



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2020		31	12	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

ASTBURY MERE TRUST

Other names charity is known by

None

Registered charity number (if any)

1007740

Charity's principal address

Astbury Mere Country Park

Sandy Lane, off Newcastle Road

Congleton, Cheshire

Postcode

CW12 4FP

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	Robert J Minshull		01.01.2020- 31.12.20	
2	Alison Cresswell	Chair		
3	Sarah J Minshull	Secretary		
4	Gavin Wolfenden			
5	Lorraine Mort	Treasurer		
6	John Whitehead			
7	Jeannie Silk			
8	Caroline Whiting			
9	Nigel Bayley		01.01.20- 23.09.20	
10	Graham Cresswell			
11	Elizabeth Wardlaw		01.01.20- 17.12.20	
12	Peter Clowes		01.01.20- 07.08.20	
13	Richard Mort			
14	Margaret Gartside		Appt 17.02.20	
15	Peter Speed		Appt 12.12.20	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Memorandum of Association
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Voting of current Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To provide for the benefit of the inhabitants of Congleton and district a managed and maintained country park at Astbury Mere in perpetuity for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving life for the said inhabitants.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees confirm that the main activities undertaken during the reporting period have been in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The main activities undertaken by the trust were land management operations to maintain and improve the Country Park for the benefit and enjoyment of the public. The activities were arranged through our Ranger Service and most involved volunteer work either in full or in part.

The key activities for 2020 were:

The management plan for the park 2017-2022 was completed and this will be guiding the overall site management works over the next five years.

The year was dominated by the impact of Coronavirus which had implications in particular for the level and degree of public interaction that site staff could have with visitors.

Other impacts included the suspension of volunteer input into site management activities and a reduced Ranger presence, the consequence of the drop in income to the Trust. As a result, site operations were constrained which had a knock-on impact on grounds maintenance tasks and forward planning operations, with some site tasks were put out to external contract and restricted in scope in comparison to previous years. Nevertheless, the park was kept safe and welcoming throughout and all core jobs were completed.

The amenity grassland areas were kept cut throughout the season and the annual cut of the various hay meadows was completed. In the Community Orchard limited tree pruning was undertaken and the meadow paths were kept regularly strimmed.

Path side vegetation was kept cut back and the car park beds trimmed. In addition, the various hedges adjacent to Banky Fields, Galbraith Close and Sandy Lane were all trimmed.

Trees were coppiced in the southern woodlands as part of the ongoing woodland management plan and elsewhere several dead / dying trees were removed on safety grounds. Some tree thinning works were undertaken at the request of neighbours

Clearance work around the newly planted trees in the Margaret Memorial Woodland was undertaken, with broken tree guards and trees replaced as necessary. In October a task undertaken by Congleton District Conservation Volunteers saw the refurbishment of another flight of the steps that wind through this woodland.

A new seat was installed in the Community Wildlife Area to replace one that was originally installed in memory of an ex-trustee

A contract to refurbish the land drainage system, shedding water away from the lakeside path on the southern and eastern banks of the park

was completed. Other drainage and associated minor resurfacing works were also completed elsewhere in the park.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We do not have any permanent or semi-permanent volunteers.

Volunteers are sought for particular jobs or projects as needed. Our primary source is from those who have volunteered in the past; volunteers come from many sources including individuals, organised groups such as the Congleton Conservation Volunteers and businesses looking for activities to support their social responsibility programmes.

Section D- Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Whilst the year started off with a fairly familiar pattern of visitor use, the period from March onwards was one of immense change. Initially the effect of lockdown was to see a marked drop off in day visitors, the suspension of visitor centre group bookings and the cancellation of all public events. The park was very quiet for several weeks but with lockdown restrictions eased the park then experienced unprecedented visitor numbers along with the associated pressures. This manifested with increased path edge erosion (people looking to social distance as much as possible), a change in visitor profile (more first-time visitors) and an overall and very noticeable increase in total visitor numbers.

At the beginning of 2020 we were able to complete a large project to refurbish and modernise a large building that the Trust own and rent to a company that run water sport activities and land based activities such as wood craft and orienteering. We were able to perform these works mainly due to our success in obtaining grants from various sources including William Dean Trust, Astbury May Day and Congleton Inclosure Trust.

Groups utilising the park up to March 2020 included Parkrun, Pram Fit and both The Dogfather's and Petiquette's dog training classes. After the Coronavirus pandemic hit these activities were suspended.

