

# THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 502132

## Details

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Other names	THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST LIMITED, CITY OF DURHAM TRUST, DURHAM CITY TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Company number	<a href="#">00377108</a>
Registered	1973-02-01
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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Address	Blackett Hart & Pratt Llp Aire House Mandale Business Park Belmont DURHAM
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Website	<a href="http://www.durhamcity.org">www.durhamcity.org</a>

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PRESERVE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE AMENITIES OF THE CITY OF DURHAM AND FRAMWELLGATE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS. TO ACQUIRE LAND AND BUILDINGS IN AND IN THE VICINITY OF DURHAM, AND TO CONSERVE THE NATURAL FEATURES AND TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH LAND AND BUILDINGS CONSONANT WITH THE OBJECTS OF THE TRUST. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 3 OF THE MEMO)

**Activities:** The Trust encourages appreciation, and furthers the conservation, of the city and its environs. It participates fully in planning matters, holds lectures, makes occasional visits, issues regular newsletters and publishes occasional book, makes annual award for architecture and in 'Beautiful Durham' competition.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE CITY OF DURHAM AND FRAMWELLGATE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS
- Durham

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-07	£4,167	£5,427	-	-
2024-04-07	£5,730	£4,126	-	-
2023-04-07	£4,091	£2,594	-	-
2022-04-07	£4,977	£5,677	-	-
2021-04-07	£8,083	£5,646	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Allan Richard Gemmill		2024-06-06
Christopher John Hugill		2022-10-01
Dr Adrian Gareth Green		2019-05-22
Francis William Pritchard		2021-10-27
JOHN LOWE		2016-12-13
John Ashby		2016-05-11
MATTHEW PHILLIPS		2016-05-11
Michael Hurlow		2020-09-30
PROFESSOR TIMOTHY JOHN ANDREW CLARK		2015-05-13
ROGER JOHN CORNWELL		2016-05-11
Sue Margaret Childs		2020-09-30

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 8 April 2024**  
**Period end date**

**Period start date To 7 April 2025**

**Charity name: City of Durham Trust**

**Charity registration number: 502132**

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Every week Trustees scrutinise all the relevant planning applications validated by the local planning authority and respond as appropriate. We focus on ensuring

<p>activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>		<p>conformity with the policies of the <i>NPPF</i>, the <i>County Durham Plan</i> and the <i>Durham City Neighbourhood Plan</i>. These are designed to protect the historic and natural heritage of the City of Durham and its surroundings. We work closely with the City of Durham Parish Council on these matters.</p> <p>The Trust holds open meetings, including an AGM, three or four times per year to inform members of the public about planning and heritage-related issues. We also provide members with bulletins three or four times per year giving details of our activities and providing information about the work of related bodies. Our website <a href="http://durhamcity.org">durhamcity.org</a> also contains a great deal of current information.</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>Para 1.18</p>	<p>The Trustees do have regard to this guidance.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
<p>Policy on grant making</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	
<p>Policy on social investment including program related investment</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

**Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The Trust's responses to planning applications have been influential in improving some and causing others to be refused.</p> <p>The Trust works closely with related bodies such as the Durham Museum, Old Durham Gardens, the Wear Rivers Trust and the National Trust which recently acquired Crook Hall, an important heritage site in the City.</p> <p>It is also represented on the WHS Strategic Partnership Board of the Castle and Cathedral World Heritage Site.</p> <p>The Trust has co-sponsored with the Parish Council <i>The Durham City Heritage Trail</i>, a walking guide for the City's rich heritage which is freely available to residents and visitors.</p> <p>All these activities are designed both to raise the profile of the Trust and also to involve as many citizens as possible in issues that affect our historical and natural heritage.</p>
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<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trust's financial position is sound as can be seen from our annual accounts.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, sufficient to cover for approximately one year the Trust's management and administration and support costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The free reserves currently stand at £16,209 (2021 £14,369) which more than meets the criteria laid down by the Trustees.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
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Registered charity number	502132
Charity's principal address	Blackett, Hart and Pratt, LLP Aire House Mandale Business Park Durham, DH1 1TH



