

THE WHITTLESEY CHARITY

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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TRUSTEES REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Whittlesey Charity, Town Hall, Market Street, Whittlesey, is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No. 1005069) and constituted by a Scheme dated 27 June 1990.

The Charity Trustees comprise:-

TRUSTEES:

Claire Rayner	- Chair
Gary Cook	- Finance Officer
Philip Oldfield	
Robin Bailey	
Charles Kitchin	
Philip Green	
Sarah Brown	
Susan Bradshaw	
Chloe Smith	

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:

The objects of the Charity are to provide relief to persons in need and hardship, to promote educational support, support the local churches and also any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit, being the Parishes of Whittlesey and district.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR:

During this reporting year the Charity and its Trustees have continued to ensure delivery of the business of the Charity including:

- continuing to deal with various aspects of the Charity's land estate:
 - the continuing registration of land holdings to protect the Charity land assets for the future.
 - maximising opportunities to attract and invest income: granting easements over Charity land; acquiring and disposing of land in accordance with its Charitable scheme dated 27 June 1990 and Charity Commission guidance; successfully defeating adverse possession claims for Charity land; and continuing to further enhance the Charity's land portfolio for the future benefit of the Charity and its beneficiaries.
 - planned and ad hoc maintenance required to Charity land and assets, particularly the Town Hall and manorial droves and verges including instances of maintenance for landholders as a gesture of good will to the local community.
 - continuing to seek advice as appropriate from the Charity's professional land agents, solicitors and professional advisors for all land transactions and land management advice.
- once again being able to make grants during the year of £38,206 to applicants within our area of benefit.
- continuing to deliver the Trustees' programme of continuous improvement for the Charity to ensure resilience and appropriate ways of working for the benefit of the Charity and its future Trustees. During this year the current Trustees have:
 - invested further in IT to provide appropriate equipment to support current ways of working for the Charity and its Trustees.
 - ensured the Charity's compliance with GDPR requirements.
 - continued to evolve and embed the use of sub-committees for Estates management (including the management of the Town Hall), governance and finance and grants.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (CONT'D)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

REVIEW OF THE YEAR (Cont'd):

- invested resource and appointed a specialist contractor to develop a Charity website with associated online forms and information.
- continued to attract new Trustees as vacancies arise and to further develop the knowledge and skills of the current Trustees with information events and meetings.

The Charity has focussed on recruiting Trustees with specific professional skillsets to enhance decisions in its key areas of finance and grant making and to further strengthen the Charity's forward focus on reviewing and further evolving the Charity's policies.

- continued to consider professional advice from specialist charity Accountants and Solicitors as they transition the Charity to CIO status.

The Charity's move to CIO status has remained a focus of activity during this reporting year. Supported by its professional advisors the Charity continues to review and update its land assets, policies and procedures in readiness for this change to its status and the Charity's appointed Solicitors continue to liaise with the Charity Commissioners ahead of submission – it is anticipated that a draft CIO constitution will be sent to the Charity Commission in early 2025 as part of the application to register the CIO to ensure that the Commission is satisfied that the CIO is being established for purposes recognised as charitable in law and that those purposes continue to benefit the public.

The Charity continues to be satisfied that the Trustees have carried out their responsibilities and obligations to the wide cross section of people and organisations within its area of benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

A surplus, before grants paid, arose on general funds in the year of £49,523 (2023 £31,819).

Various grants were paid during 2024 of £38,206 (2023 £46,699).

A payment of £60,000 was made out of general funds into the Charity's managed investment fund with CCLA.

General funds at 31 December 2024 amounted to £111,378 which the Trustees consider to be satisfactory in being able to sustain the charities requirements.

For and on behalf of the Trustees

CLAIRE RAYNER - CHAIR

GARY COOK - FINANCE OFFICER

29 September 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

GENERAL FUNDS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>				
Income from Investments:				
Property Income:				
Charity Land Rents	84,132		61,387	
Shooting Rights Payment	1,127		-	
RSPB rent	10		-	
Hire of Townhall	-		75	
Compensation	950		4,050	
Wayleaves	217	86,436	213	65,725
Bank Interest received		1,945		-
Dividends - Charity Official Investment Fund		7,706		6,786
Other Income:				
Charity Books		42		60
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		96,129		72,571
<u>PAYMENTS:</u>				
Charitable Activities:				
Advertising		-		180
Gas and Electricity		4,000		4,712
Rates		739		640
Insurance		2,498		2,361
Repairs and Renewals		3,399		3,112
Cleaning		1,620		1,540
Retiring Clerk's Salary		-		625
Clerk's Salary		7,344		7,500
Telephone		550		504
Legal and Professional Fees		5,410		17,558
Land Drainage Work		17,636		-
Sundry Expenses		122		125
Computer Software		462		479
Chairs Expenses		98		82
Clerk's expenses		66		130
IT Services and subscriptions		473		145
Website Design		750		-
Management and Administration:				
Postage, Stationery and Copying		54		46
Independent Examiner's Fees		1,272		900
Bank Charges		113		113
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>		46,606		40,752

