

Report

John Garton's Charity

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number: 527966
Official and Working Titles: John Garton's Charity

Principal Address

Old Manor House, 1 West End, Long Clawson, Leicestershire LE14 4PE

Trustees

S F Shouler R H Heathcote P E Sutton

Independent Examiner Patrick Gray

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Documents

The governing document is a Charity Commission Scheme of 28th January 2004 as amended on 18th February 2024. There are three trustees, all ex-officio. The charity owns Long Clawson Church of England Primary School.

OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

The object of the charity is to provide items, services and facilities for the school.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Charitable Activities

In 2012 the charity spent the capital it had raised by selling the schoolmaster's house in or around 1986, plus a further donation, on buying and converting the Methodist schoolroom into a hall for the school, now called the Garton Hall. The charity was then dormant until it attracted a significant donation in 2024. About half of this has been spent this year chiefly on new playground equipment at the school.

Administration

The charity has re-established its registration for Gift Aid and is administered directly by the trustees

HISTORY

The charity was established by certain Indentures of Lease and Release dated on or about 12th and 13th August 1793 between John Garton and the Vicar of Long Clawson and others, to found a permanent school for the village. In 1090 Ivo de Ticheville gave the tithes of his newly built church at Clawson to his overlord's new priory at Belvoir. At the Reformation the tithes were acquired by the Noels of Dalby, then sold to Henry Hastings, then they passed down the descendants of the three daughters of his banker Thomas Cotele. At the Enclosure of Clawson in 1780, John Garton and his brother Robert owned one third of the tithes, but by the time the Award was made, had acquired the other two thirds, which they commuted for land, ending up with 800 acres and two mansions. Robert died unmarried and John succeeded to it all. A school had been started in the chantry chapel, now the vestry of the church, expanding into the chancel, but the Archdeacon complained that there were inkblots on the altar and that the children were relieving themselves in the churchyard, whither they had also ejected the 13th century effigy of the Lord of the Manor. The new charity finally built the present school in 1840, extending it several times afterwards.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Accounting Policy

The Trustees opt to present accounts on a receipts and payments basis.
A statement of assets and liabilities is provided.

Reserves Policy

Any surplus is held as unrestricted funds subject to review by the trustees from time to time.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

S F Shouler

S F Shouler, Trustee, 6th April 2025

Accounts for CC

JOHN GARTON'S CHARITY - Reg No 527966

Accounts Period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Receipts	Previous yr		Payments	Previous yr	
	£	£		£	£
Opening balance	0	0	Administration	56	0
Donation	20,000	0	Playground equipment	10,880	0
Candesic assigned fee	130	0	Pupil recruitment	1,300	0
HMRC rebate	5,000	0	School Westminster trip	350	0
Bank interest	207	0			
	25,337	0	Closing balance	12,751	0
				25,337	0

Balance Sheet at 5th April 2025

Fixed Assets

Long Clawson School	1	1
Garton Hall	1	1

Current Assets

Bank current account	4,044	0
Bank deposit account	8,707	0

Total assets	12,753	2
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Funds

Endowment Funds	2	2
Unrestricted Funds	12,751	0
	12,753	2

Note: the fixed assets are assigned only nominal value.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of John Garton's Charity

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

26th April 2025

Name: Patrick Gray

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): -

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