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

John Joseph Lowe

Francis William Pritchard

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

Date

29th January 2026



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 8th April 2024	To	Period end date 7th April 2025
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions & Donations	2,155	-	-	2,155	2,385
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	500	-	-	500	-
Publication Sales	1,250	-	-	1,250	1,350
Interest	262	-	-	262	125
Insurance Claim	-	-	-	-	1,870
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4,167</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,167</b>	<b>5,730</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,167</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,167</b>	<b>5,730</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of sales	-	-	-	-	-
Direct expenditure on charitable purposes	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions and grants to other bodies	640	-	-	640	1,127
Management and member services	4,092	-	-	4,092	2,657
Governance and professional fees	695	-	-	695	341
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,427</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,427</b>	<b>4,126</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,427</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,427</b>	<b>4,126</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,261</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,261</b>	<b>1,604</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,469	-	-	17,469	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>16,209</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,209</b>	<b>1,604</b>

### 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Co-operative Bank current account	2,358	-	-
	Virgin Money charity savings account	13,851	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>16,209</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	John Ashby			
2	Sue Childs	Vice chair		
3	Tim Clark			
4	Roger Cornwell			
5	Adrian Green			
6	Richard Hird			
7	Michael Hurlow			
8	John Lowe	Chair		
9	Matthew Phillips			
10	Francis Pritchard	Secretary/ Treasurer		
11	Chris Hugill			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		
<b>N/A</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	
<b>N/A</b>		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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**Other** optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	John Joseph Lowe	Francis William Pritchard
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Secretary/Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	7th February 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 8th April 2023	To	Period end date 7th April 2024
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions & Donations	2,385	-	-	2,385	2,510
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Publication Sales	1,350	-	-	1,350	1,559
Interest	125	-	-	125	22
Insurance Claim	1,870	-	-	1,870	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>5,730</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,730</b>	<b>4,091</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>5,730</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,730</b>	<b>4,091</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of sales	-	-	-	-	-
Direct expenditure on charitable services	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions and grants to other bodies	1,128	-	-	1,128	156
Management and member services	2,657	-	-	2,657	1,765
Governance and professional fees	341	-	-	341	674
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,126</b>	<b>2,594</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>1,497</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,865	-	-	15,865	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>17,469</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,469</b>	<b>1,497</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Co-operative Bank current account	3,881	-	-
	Virgin Money charity savings account	13,589	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>17,470</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The Trust's responses to planning applications have been influential in improving some and causing others to be refused.</p> <p>The Trust works closely with related bodies such as the Durham Museum, Old Durham Gardens, the Wear Rivers Trust and the National Trust which recently acquired Crook Hall, an important heritage site in the City. It is also represented on the Coordinating Committee of the Castle and Cathedral World Heritage Site.</p> <p>The Trust has co-sponsored with the Parish Council <i>The Durham City Heritage Trail</i>, a walking guide for the City's rich heritage which is freely available to residents and visitors.</p> <p>All these activities are designed both to raise the profile of the Trust and also to involve as many citizens as possible in issues that affect our historical and natural heritage.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trust's financial position is sound as can be seen from our annual accounts.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, sufficient to cover for approximately one year the Trust's management and administration and support costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The free reserves currently stand at £15,865 (2021 £14,369) which more than meets the criteria laid down by the Trustees.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected at the AGM in accordance with paragraph 13 of the constitution.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	City of Durham Trust
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	502132
Charity's principal address	Blackett, Hart and Pratt, LLP Aire House Mandale Business Park Durham, DH1 1TH



