

FUND FOR THE BLIND OF LASKI
CHARITY NUMBER: 1003516
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

FUND FOR THE BLIND OF LASKI
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Fund for the Blind of Laski is a registered charity number 1003516 and is constituted under a deed of trust dated 14 May 1991, as amended on 28 November 2011.

New trustees are appointed, under the trust deed, by the existing trustees. The trust deed stipulates that there shall be not less than three nor more than five trustees.

Existing trustees undertake any necessary induction of new trustees.

Day to day management of the trust is undertaken by Mr Potworowski, one of the trustees, without payment for his services.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023 (CONTINUED)

RISK MANAGEMENT

As the charity expends only the money it receives, the trustees consider that there are no significant risks to the charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The objects of the trust are to promote the relief, care, treatment and training of blind and partially sighted people in Poland under the care of The Society of the Blind in Laski ("The Polish Society")

In order to achieve its objective, the trust provides a means for the public in the UK, either directly, or indirectly e.g. by bequests, to make charitable donations for the benefit of the Polish Society. Having gathered charitable donations the trust, subject to any constraints placed on the funds by the donors, invests its funds in liquid assets to allow for immediate access.

The trust provides the required support for the Polish Society either by direct transfer of money or by acquiring goods or services for or on its behalf. It also expends money, if requested, directly on the provision of medical care or similar to those under the care of the Polish Society.

Subject to constraints placed on funds by donors, the trust expends money only when requested by the Polish Society. It does not itself seek out opportunities.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The legal and administrative information on page one forms part of this report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees have noted a fall in the level of donations and legacies received during the year. The Charity received £2,276 (2022 £8,368) from donations, including £1,200 from Mr A W Hobot, and £1,000 from Mr & Mrs A Piotrowicz.

This year the Trustees made no grants (2022 £210,000).

RESERVES POLICY

The Endowment Fund income will be used for the new dormitory for boys.

Due to the increasing rate of inflation in Poland the plan to build a new dormitory for the boys has been scaled back. The Trustees will contribute funds for the building works and equipment when required over the next few years.

The Trustees policy is to use all the unrestricted funds to fund projects in accordance with the charity's objects.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

FUND FOR THE BLIND OF LASKI

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023 (CONTINUED)

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity's trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of the fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

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Signed on behalf of the Board



Mr T K Potworowski

Approved by the Board on14/11/23.....

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF FUND FOR THE BLIND OF LASKI
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023
CHARITY NO. 1003516**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fund for the Blind of Laski for the year ended 31 May 2023.

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 all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

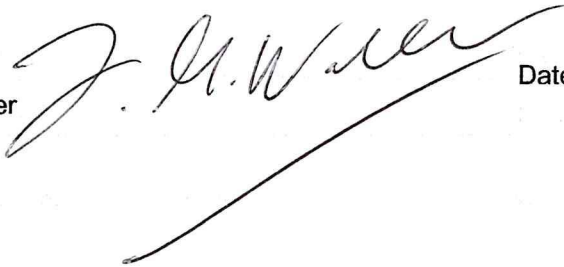
Independent examiner's statement

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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 Date: 21/11/23

FUND FOR THE BLIND OF LASKI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

	<u>Note</u>	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023	Endowment Fund 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and expenditure						
Incoming resources from generated funds	1(b)					
Voluntary income:						
Donations and grants		2,276	-	-	2,276	8,368
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid repayment		250	-	-	250	538
Investment income		9,248	-	22,037	31,285	27,955
Interest		2,638	-	684	3,322	2,017
Total incoming resources		14,412	-	22,721	37,133	38,878
Resources expended	1(e)					
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	-	210,000
Governance costs	4	4,498	-	-	4,498	4,256
Total resources expended		4,498	-	-	4,498	214,256
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		9,914	-	22,721	32,635	(175,378)
Transfers between funds				-	-	-
Net gains/ (losses) on revaluation of investments		(17,677)	-	(43,418)	(61,095)	6,495
Net movement in funds		(7,763)	-	(20,697)	(28,460)	(168,883)
Total Funds brought forward	8	586,387	-	646,901	1,233,288	1,402,171
Total Funds carried forward	8	578,624	-	626,204	1,204,828	1,233,288

FUND FOR THE BLIND OF LASKI

BALANCE SHEET - 31 MAY 2023

CHARITY NO. 1003516

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	5		590,482		651,577
			<u>590,482</u>		<u>651,577</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	250		3,054	
Cash at bank and in hand		617,876		582,437	
		<u>618,126</u>		<u>585,491</u>	
CREDITORS;					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	3,780		3,780	
		<u>3,780</u>		<u>3,780</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			614,346		581,711
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u><u>1,204,828</u></u>		<u><u>1,233,288</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) - 31 MAY 2023

CHARITY NO. 1003516

	<u>Notes</u>		<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
		£	£	£	£
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8		578,624		586,387
Restricted funds	8		-		-
Endowment Fund	8		626,204		646,901
			<u>1,204,828</u>		<u>1,233,288</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these accounts.