Users of the Visitor Centre up to March 2020 included Congleton Writers Forum, Congleton Advanced Motorists, Congleton Sustainability Group, the U3A's Welsh Improver, Improve Your Spanish and Flower Arranging classes plus professional bird photography workshops. We did not reopen the visitor centre during the remainder of 2020.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

While the income derived from the Trust's investments only represents 25-30% of the total income it is necessary to ensure that the reserves are kept as safe as possible whilst generating the best level of return. The investment objective is to generate a return bettering inflation over the long term, after expenses. This should allow the Trust to at least maintain the value of the investment, whilst the income from that investment is used to contribute to the running cost of managing and maintaining the park.

All investments should produce a return in line with the Trust's stated investment objectives agreed by the Trustees and where practical ensuring that those funds are invested ethically.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s) Sarah Dean

Sarah Dean	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Secretary

Date 09.09.21

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02331405 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1007740

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020
for
Astbury Mere Trust

Hammond McNulty LLP
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Astbury Mere Trust

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for the Year Ended 31st December 2020**

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Astbury Mere Trust (Registered number: 02331405)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main purpose of the charity is to manage and maintain the country park at Astbury Mere, Congleton.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

02331405 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1007740

Registered office

Astbury Mere Country Park
Sandy Lane
Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 4FP

Trustees

R J Minshull (resigned 31/12/2020)
Mrs C J Whiting
Mrs J Silk
N Bayley (resigned 23/9/2020)
Mrs E Wardlaw (resigned 17/12/2020)
G Wolfenden
P Clowes (deceased 7/8/2020)
J Whitehead
Mrs S Dean
A Cresswell
G F Cresswell
M A F Gartside Cllr (appointed 17/2/2020)
L I Mort
R B Mort
Cllr S M Akers Smith (appointed 9/3/2021)
P Speed (appointed 12/12/2020)

Company Secretary

Mrs S Dean

Independent Examiner

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Astbury Mere Trust (Registered number: 02331405)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23rd September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A Cresswell - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Astbury Mere Trust**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Astbury Mere Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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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23rd September 2021

Astbury Mere Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31/12/20 Total funds £	31/12/19 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		14,574	17,500	32,074	38,685
Other trading activities	2	37,831	-	37,831	37,490
Investment income	3	17,620	-	17,620	18,613
Total		<u>70,025</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>87,525</u>	<u>94,788</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	2,207	-	2,207	3,072
Charitable activities					
Country park maintenance & management		62,016	-	62,016	70,392
Total		<u>64,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,223</u>	<u>73,464</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(2,490)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,490)</u>	<u>24,678</u>
NET INCOME		<u>3,312</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>20,812</u>	<u>46,002</u>
Transfers between funds	14	<u>42,560</u>	<u>(42,560)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>45,872</u>	<u>(25,060)</u>	<u>20,812</u>	<u>46,002</u>
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		397,706	36,000	433,706	387,704
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>443,578</u>	<u>10,940</u>	<u>454,518</u>	<u>433,706</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Astbury Mere Trust (Registered number: 02331405)

Balance Sheet
31st December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31/12/20 Total funds £	31/12/19 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	210,486	-	210,486	162,496
Investments	10	<u>215,208</u>	-	<u>215,208</u>	<u>222,664</u>
		425,694	-	425,694	385,160
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	872	-	872	1,030
Debtors	12	6,286	-	6,286	6,423
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>20,331</u>	<u>10,940</u>	<u>31,271</u>	<u>53,926</u>
		27,489	10,940	38,429	61,379
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(9,605)	-	(9,605)	(12,833)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>17,884</u>	<u>10,940</u>	<u>28,824</u>	<u>48,546</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		443,578	10,940	454,518	433,706
NET ASSETS FUNDS					
	14	<u>443,578</u>	<u>10,940</u>	<u>454,518</u>	<u>433,706</u>
Unrestricted funds				443,578	397,706
Restricted funds				<u>10,940</u>	<u>36,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>454,518</u>	<u>433,706</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Astbury Mere Trust (Registered number: 02331405)

Balance Sheet - continued
31st December 2020

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23rd September 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

A Cresswell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Astbury Mere Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The trustees have considered the potential impact of COVID-19 on the principal activities of the charity and they believe that they have sufficient resources in place to operate for the foreseeable future. They believe there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on reducing balance and not provided on land
Plant and machinery	- 10% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 10% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Valuation of investments

