

Fletcher Bequest Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC011548

Details

Status	Not Submitted
Legal form	Trust (founding document is a deed of trust) (other than educational endowment)
Registered	1902-01-01
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address
St Mark's Church
St Mary's Place
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 8AA

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals','It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty','the advancement of health','the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

Beneficiaries: 'Older People','People with disabilities or health problems','Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: I direct the Fletcher Bequest Trustees to hold the whole Residue and remainder of my said means and estate in perpetuity and to apply the free annual Income derived therefrom as follows:- (1) To distribute one-fourth thereof in such manner and proportions as the Fletcher Bequest Trustees in their sole discretion shall deem expedient at Christmas yearly or at such other time or times as they shall think fit among or for behoof of poor, aged, infirm or distressed persons residing in the Parishes of St. Andrews and St. Leonards. (2) To pay one-fourth thereof to the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Incurables. (3) To pay one-fourth thereof to the Orphan Homes, Bridge of Weir. and (4) To pay the remaining one-fourth thereof to the Scottish Branch of the Officers' association incorporated by Royal Charter (popularly known in Scotland as The Earl Haig Fund) and whose Office is at Seven Drummond Place, Edinburgh to be applied by the said Scottish Branch of the Officers' Association for the benefit of ex-service men who have served in War or their dependents.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Fife
- **Geographical spread:** Operations cover all or most of Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-04-30	£0	£0	-	0
2023-04-30	£87,381	£68,230	-	0
2022-04-30	£112,645	£64,373	-	0
2021-04-30	£98,775	£127,802	-	0
2020-04-30	£134,804	£109,030	-	0

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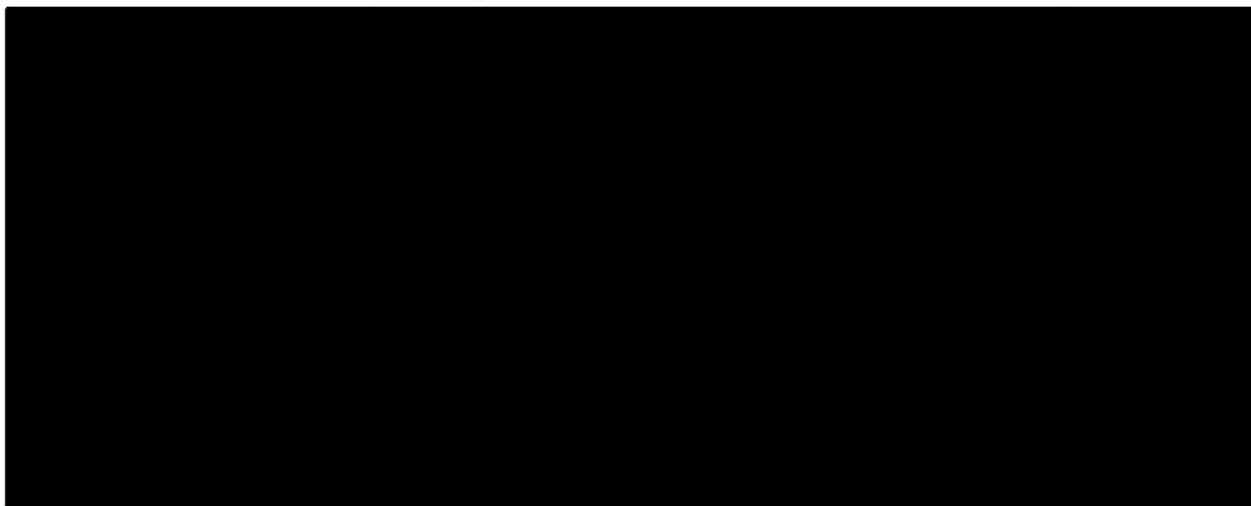
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Accounts
for the year ended 30 April 2023

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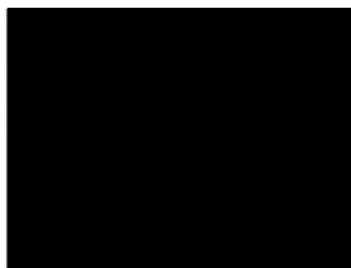
Trustees and Advisers

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows: -



Bankers CAF Bank Ltd
 25 Kings Hill Avenue
 Kings Hill
 West Mailing
 Kent ME19 4JQ

Independent
Examiner



Solicitors Thorntons Law LLP
 Kinburn Castle
 St Andrews
 Fife KY16 9DR

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Trustee's Report for the year to 30 April 2023

Synopsis

The Trustee, Miss Elizabeth Catherine Fletcher, died in 1946. In her Trust Disposition and Settlement dated 4 April 1945 and registered in the Books of Council and Session on 31 May 1946, she created this Trust, the main asset of which is the building at 119/121 South Street, St Andrews, comprising of a shop with three flats above. The Trust is recognised as a charitable one and its purpose as set out by the Trustee is to distribute the free annual income as follows: -

- a) one-fourth in such manner and proportions as the Trustees deem expedient among or for behoof of poor, aged, infirm, or distressed persons residing in the Parishes of St Andrews and St Leonard's.
- b) one-fourth to the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Incurables (now the Edinburgh & Lothian Health Foundation)
- c) one-fourth to the Orphan Home (now Quarriers), Bridge of Weir; and
- d) one-fourth to the Earl Haig Fund.