**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	John Ashby			
2	Sue Childs	Vice chair		
3	Tim Clark			
4	Roger Cornwell			
5	Adrian Green			
6	Richard Hird			
7	Michael Hurlow			
8	John Lowe	Chair		
9	Matthew Phillips			
10	Francis Pritchard	Secretary/ Treasurer		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		
<b>N/A</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	
<b>N/A</b>		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	John Joseph Lowe	Francis William Pritchard
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Secretary/Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	23 August 2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name City of Durham Trust	No (if any) 502132
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 8th April 2022	To	Period end date 7th April 2023
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions & Donations	2,510	-	-	2,510	3,140
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	500
Publication Sales	1,559	-	-	1,559	1,315
Interest	22	-	-	22	11
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>4,966</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>4,966</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of sales	-	-	-	-	47
Direct expenditure on charitable purposes	-	-	-	-	1,916
Subscriptions and grants to other bodies	156	-	-	156	1,146
Management and member services	1,765	-	-	1,765	1,790
Governance and professional fees	674	-	-	674	780
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>5,679</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>5,679</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>713</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,369	-	-	14,369	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>15,866</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,866</b>	<b>713</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Co-operative Bank current account	7,401	-	-
	Virgin Money charity savings account	8,464	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>15,865</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
	Gift Aid to claim	670	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		F.W. Pritchard		

**THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 502132

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 8 April 2021  
Period end date

Period start date To 7 April 2022

Charity name: City of Durham Trust

Charity registration number: 502132

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) To preserve, conserve and enhance for the benefit of the public the natural and built environment of the City of Durham and its surroundings, including its green belt, buildings and features of architectural and historic value, and areas of natural beauty and interest.</li><li>(2) To engage and inform communities and promote their co-operation in the preservation, conservation and protection of the natural and built environment of the City of Durham and its surroundings, including its Green Belt.</li><li>(3) To encourage and celebrate the highest sustainable standards in planning, design, landscape and architecture in the City of Durham and its surroundings.</li></ol>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Every week Trustees scrutinise all the relevant planning applications validated by the local planning authority and respond as appropriate. We focus on ensuring conformity with the policies of the <i>NPPF</i> , the <i>County Durham Plan</i> and the <i>Durham City Neighbourhood Plan</i> . These are designed to protect the historic and natural heritage of the City of Durham and its surroundings. We work closely with the City of Durham Parish Council on these matters.

		<p>The Trust holds open meetings, including an AGM, three or four times per year to inform members of the public about planning and heritage-related issues. We also provide members with bulletins three or four times per year giving details of our activities and providing information about the work of related bodies.</p> <p>Our website <a href="http://durhamcity.org">durhamcity.org</a> also contains a great deal of current information.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees do have regard to this guidance.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The Trust's responses to planning applications have been influential in improving some and causing others to be refused.</p> <p>The Trust works closely with related bodies such as the Durham Museum, Old Durham Gardens, the Wear Rivers Trust and the National Trust which has recently acquired Crook Hall, an important heritage site in the City.</p> <p>It is also represented on the Coordinating Committee of the Castle and Cathedral World Heritage Site. This year marks the Trust's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it is also the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UNESCO's World Heritage Convention and we are working with the Coordinating Committee to convene a conference focusing on the future of the World Heritage Site.</p> <p>The Trust will mark the actual anniversary of its foundation on 9 November with a civic reception.</p> <p>The Trust has co-sponsored two walking guides for the City: <i>Coal Stories</i> explores the extensive reminders of the coal industry in the City; <i>The Seven Hills Trail</i> provides a route around the hills that surround the City and gives glorious views of the Castle and Cathedral.</p> <p>All these activities are designed both to raise the profile of the Trust and also to involve as many citizens as possible in issues that affect our historical and natural heritage.</p>
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	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
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3	Tim Clark			
4	Roger Cornwell			
5	Adrian Green			
6	Richard Hird			
7	Michael Hurlow			
8	John Lowe	Chair		
9	Matthew Phillips			
10	Francis Pritchard	Hon. Secretary		
11	Barbara Ravelhofer			
12	Malcolm Reed	Hon. Treasurer		
13	Lucy Szablewska			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		
<b>N/A</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	
<b>N/A</b>		

### **Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

#### **Additional information (optional)**

#### **Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

<b>Type of adviser</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
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#### **Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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### **Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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### **Other optional information**