Investments are included at their market values ruling at 31st December 2020. The valuation is based on the mid-market prices from the appropriate Stock Exchange, market makers or from the relevant fund manager.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Room Hire	4,006	3,802
Catering Concession	8,882	11,816
Car Parking	24,943	21,872
	<u>37,831</u>	<u>37,490</u>
3. INVESTMENT INCOME	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Rents received	10,750	12,285
Listed Investment Income	6,807	6,219
Deposit account interest	63	109
	<u>17,620</u>	<u>18,613</u>
4. RAISING FUNDS		
Investment management costs	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Portfolio management	2,049	2,413
5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	4,227	3,557
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	3,637	-

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

Trustee expenses paid in the year totalled £349 (£3,911 2019) to three trustees as follows, repairs £47 to one trustee (2019 £736 to three trustees), printing, postage and stationery £0 (2019 £126 to two trustees), fixed asset additions £289 to one trustee (2019 £3,023 for one trustee), general expenses £13 to one trustee (2019 £16 for one trustee).

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7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

Country park maintenance & management	31/12/20 <u>1</u>	31/12/19 <u>2</u>
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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	9,785	28,900	38,685
Other trading activities	37,490	-	37,490
Investment income	<u>18,613</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,613</u>
Total	<u>65,888</u>	<u>28,900</u>	<u>94,788</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3,072	-	3,072
Charitable activities			
Country park maintenance & management	70,392	-	70,392
Total	<u>73,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,464</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>24,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,678</u>
NET INCOME	<u>17,102</u>	<u>28,900</u>	<u>46,002</u>
Transfers between funds	<u>8,670</u>	<u>(8,670)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>25,772</u>	<u>20,230</u>	<u>46,002</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	371,934	15,770	387,704
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>397,706</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>433,706</u>

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1st January 2020	154,822	28,172	4,958	6,529	194,481
Additions	55,853	-	-	-	55,853
Disposals	-	(1,913)	(73)	(1,650)	(3,636)
At 31st December 2020	<u>210,675</u>	<u>26,259</u>	<u>4,885</u>	<u>4,879</u>	<u>246,698</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st January 2020	11,853	13,697	3,772	2,663	31,985
Charge for year	2,477	1,256	112	382	4,227
At 31st December 2020	<u>14,330</u>	<u>14,953</u>	<u>3,884</u>	<u>3,045</u>	<u>36,212</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st December 2020	<u>196,345</u>	<u>11,306</u>	<u>1,001</u>	<u>1,834</u>	<u>210,486</u>
At 31st December 2019	<u>142,969</u>	<u>14,475</u>	<u>1,186</u>	<u>3,866</u>	<u>162,496</u>

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2020	222,664
Additions	41,964
Disposals	(46,930)
Net realised gains/(losses)	(3,552)
Net unrealised gains/(losses)	1,062
At 31st December 2020	<u>215,208</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2020	<u>215,208</u>
At 31st December 2019	<u>222,664</u>

The investments are analysed as follows:

2020 2019

UK 63% 60%

Outside the UK 37% 40%

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for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

11. STOCKS			31/12/20	31/12/19
			£	£
Stocks			<u>872</u>	<u>1,030</u>
12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			31/12/20	31/12/19
			£	£
Trade debtors			-	53
VAT			642	1,256
Prepayments			<u>5,644</u>	<u>5,114</u>
			<u>6,286</u>	<u>6,423</u>
13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			31/12/20	31/12/19
			£	£
Trade creditors			2,931	3,764
Accrued expenses			<u>6,674</u>	<u>9,069</u>
			<u>9,605</u>	<u>12,833</u>
14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
	At 1/1/20	Net movement	Transfers	At
	£	in funds	between	31/12/20
		£	funds	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	397,706	3,312	42,560	443,578
Restricted funds				
Mrs J Clowes	460	-	-	460
Mrs D Dillion	480	-	-	480
Medium Term Reserve	34,000	-	(24,000)	10,000
Sailing Centre Phase 3	<u>1,060</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>(18,560)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>36,000</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>(42,560)</u>	<u>10,940</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>433,706</u>	<u>20,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>454,518</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	70,025	(64,223)	(2,490)	3,312
Restricted funds				
Sailing Centre Phase 3	17,500	-	-	17,500
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>87,525</u>	<u>(64,223)</u>	<u>(2,490)</u>	<u>20,812</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/19 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	371,934	17,102	8,670	397,706
Restricted funds				
Mrs J Clowes	460	-	-	460
Mrs D Dillion	480	-	-	480
Sailing Centre Phase 2	830	25,500	(26,330)	-
Medium Term Reserve	10,000	-	24,000	34,000
Southern Entry Path	4,000	-	(4,000)	-
Sailing Centre Phase 3	-	3,400	(2,340)	1,060
	<u>15,770</u>	<u>28,900</u>	<u>(8,670)</u>	<u>36,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>387,704</u>	<u>46,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>433,706</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	65,888	(73,464)	24,678	17,102
Restricted funds				
Sailing Centre Phase 2	25,500	-	-	25,500
Sailing Centre Phase 3	3,400	-	-	3,400
	<u>28,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,900</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>94,788</u>	<u>(73,464)</u>	<u>24,678</u>	<u>46,002</u>