Legal and Administrative arrangements

The report is prepared in accordance with the Constitution of the Charity and the Statement of Recommended Practice and Accounting and Reporting by Charities and complies with applicable law

Organisational structure

The charity is governed and administered by the Trustees who have the power to distribute funds as they see fit in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Method of Appointment or Election of Trustees

The Trustees during the period of this account are as stated on page 1. Trustees are the Ministers for the time being of Hope Park & Martyrs Parish Church now known as St, Mark's Parish Church, St Andrews and The Parish Church of the Holy Trinity, St Andrews, ex officio.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the trust. A major risk to the Trust is the continuing problems concerning the recovery of the amount due as a consequence of the rent outstanding in respect of the administration of M and Co. Every effort is being made by the Trustees to address this matter but it continues to be a risk to the Bequest. It is now known that the current occupier of the premises is going into administration so a further risk to the income of the Trust in 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Reserves

The reserves of the charity are maintained in order to ensure that the income generating assets are preserved in good order to yield a continuing stream of funds that may be distributed for the charity's purposes

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Activities

During the financial year 2020 -21 the then occupiers of the shop premises went into administration. The Trustees lodged a claim for £70,442. There has been no movement in the amount owed in the intervening years. In the previous year's accounts, it had been hoped that a bad debt provision would be set up to recognise that it was extremely unlikely that any of the outstanding debt would be recovered. However, the subsequent tenant of the shop has now gone into administration owing some £21,667 to the Trust. The Trustees in recognising that little if any of this debt will be recovered have agreed to write off this debt in 2022-2023 accounts. It is anticipated that any shop rent that accrues in future financial years will be utilised to write off the original £70,442 over a period of three or four years.

The Trustees have instructed Shepherds, Chartered Surveyors to seek a tenant for the shop and it is anticipated that a rental agreement will be in place in spring 2024.

The Trustees instructed Shepherds, Chartered Surveyors to value the properties in April 2022. The valuation has been carried out and the outcome is as follows.

Shop value with tenant - £1,050,000
Flat 1 - £450,000
Flat 2 - £440,000
Flat 3 - £410,000

The new valuation has not been taken into account in the 2022-2023 accounts as the situation with regard to the rental of the shop is not stable.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Trustees' responsibilities for the preparation of accounts

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Practice and applicable law). The accounts are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

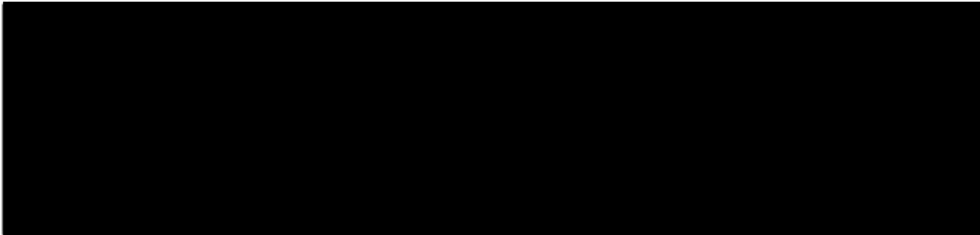
- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- d) prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at the time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner

The independent examiner appointed for the current years is Ms Sarah Wood, FCCA FCIPFA of Ceres, Fife. So far as each Trustee is concerned there is no relevant information of which the independent examiner is unaware. Each Trustee has taken the appropriate steps as a Trustee to make themselves aware of such information and to establish the independent examiner is aware of it.

Approved by the Trustees:



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th April 2023

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (a) to (c) of the Account Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 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 Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the account resented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks 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 I do not express audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

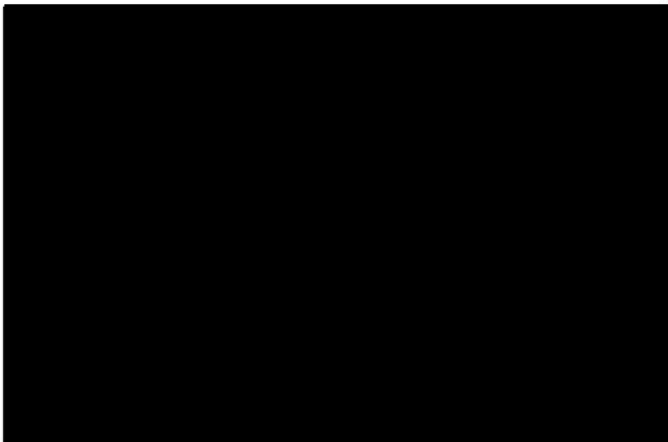
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements
 - (a) To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Account Regulations: and
 - (b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.