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	John Joseph Lowe	Francis William Pritchard
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Hon. Secretary
<b>Date</b>	20 September 2022	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name City of Durham Trust	No (if any) 502132
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 08-Apr-21	To	Period end date 07-Apr-22
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	3,697	-	-	3,697	-
Publication Sales	1,269	-	-	1,269	-
Virgin money account interest	11	-	-	11	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4,977</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,977</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,977</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,977</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Postage, stationary and secretarial	900	-	-	900	-
Subscriptions and grants to other organisations	1,210	-	-	1,210	-
Meeting Expenses	250	-	-	250	-
Insurance	96	-	-	96	-
Agendas, bulletins, etc	1,941	-	-	1,941	-
Governance	1,280	-	-	1,280	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,677</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,677</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,677</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,677</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 700</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	15,069	-	-	15,069	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>14,369</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,369</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Virgin Bank	8,442	-	-
	Co-op Bank	5,927	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>14,369</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

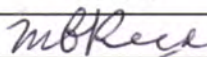
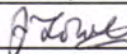
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Dr M Reed	20/09/22
	John Lowe	20/09/22



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# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
City of Durham Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

7 April 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

502132

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 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 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 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 41 of the 1993 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act 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:

Date:

23 August 2022

Name:

Yasmin Bari

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW)

**THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 502132

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00377108 (England and Wales)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 502132

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period Ended 7 April 2021**  
**for**  
**City of Durham Trust Limited (The)**

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Bede House  
3 Belmont Business Park  
Durham  
Co. Durham  
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**City of Durham Trust Limited (The)**

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for the Period Ended 7 April 2021**

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## **City of Durham Trust Limited (The)**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Period Ended 7 April 2021**

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the accounting period ended 7 April 2021. This extended period reflected the Trust's successful application to the Charity Commission for conversion to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status. This was granted with effect from 8 April 2021, and accordingly 7 April 2021 marked the end of the Trust's operations as a Company Limited by Guarantee.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The Trust conserves, and encourages appreciation of, the environment of the historic City of Durham and its surroundings.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

In terms of the Trust's overarching objective of conserving and encouraging the appreciation of the City and its surroundings, much activity in the first part of the period continued to be focused upon the progress of the County Council's proposed County Durham Plan. As noted in the Trust's 2019 report, the draft Plan's Examination in Public by the government-appointed Inspector reached a point during November of that year where the Inspector, Mr William Fieldhouse indicated that the Council's proposed relief roads were likely to be found to be unjustified and contrary to national policy, and that the Plan's proposals for managing the impacts of student housing demand would require strengthening. These were both areas where the Trust had contributed substantial evidence, both in writing and orally during the Examination, and where it had found common ground with other organisations, including the City of Durham Parish Council.

The Inspector's preliminary indications were confirmed in his post-hearings advice issued to the County Council on 20 February 2020, in which he stipulated the modifications that were necessary for the draft Plan to satisfy the test of Soundness. While he accepted the Council's controversial proposals for Green Belt releases for housing purposes at Sniperley Park and Sherburn Road, and a small release for office development at the County Hall site, he placed additional conditions upon these releases in terms of master planning; provisions for sustainable transport; and strengthening the altered Green Belt boundaries.

Public consultation on the Main Modifications to the County Plan that the County Council developed in response to the Inspector's requirements was affected by the national restrictions arising from the pandemic, and the process was conducted entirely in writing. Out of 190 Modifications required to ensure the Plan's Soundness, the Trust commented on more than 60, primarily on those dealing with those Policies which were central in their bearing upon the Trust's objectives. This necessarily engaged much of Trustees' available time prior to the closure of the consultation on the Modifications in July 2020. The County Plan process concluded with the issue of the Inspector's Final Report on 17 September and the Plan's adoption by the County Council on 21 October 2020. This ended a decade during which the new Unitary County Council's plans for the future development of the City and the wider county had been a major preoccupation for the Trust because of the potential for harm to Durham's unique natural and built environment. In a number of respects the efforts of the Trust and other concerned organisations were reflected in the way that the Plan's initial development proposals were moderated in the eventual outcome. It is of particular note that the Inspector himself cautioned about the City's capacity to absorb any further expansion by Durham University after its current Master Plan was completed in 2027.