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GENERAL FUNDS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</u> (Available for distribution) (Note 2)	49,523	31,819
Grants made during the year (Note 3)	(38,206)	(46,699)
Purchase of Land at Blackbush	-	(130,000)
CCLA Investment Fund- purchase of shares	(60,000)	-
Transfer from Manorial Fund	76,924	19,877
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<u>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</u> for the year	28,242	(125,003)
<u>BANK/CASH BALANCE</u> as at 1 January	83,137	208,140
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<u>BANK/CASH BALANCE</u> as at 31 December	£111,379	£83,137
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

MANORIAL FUND (DESIGNATED)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>				
Income from Investments:				
Whittlesey Wildfowlers	-		1,127	
RSPB	-		10	
Black Bush Drove	-		12,362	
Jones Lane	-	-	6,178	19,677
Interest on Deposit		-		927
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		-		20,604
Transfer to General Funds		(76,924)		(19,877)
<u>NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS</u> for the year		(76,924)		727
<u>BANK BALANCE</u> as at 1 January		76,924		76,197
<u>BANK BALANCE</u> as at 31 December		-		£76,924

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>General</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> <u>£</u>
<u>CASH FUNDS:</u>			
Bank Current Account	4,905	4,905	8,048
Bank Deposit Account	106,473	106,473	152,013
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<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	111,378	£111,378	160,061
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<u>LIABILITIES:</u>			
Amounts due for supplies and services provided	-	-	1,030
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NON-MONETARY ASSETS:

Permanent Endowments:

	Trustees values
264.158 acres of Agricultural Land	2,641,580
Town Hall	400,000
26.755 acres Turf Drove, Turves	219,182
15.29 acres Black Bush	130,000
30.89 acres Half Acre Drove, Jones Lane, Eastrea	260,630
40.40 acres at Blackbush	340,000

Other Assets (General Purpose Fund):

Held for investment purposes -

15,424.28 Income Units - Charity Official Investment Fund Market Value @ 31.12.2024
£313,010 (31.12.23 - 12,456 Income Units £247,202).

For and on behalf of the Trustees

CLAIRE RAYNER - **CHAIR**

GARY COOK - **FINANCE OFFICER**

29 September 2025

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING:

The Accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis under Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and the Charity has complied with the appropriate legal requirements of the Act.

2. DIVISION OF FUNDS STATEMENT:

	<u>£</u>
<u>Branch No. 1 Relief in Need</u>	
Balance brought forward	46,229
Share of surplus for year	14,362
Share of Manorial fund transfer less purchase of shares	4,908
Grants made during the year (Note 3)	(7,570)
Transfer to Public Purposes	<u>(20,000)</u>
Balance carried forward	37,929
<u>Branch No. 2 Education</u>	
Balance brought forward	23,914
Share of surplus for year	14,362
Share of Manorial fund transfer less purchase of shares	4,908
Grants made during the year (Note 3)	<u>(10,300)</u>
Balance carried forward	32,883
<u>Branch No. 3 Public Purposes</u>	
Balance brought forward	8,858
Share of surplus for year	14,362
Share of Manorial fund transfer less purchase of shares	4,908
Grants made during the year (Note 3)	(16,200)
Transfer from Relief in Need	<u>20,000</u>
Balance carried forward	31,928
<u>Branch No. 4 Church</u>	
Balance brought forward	4,136
Share of surplus for year	6,438
Share of Manorial fund transfer less purchase of shares	2,200
Grants made during the year (Note 3)	<u>(4,136)</u>
Balance carried forward	8,638
<u>Total</u>	<u>£111,378</u>

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3. GRANTS MADE DURING THE YEAR comprises:

No. 1 Relief in Need

	£	£
Individual Grants awarded	885	
Holiday at Home	1,000	
Helping Whittlesey	625	
Phoenix Youth Provision	5,000	
St Thomas Day Doles	60	7,570
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No. 2 Education

Individual Grants awarded	3,500	
New Road Primary School	1,000	
Park Lane Primary School	1,500	
Straw Bear Festival	1,300	
1st Whittlesey Scouts	3,000	
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No. 3 Public Purposes

Coates Fete on the Green	1,200	
Coates Silver Lining	500	
Thursday Club	500	
Poppy Blitz	500	
Whittlesey Festival	2,000	
Whittlesey Extravaganza	2,000	
St Andrew's Hall	1,000	
Whittlesey Christmas Lights	3,000	
Defibrilators for All	1,000	
PCC St Mary's Church	1,500	
PCC St Andrews Church	1,500	
Holy Trinity Coates	1,500	
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No. 4 Church

PCC St Mary's Church	1,655	
PCC St Andrews Church	1,655	
Holy Trinity Coates	827	4,136
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£38,206

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WHITTLESEY CHARITY

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Whittlesey Charity (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on Pages 3 to 8.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report:

As the Charity's 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 Charity'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 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 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.

K J DAY F.C.C.A

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29 September 2025