



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 Period start date To 31st December 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Smethwick Photographic Society

Charity registration number: 702550

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<i>The advancement of the arts and science of photography</i>
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	<i>The Society is formed to afford facilities for the general advancement of the art and science of photography, to establish photographic records and communicate new and interesting matters regarding photography.</i>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<i>In planning activities for the year, the Society kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at trustee meetings.</i>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<i>The Society is not a grant making body.</i>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<i>During the year approx. 1677 hours were contributed by the volunteers to the running of the Society as follows: - Lecturers, judges, and advisors 205 hours General maintenance, upgrading of facilities & equipment in the building. 1472 hours</i>

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p><i>During the year live attendances at meetings continued to improve with fewer members relying on the remote streaming system. The stream continued to be used by our more remote members and visitors to the lecture programme.</i></p> <p><i>The full programme of National, International Exhibitions was run with a very good response from both entrants and visitors.</i></p> <p><i>The weekly technique group was upgraded to a Photography School Status which welcomed both members and non-members. This group offered both technical advice and photographic opportunities both in the clubs studio and on organized outings.</i></p> <p><i>Work was carried out to improve the ventilation system in the main lecture room to ensure a regular exchange of the air in the room.</i></p> <p><i>Plans were put in place for the installation of a suspended ceiling and lighting in the bar area funded by a lottery grant.</i></p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<i>The Society holds £38,588 in current accounts and on deposit with the bank, of which £10,000 are restricted funds. The funds are sufficient to cover its normal activities and to maintain and improve (both foreseen and unforeseen expenditure) the 100-year-old plus, former primary school building in which the Society meets.</i>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£38,588
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<i>n/a</i>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<i>none</i>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<i>none</i>

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	<i>An association consisting of approximately 130 members</i>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<i>Constitution</i>
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	<i>Trustees are elected from senior members of the management committee, appointed by its members, to manage the running of the Society</i>

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	<i>Smethwick Photographic Society</i>
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	702550
Charity's principal address	<i>The Old School House, Churchbridge, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 2AS</i>

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	<i>Roger Francis Parry</i>	<i>Secretary</i>		
2	<i>Judith Margaret Parry</i>			
3	<i>David Arthur Lowe</i>			
4	<i>David Michael Yates</i>			
5	Mikael Sharples		6 th November 2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	<i>The Society does not hold funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.</i>
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)

Roger Francis Parry

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>R. F Parry</i>	
Full name(s)	<i>Roger Francis Parry</i>	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	<i>Secretary</i>	
Date	<i>27/10/2024</i>	

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st January 2023

To

31st December 2023

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	9,641	-	-	9,641	8,623
Studio/Room Hire	4,095	-	-	4,095	1,789
Exhibitions	9,952	-	-	9,952	10,762
Fund Raising - Raffles	-	-	-	-	58
Fund Raising - Shop	1,440	-	-	1,440	849
Fund Raising - Bar Catering	1,907	-	-	1,907	724
Fund Raising - Bring & Buy	193	-	-	193	-
Sundry Income	609	-	-	609	51
Bank Interest	147	-	-	147	4
Grants	1,170	10,000	-	11,170	2,667
Donations	230	-	-	230	358
FIAP World Cup	1,625	-	-	1,625	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,009	10,000	-	41,009	25,885
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Darkroom Equipment	-	-	-	-	1,850
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,850
Total receipts	31,009	10,000	-	41,009	27,735
A3 Payments					
Lecturers/Speakers/Judges	1,621	-	-	1,621	1,530
Exhibitions	8,104	-	-	8,104	10,686
FIAP Word Cup	1,615	-	-	1,615	-
Fund Raising - Raffles	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Raising - Shop	605	-	-	605	837
Fund Raising - Bar Catering	1,336	-	-	1,336	434
Building Maintenance	2,711	-	-	2,711	3,597
Insurance	2,847	-	-	2,847	2,623
Utilities	8,640	-	-	8,640	4,170
Cleaning	1,484	-	-	1,484	1,822
Administration	2,983	-	-	2,983	2,429
Sundry	220	-	-	220	788
Professional Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment Replacement/Upgrades	-	-	-	-	-
Building Renovation	-	-	-	-	-
	32,166	-	-	32,166	28,916
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Unauthorised Payments	1,290	-	-	1,290	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,290	-	-	1,290	-
Total payments	33,456	-	-	33,456	28,916
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,447	10,000	-	7,553	- 1,181
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	31,035	-	-	31,035	32,216
Cash funds this year end	28,588	10,000	-	38,588	31,035

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Community Account	577	10,000	
	Deposit Account	15,501		
	Exhibitions Account	1,154		
	Catering/Bar Account	742		
	Exhibition Paypal Account	8,993		
	Paypal Webshop	1,621	-	
	Total cash funds	28,588	10,000	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Unauthorised Payment (recovered 2024)	1,290	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	The Old Schoolhouse - Freehold Property	Restricted	-	-
	Projectors/Screens	Unrestricted	-	-
	Darkroom Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Studio Lighting	Unrestricted	-	-
	Catering Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Lecture Theatre Seating	Unrestricted	-	-
	Tables & Chairs	Unrestricted	-	-
	Exhibition Display Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	IT Equipment & Software	Unrestricted		
	Air Conditioning	Unrestricted	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	R. F Parry	Roger Francis Parry	27/10/2024	
			28/10/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Smethwick Photographic Society

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

702550

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Ian Bailey

Date: 27/10/2024

Name: Ian Richard Bailey

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

Bramley House, London Road

Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

In carrying out my examination the trustees brought to my attention two unauthorised payments taken from the bank account amounting to £1,290.14. This had been investigated by the charities bankers and was confirmed as fraudulent activity by a third party. The money was refunded to the charity in 2024. I am satisfied that the financial controls of the charity are sufficiently robust and could not have prevented this fraudulent activity taking place.