The Inspector's Final Report also had to acknowledge the planning uncertainty created by the pandemic. The Trust's charitable operations were of course directly affected by the pandemic and the associated restrictions, and from March 2020 business was conducted entirely on-line. This included Trustees' regular meetings and the AGM, which was postponed under temporary guidelines from the Charity Commission until 30 September 2020. That meeting included an on-line address by Roberta Blackman-Woods, the City's former MP, on the current proposals to amend English planning legislation. Dr Blackman-Woods had been appointed earlier in the year as one of two new Patrons of the Trust, along with the former Chancellor of Durham University, Dr Bill Bryson, in place of two distinguished and long-serving Patrons, Sir William Whitfield and Dr Sherban Cantacuzino, who had recently passed away.

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The AGM also approved the proposal that the Trust should seek conversion to CIO status, a proposition that had first been raised at the 2019 meeting, when it was agreed that Trustees should explore the implications in more detail and report back at the next AGM.

In light of the effectiveness of the on-line arrangements at the AGM, a further virtual public meeting was held on 10 December 2020, at which Dr Martin Roberts spoke to a large audience about the historic buildings and gardens at Kepier. The Trust's outreach to its membership and the wider community was also maintained through its regular Bulletins, which were supplemented by an additional issue in the summer of 2020.

Despite the restrictions, Trustees continued the routine task of monitoring and where necessary commenting upon planning applications with significant implications for the environment of the City and its surroundings. An application of particular concern was one promoted on behalf of the Council itself during the summer of 2020 to commence the redevelopment of its Aykley Heads site as a business park; the timing of this application suggested that it was intended to pre-empt the adoption of the County Plan, since it sought to weaken some of the safeguards required by the Inspector and also failed to comply with the Council's own energy efficiency policies. In the event, the application was not determined until after the adoption of the County Plan, but despite strong objections by the Trust, the Parish Council, and others it was approved.

A major element in objectors' concerns was the adverse impact on views to and from the World Heritage Site, concerns which were being amplified when the visual impacts of the Milburngate redevelopment and the Council's own new HQ buildings began to be appreciated. Similar concerns also emerged once the University's proposals for a new Business School on the riverbank at Baths Bridge became known and when the planning application for the development of the Sherburn Road Green Belt housing release was lodged, and by the end of the Trust's 2020-21 reporting period ICOMOS – the international body responsible for the oversight of World Heritage designations – was beginning to express concern at the cumulative effect of recent and planned developments on Durham's World Heritage Site and its setting. It was becoming clear to Trustees that, despite the additional protections in the new County Plan and in the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan as it progressed towards adoption, the Trust's core purpose of protecting and promoting the City in its setting remained as relevant as it was when the Trust was first established in 1942.

While not immediately connected with the planning issues discussed above, Trustees decided with regret towards the end of the year that it was not appropriate to make the Trust's usual annual Architectural Award for a new or restored building in in the City or its environs during 2020. Although the pandemic restrictions were a limiting factor, after considering a number of possible projects it was concluded that no outstanding candidate for the award had emerged during the year.

A more detailed account of the Trust's charitable and other activities from 1 January 2020 to 7 April 2021 is given in its seventy-ninth *Annual Review*, together with *Bulletins* 88-91.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Investment policy and objectives

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association the charity has the powers to make any investment that the trustees see fit. No investments were made under these provisions during 2019, other than the deposit from time to time of cash that was not immediately required in an interest-bearing account with Virgin Money.

### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, sufficient to cover for approximately one year the Trust's management and administration and support costs. The free reserves currently stand at £14,531 (2019 £12,094) which more than meets the criteria laid down by the Trustees.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing document

The charity was controlled during this accounting period by its then governing document, a deed of trust, and constituted a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Period Ended 7 April 2021**

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Any member of the Trust is eligible to stand for election at the AGM. Trustees may co-opt a member between annual meetings, but election must be confirmed at the next AGM. One third of Trustees retire in rotation each year but are eligible for re-election. The number of Trustees shall not be fewer than eight, nor more than 20.

