### Advancement of safe and secure residential housing for adults with learning difficulties

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	20,199	43,520
Repairs and maintenance	40,275	49,397
Insurance	9,050	9,431
Garden expenses	2,809	6,730
Council tax	1,801	600
Service charges and ground rent	2,792	1,855
Bank loan interest	21,089	48,888
Legal and professional fees	1,000	-
Utilities	1,867	667
	<u>100,882</u>	<u>161,088</u>
Share of support costs (see note 5)	853	546
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	8,222	6,527
	<u>109,957</u>	<u>168,161</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	167	-	167	184	-	184
Sundries	686	-	686	362	-	362
Auditor's fees - external scrutiny	-	4,770	4,770	-	3,300	3,300
Auditor's fees - other services	-	3,154	3,154	-	3,175	3,175
Trustee travel and expenses	-	183	183	-	52	52
Meeting costs	-	115	115	-	-	-
	<u>853</u>	<u>8,222</u>	<u>9,075</u>	<u>546</u>	<u>6,527</u>	<u>7,073</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>853</u>	<u>8,222</u>	<u>9,075</u>	<u>546</u>	<u>6,527</u>	<u>7,073</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £4,770 (2022- £3,300) for audit fees and £3,154 (2022: £3,175) for other services.

### 6 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. (2022: Nil).

One Trustee was reimbursed a total of £183 for travelling and sundry expenses (2022: one Trustee was reimbursed £52).

### 7 Employees

The Charity had no employees during the year (2022: none).

### 8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 April 2022	2,702,276	488,242	53,482	57,423	3,301,423
Additions	-	156,627	-	-	156,627
At 31 March 2023	2,702,276	644,869	53,482	57,423	3,458,050
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 April 2022	112,876	31,077	53,478	47,951	245,382
Depreciation charged in the year	9,008	3,054	4	8,133	20,199
At 31 March 2023	121,884	34,131	53,482	56,084	265,581
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 March 2023	2,580,392	610,738	-	1,339	3,192,469
At 31 March 2022	2,589,400	457,165	4	9,472	3,056,041

Land and buildings with a net book value of £2,044,353 (2022: £2,052,515 ) have been pledged as security for bank loans.

### 10 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	20	338
Prepayments and accrued income	15,034	4,816
	15,054	5,154

### 11 Loans and overdrafts

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	400,058	419,634
Payable within one year	20,485	19,575
Payable after one year	379,573	400,059
Amounts included above which fall due after five years:		
Payable by instalments	285,884	311,153

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 11 Loans and overdrafts

(Continued)

At 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2023 the bank loans were secured by a fixed and floating charge over the freehold properties 21 Northville Park, Alta Vista, 1 Saffron Park and Dovedale and the leasehold properties 9 Albion Gardens and Britannia House. The bank loans were further secured by an unlimited debenture incorporating a fixed and floating charge.

#### 12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	11	20,485	19,575
Trade creditors		3,404	5,084
Accruals and deferred income		5,490	4,430
		<u>29,379</u>	<u>29,089</u>

#### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	11	<u>379,573</u>	<u>400,059</u>

#### 14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	3,192,469	-	3,192,469	-	3,056,041
Current assets/(liabilities)	337,989	35,530	373,519	35,530	386,913
Long term liabilities	(379,573)	-	(379,573)	-	(400,059)
	<u>3,150,885</u>	<u>35,530</u>	<u>3,186,415</u>	<u>35,530</u>	<u>3,042,895</u>



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the Charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Movement in funds Incoming resources	Balance at 1 April 2022	Movement in funds Incoming resources	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted legacy	35,530	-	35,530	-	35,530

The restricted legacy arose from funds received and specified to be used in the Totnes area.

### 16 Events after the reporting date

Since the year end, seven properties have been transferred to Golden Lane Housing, a Charitable Community Benefit Society, with a net book value of £2,580,392 and it is in hand to transfer the remainder although one may be sold. On the transfer of the first tranche of properties, Golden Lane Housing redeemed the outstanding bank loans at a value of £379,851. This has been in response to the ages of the Trustees and the difficulty in recruiting new Trustees.

Once the properties of the Charity are disposed, the Trustees will consider the future of the Charity and if appropriate amend its objects as set out in the governing document.

### 17 Related party transactions

No related party transactions requiring disclosure arose in the year other than the letting of one property to the stepdaughter of Mr C Voisey, Trustee, with rent payable of £8,320 which was at normal tenancy terms (2022: no related party transactions).



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# THE GORDON CARLING FOUNDATION

## DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Rental income		246,692		243,337
<b>Other income</b>				
Gain on disposal of 16 Hillside Drive		-		133,952
Feed in tariff		6,785		7,507
<b>Total income</b>		<u>253,477</u>		<u>384,796</u>
<b>Resources expended:</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
<b>Provision of safe &amp; secure residential housing</b>				
Freehold and leasehold property depreciation	12,062		11,627	
Plant and machinery depreciation	4		5,346	
Fixtures and fittings depreciation	8,133		26,547	
Repairs and maintenance	40,275		49,397	
Insurance	9,050		9,431	
Garden expenses	2,809		6,730	
Council tax	1,801		600	
Service charges and ground rents	2,792		1,855	
Bank loan interest	21,089		48,888	
Legal and professional fees	1,000		-	
Utilities	1,867		667	
Share of support costs	853		546	
Share of governance costs	8,222		6,527	
		<u>(109,957)</u>		<u>(168,161)</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u><u>143,520</u></u>		<u><u>216,635</u></u>

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## SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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		2023		2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>				
Bank charges		167		184
Sundries		686		362
		<u>853</u>		<u>546</u>
 <b>Governance costs</b>				
Auditor's fees - external scrutiny	4,770		3,300	
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Trustee travel and expenses	183		52	
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		8,222		6,527
		<u>9,075</u>		<u>7,073</u>
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