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



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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period to 30 April 2023

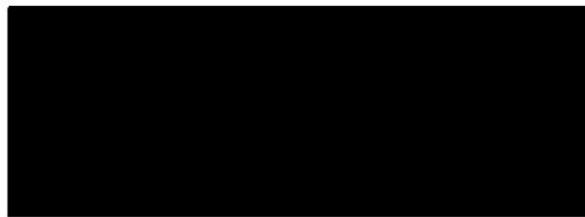
Income and Endowments from		2023	2022
Investment	Page 12	87,381	112,645
Other Income Resources		0	0
Total Incoming Resources		87,381	112,645
Expenditure on			
Charitable Activities	Appendix 1	36,800	40,000
Governance Costs	Appendix 2	14,215	10,109
	Appendix 2	0	0
Cost of generating funds	Appendix 3	17,215	14,264
		68,230	64,373

Net Income for the year	19,151	48,272	
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total funds brought forward	1,663,911	1,615,639	
Total funds carried forward	1,683,062	1,663,911	

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Balance Sheet as at 30 th April, 2023		2023	2022
Investment Assets			
Heritable Properties			
At cost or valuation	Note 2, Page 9	1,452,478	1,452,478
Current Assets			
Debtors	Appendix 4	78,144	78,144
Funds held			
By Thorntons			0
CAF Bank		193,940	163,789
		272,084	241,933
Creditors and accruals	Appendix 5	(41,500)	(30,500)
Net Current Assets		230,584	211,433
Total Assets less current liabilities		1,683,062	1,663,911
Capital and reserves			
Capital Accounts	Page 11	1,070,610	1,072,200
Revenue Accounts	Page 12	612,452	591,711
		1,683,062	1,663,911

Approved by the Trustees:



Date.

10/5/24

1 Accounting policies

Basis of Preparation

The Accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Income and expenditure

All income and expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis other than administration expenses where accruals are recognised.

Investment Properties

The investments consist of heritable properties and furniture which are included in the balance sheet at their open market value and are not depreciated. Expenditure incurred in the purchase of improvements of a fixed asset is capitalised and included under the appropriate fixed asset heading

2 Summary of Investment Properties

	Heritable Properties	Furniture & Fittings	Total
As at 30 th April, 2022	1,427,566	24,912	1,452,478
Improvements/Additions at cost	-	-	-
As at 30 th April, 2023	1,427,566	24,912	1,452,478

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Summary of Balances at 30 April 2023

		2023	2022
Capital	Page 11	1,070,610	1,072,200
Income	Page 12	612,452	591,711
		1,683,062	1,663,911
Represented By			
Fixed Assets	Page 9	1,452,478	1,452,478
Debtors	Appendix 4	78,144	78,144
Cash at Bank		193,940	163,789
Less Creditors	Appendix 5	(41,500)	30,500
		1,683,062	1,663,911

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Capital Account		2023	2022
Balance as at 30.04.22		1,072,200	1,081,306
Property Improvements		0	0
Governance Costs	Appendix 2	2593	10,109
Prior Year Adjustment		(1003)	(1003)
Balance as at 30.04.23		1,070,610	1,072,200

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Revenue Account

Gross Income

		2023	2022
Rental Income			
Shop premises at 121 South Street, St Andrews (inc rental o/s per schedule)		37,917	69,556
3 Flats at 119 South Street, St Andrews		49,218	43,088
Deposit Interest		246	1
Total Income Resources		87,381	112,645
Expenses etc			
Repairs, Renovations and Maintenance		14,468	2,895
Insurance		2,747	2,263
Council Tax		0	0
Total Expenditure		17,235	5,158
Net Income for the year		70,146	107,487

Beneficiaries Income Account			
Balance as at 30.04.22		591,711	534,333
Net Income for the year		70,146	107,487
		661,857	641,820
Charitable Distributions	Appendix 1	36,800	40,000
Support Costs	Appendix 2	2,593	10,109
		39,393	50,109
Balance as at 30.04.23		612,452	591,711

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Estate at 30th April 2023

Heritable Property	1,452,478
Debtors	78,144
Cash and Bank and on hand	0
Thorntons LLP – General	0
Thorntons LLP – Contingency Funds	0
Thorntons LLP – Assignment	0
CAF Bank	193,940
Creditors	(36,000)
	1,688,562

Appendix to Accounts

Appendix 1

Charitable Activities

Poppy Scotland	10,000
Edinburgh Lothian Health	10,000
Quarriers	10,000
St Mark's Church – Goody Bags	800
Families' 1 st	3,000
Storehouse	3,000
Total	36,800

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Appendices to accounts cont'd

Appendix 2

Support Costs

Lawson Thomson	11,622
Property Search	0
J & E Shepherd	2,520
Bank Charges	73
Total	14,215
Prior year adjustments	

Appendix 3

Costs of generating funds

a) Maintenance/Renovations etc	
Per Lawson Thomson	14,468
Management Fees	0
Arrangement/Renovation Fees	0
Total	14,468
b) Insurance	2,747
Total	17,215

Appendix 4

Debtors

Mackay Ltd	78,144
Lawson Thomson	0
Total	78,144

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Appendices to accounts cont'd

Appendix 5

Creditors	-
Payments to charitable bodies	41,500