**Induction and training of new trustees**

Prospective Trustees are expected to attend the monthly meetings to observe the workings of Trustees. Specific mentoring of new Trustees is only necessary for officer posts, where the outgoing advises the incoming. Trustees are appointed because they have particular skills, knowledge or professional expertise to contribute.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

00377108 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

502132

**Registered office**

Blackett Hart & Pratt LLP  
Aire House  
Mandale Business park  
Durham  
DH1 1TH

**Trustees**

Mr J Lowe	Chair
Mr R J Cornwell	Vice chair
Mr J Ashby	
Mr P J F Beard	retired 30.09.2020
Mrs E A Brown	
Ms S M Childs	elected 30.09.2020
Dr A G Green	
Mr R Hird	
Prof T J A Clark	
Mr M Hurlow	elected 30.09.2020
Mr M E Phillips	
Prof B Ravelhofer	
Dr M C Reed	Treasurer
Dr L A Szablewska	

Company Secretary  
Dr M C Reed

**Independent examiner**

Miss Yasmin Bari FCA  
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**City of Durham Trust Limited (The)**

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for the Period Ended 7 April 2021**

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the charitable company is to encourage appreciation and to further the conservation of the environment of the City of Durham and its surroundings.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT DISCLOSURE**

The Trustees consider that the past and future planned activities of the City of Durham Trust comply with the aims of the charity and are carried out for the public benefit.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....19/10/21..... and signed on its behalf by:



Mr John Lowe - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
City of Durham Trust Limited (The)**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of City of Durham Trust Limited (The) ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the period ended 7 April 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Independent Examiner  
Miss Yasmin Bari  
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Dated 21/10/2021 .....

**City of Durham Trust Limited (The)**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Period Ended 7 April 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	07.04.21 Total funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	7,279	-	7,279	4,813
Other trading activities	3	763	-	763	2,325
Investment income	4	<u>41</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>75</u>
<b>Total</b>		8,083	-	8,083	7,213
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	5	115	-	115	1,466
Charitable activities	6				
Environmental conservation and appreciation		5,531	-	5,531	6,303
Other		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>5,646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,646</u>	<u>7,769</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		2,437	-	2,437	(556)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>12,094</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,094</u>	<u>12,650</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>14,531</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>14,531</u></u>	<u><u>12,094</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**City of Durham Trust Limited (The)**

**Balance Sheet  
At 7 April 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	07.04.21 Total funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	650	-	650	696
Cash at bank		<u>14,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,481</u>	<u>11,711</u>
		15,131	-	15,131	12,407
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(600)	-	(600)	(313)
		<u>14,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,531</u>	<u>12,094</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>14,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,531</u>	<u>12,094</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>14,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,531</u>	<u>12,094</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>14,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,531</u>	<u>12,094</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds:	13				
General fund				<u>14,531</u>	<u>12,094</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>14,531</u>	<u>12,094</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 7 April 2021.

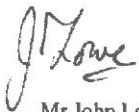
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 7 April 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 19/10/21 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr John Lowe -Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

City of Durham Trust Limited (The)

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Period Ended 7 April 2021

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements where relevant.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	07.04.21	31.12.19
	£	£
Donations	100	250
Gift aid	1217	1,836
Subscriptions	5,962	2,727
	<u>7,279</u>	<u>4,813</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	07.04.21	31.12.19
	£	£
Bonomi	3	-
Christmas cards	63	101
Durham in Paintings	98	181
Unallocated sales	35	32
Durham Cathedral Architecture	382	1,507
Durham in Poetry	81	51
Trust Awards	-	3
Futures of Durham	-	3
A perfect little city	96	443
Unmaking of the market place	5	4
	<u>763</u>	<u>2,325</u>

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**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	07.04.21	31.12.19
	£	£
CAF account interest	-	1
Virgin account interest	<u>41</u>	<u>74</u>
	<u>41</u>	<u>75</u>