Signed, on behalf of the trustees



Mr T K POTWOROWSKI
Chairman

Approved by the Board on 14/11/23

FUND FOR THE BLIND OF LASKI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN

- (a) These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees have considered the charity's financial position and they consider that there are no material uncertainties about its ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) **INCOMING RESOURCES AND INCOME RECOGNITION**

Income represents grants, donations, legacies and investment income receivable.

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, and it is more likely than not that the Trustees will receive the income and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

(d) **LEGACIES**

Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount may be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

(e) **RESOURCES EXPENDED**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as the liability arises.

Grants payable: Grants are made in accordance with the provisions of the relevant fund, in order to provide scholarships in accordance with the charity's objects.

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(f) FUND ACCOUNTING

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes laid down by the donor. Expenditure for those purposes is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of overheads and support costs.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for expenditure in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

(g) FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year. The Fund does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

(h) ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Income from Endowment Funds will be applied in accordance with the donor's requests.

2. OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Trustees received no emoluments, nor expenses in the year (2022 £Nil).

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Endow- ment Funds 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
Grants payable	-	-	-	-	210,000
	-	-	-	-	210,000

Grants payable from restricted funds comprised in 2022 of scholarships payable to the Society of the Blind in Laski in accordance with the provisions of the Zdzislaw and Hanna Broncel Scholarship Fund.

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4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Endowment Funds 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
Insurance	243	-	-	243	243
Accountancy	2,262	-	-	2,262	1,890
Independent examiner's fee	1,890	-	-	1,890	1,890
Advertising & Sundry	91	-	-	91	154
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	12	-	-	12	79
	4,498	-	-	4,498	4,256

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Investments	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value		
At 1 June 2022	651,577	645,081
Additions	-	-
Disposal	-	-
Unrealised gain (loss) on revaluation	(61,095)	6,496
Market value as at 31 May 2023	590,482	651,577

Investments at market value comprised:

Equities Investment Fund	421,798	465,217
Fixed Interest Common Investment Fund	168,684	186,360
Total	590,482	651,577

All listed investments are held in the UK. Investments were purchased as a result of a bequest to the charity.

Listed investments comprise :

22,490.464 shares - Fixed Interest Sterling Income Fund ("Charibond")

10,179.499 shares - Sterling Income Fund ("Charifund")

90,259.949 shares - Fixed Interest Sterling Income Fund ("Charibond")

22,903.872 shares - Sterling Income Fund ("Charifund")

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6. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accrued income	250	3,054
	250	3,054
	250	3,054

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	3,780	3,780
	3,780	3,780
	3,780	3,780

8. RESERVES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 June 2022	586,387	-	646,901	1,233,288
Net movement in funds	(7,763)	-	(20,697)	(28,460)
At 31 May 2023	578,624	-	626,204	1,204,828
	578,624	-	626,204	1,204,828

9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 May 2023 (2022 £Nil)

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10. TAXATION

The trust is a charity and exempt from direct taxation.

11. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at 31 May 2023 (2022 £Nil)

12. RESTRICTED FUND

The Zdzislaw and Hanna Broncel Scholarship Fund comprises a bequest from the late Hanna Broncel for the purposes of setting up a fund to provide, over a period of fifteen years, grants to the young people from the Society of the Blind in Laski to enable them to pursue higher education studies. The Restricted Fund came to an end in February 2022 and the balance remaining as at 31 May 2022 was transferred to the General Fund as per Hanna Broncel's last Will.

The bequest requires the trustees, in consultation with the Polish Society, to establish the policy, and any underlying rules, as to the making of grants from the fund. The Trustees have determined that a maximum of one fifteenth of the capital and any income earned on the capital of the fund during any one year will be distributed by way of grants. No grants (2022 £10,000) were paid during the year.

13. ENDOWMENT FUND

The Donat and Hilda Bychowiec Memorial Fund is an Endowment Fund donated to Fund for the Blind of Laski under the terms of Mrs Hilda Bychowiec's Will. Income arising from the endowment will be used for the benefit of blind children in Laski, Poland.

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions which require disclosure in the year (2022 None).

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15. FUND COMPARATIVES

The comparative figures required for all income and expenditure required by the Charities SORP FRS 102 are as shown below:

	Unrestricted 2022	Restricted 2022	Endowment 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Income and expenditure				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income:				
Donations and grants	8,368	-	-	8,368
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid repayment	538	-	-	538
Investment income	-	8,333	19,622	27,955
Interest	1,601	1	415	2,017
Total incoming resources	10,507	8,334	20,037	38,878
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Charitable activities	190,000	10,000	10,000	210,000
Governance costs	4,226	15	15	4,256
Total resources expended	194,226	10,015	10,015	214,256
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources for the year	(183,719)	(1,681)	10,022	17,538
Transfer between funds	191,290	(191,290)	-	-
Unrecognised (loss) on revaluation of investments	-	-	-	-
Funds brought forward 1 June 2021	-	2,906	3,589	6,495
Funds carried forward 31 May 2022	7,571	(190,065)	13,611	(168,883)