**5. RAISING FUNDS**

**Other trading activities**

	07.04.21	31.12.19
	£	£
Purchases	-	1,466
Renewal of publications shelving	115	-
Christmas cards	-	-
	<u>115</u>	<u>1,466</u>

**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct costs	Grant funding of activities (See note 7)	Support costs (See note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Environmental conservation and appreciation	<u>3,057</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>2,269</u>	<u>5,531</u>

**7. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	07.04.21	31.12.19
	£	£
Environmental conservation and appreciation	<u>206</u>	<u>346</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	07.04.21	31.12.19
	£	£
Civic Trust (North East)	20	10
Friends of Durham Cathedral	40	20
CPRE	36	36
Bow Trust Durham	50	50
Allington House Community Association	60	30
St Nicholas Community Forum	-	100
Redhills Appeal	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>
	<u>206</u>	<u>346</u>

**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management	Governance	Totals
	£	costs £	£
Environmental conservation and appreciation	<u>1,656</u>	<u>613</u>	<u>2,269</u>

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**9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 7 April 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 7 April 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	31.12.19 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.19 Restricted funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	4,813	-	4,813
Other trading activities	2,325	-	2,325
Investment income	<u>75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75</u>
<b>Total</b>	7,213	-	7,213
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Trading activities: cost of goods sold	1,466	-	1,466
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Environmental conservation and appreciation	6,303	-	6,303
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	7,769	-	7,769
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(556)	-	(556)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	12,650	-	12,650
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>12,094</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,094</u>

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	07.04.21 £	31.12.19 £
Trade debtors	<u>650</u>	<u>696</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	07.04.21 £	31.12.19 £
Trade creditors	<u>500</u>	<u>313</u>

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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 01.01.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 07.04.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	12,094	2437	14,531
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Green Belt fund	-	-	-
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>12,094</u>	<u>2,437</u>	<u>14,531</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	8,083	(5,646)	2,437
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	8,083	(5,646)	2,437
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>8,083</u>	<u>(5,646)</u>	<u>2,437</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 01.01.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	12,650	(566)	12,094
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Green Belt fund	-	-	-
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>12,650</u>	<u>(566)</u>	<u>12,094</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	7,213	(7,769)	(556)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Green Belt fund	-	-	-
Neighbourhood Planning Forum	-	-	-
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>7,213</u>	<u>(7,769)</u>	<u>(556)</u>

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**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There was no related party transaction in the period ended 7 April 2021.

**City of Durham Trust Limited (The)**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Period Ended 7 April 2021**

	07.04.21 £	31.12.19 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	100	250
Gift aid	1,217	1,836
Legacies	-	-
Subscriptions	5,962	2,727
Neighbourhood Planning Forum	-	-
	7,279	4,813
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Bonomi	3	-
Christmas cards	63	101
Durham in Paintings	98	181
Unallocated sales	35	32
Durham Cathedral Architecture	382	1,507
Durham in Poetry	81	51
Trust Architecture awards	-	3
Futures of Durham	-	3
A perfect little city?	96	443
Unmaking of the market place	5	4
	763	2,325
<b>Investment income</b>		
CAF account interest	-	1
Virgin account interest	41	74
	41	75
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	8,083	7,213
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
New edition of Cathedral Architecture	-	1,466
Renewal of publications shelving	115	-
Christmas cards	-	-
	115	1,466
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Insurance	464	367
Restoration of Saddler Street teapot	-	-
County Durham Plan	-	2,466
Plaques for annual award	220	220
Postage, stationery and secretarial	2,373	1,236
Subscriptions and grants to other bodies	206	346
	3,263	4,635
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Meeting expenses	90	418
Development committee agendas, bulletins, etc.	1,566	950
	1,656	1,368

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**City of Durham Trust Limited (The)**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Period Ended 7 April 2021**

	07.04.21	31.12.19
	£	£
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	600	300
Filing fee	<u>13</u>	<u>-</u>
	613	300
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	5,647	7,769
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>2,436</u></u>	<u><u>(556)</u></u>

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