Astbury Mere Trust

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	371,934	20,414	51,230	443,578
Restricted funds				
Mrs J Clowes	460	-	-	460
Mrs D Dillion	480	-	-	480
Sailing Centre Phase 2	830	25,500	(26,330)	-
Medium Term Reserve	10,000	-	-	10,000
Southern Entry Path	4,000	-	(4,000)	-
Sailing Centre Phase 3	-	20,900	(20,900)	-
	<u>15,770</u>	<u>46,400</u>	<u>(51,230)</u>	<u>10,940</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>387,704</u>	<u>66,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>454,518</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	135,913	(137,687)	22,188	20,414
Restricted funds				
Sailing Centre Phase 2	25,500	-	-	25,500
Sailing Centre Phase 3	<u>20,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,900</u>
	<u>46,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,400</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>182,313</u>	<u>(137,687)</u>	<u>22,188</u>	<u>66,814</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year there were the following related party transactions:

£6,000 of costs were paid to NWC Construction for property additions. Mrs S Dean is a director of NWC Construction Ltd.

A loan of £20,000 was made to the trust during the year by Mr R Minshull who is a trustee. The loan was repaid in full to Mr R Minshull during the year.

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During the year, the UK continued to be impacted by the outbreak of COVID-19. In order to manage the spread of the virus the Government has imposed significant restrictions on the movement of people and the ability of businesses to continue to trade. The Trustees acknowledge the increasing risk from COVID-19 and have sought to mitigate their risk by carrying out a thorough review as discussed below:

Government assistance

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02331405 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1007740

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020
for
Astbury Mere Trust

Hammond McNulty LLP
Bank House
Market Square
Congleton
Cheshire
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Astbury Mere Trust

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Astbury Mere Trust (Registered number: 02331405)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main purpose of the charity is to manage and maintain the country park at Astbury Mere, Congleton.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

02331405 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1007740

Registered office

Astbury Mere Country Park
Sandy Lane
Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 4FP

Trustees

R J Minshull (resigned 31/12/2020)
Mrs C J Whiting
Mrs J Silk
N Bayley (resigned 23/9/2020)
Mrs E Wardlaw (resigned 17/12/2020)
G Wolfenden
P Clowes (deceased 7/8/2020)
J Whitehead
Mrs S Dean
A Cresswell
G F Cresswell
M A F Gartside Cllr (appointed 17/2/2020)
L I Mort
R B Mort
Cllr S M Akers Smith (appointed 9/3/2021)
P Speed (appointed 12/12/2020)

Company Secretary

Mrs S Dean

Independent Examiner

Hammond McNulty LLP
Bank House
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Astbury Mere Trust (Registered number: 02331405)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23rd September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A Cresswell - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Astbury Mere Trust**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Astbury Mere Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Amanda Grint
Hammond McNulty LLP
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Market Square
Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 1ET

23rd September 2021

Astbury Mere Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31/12/20 Total funds £	31/12/19 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		14,574	17,500	32,074	38,685
Other trading activities	2	37,831	-	37,831	37,490
Investment income	3	17,620	-	17,620	18,613
Total		<u>70,025</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>87,525</u>	<u>94,788</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	2,207	-	2,207	3,072
Charitable activities					
Country park maintenance & management		62,016	-	62,016	70,392
Total		<u>64,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,223</u>	<u>73,464</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(2,490)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,490)</u>	<u>24,678</u>
NET INCOME		<u>3,312</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>20,812</u>	<u>46,002</u>
Transfers between funds	14	<u>42,560</u>	<u>(42,560)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>45,872</u>	<u>(25,060)</u>	<u>20,812</u>	<u>46,002</u>
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		397,706	36,000	433,706	387,704
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>443,578</u>	<u>10,940</u>	<u>454,518</u>	<u>433,706</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Astbury Mere Trust (Registered number: 02331405)

Balance Sheet
31st December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31/12/20 Total funds £	31/12/19 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	210,486	-	210,486	162,496
Investments	10	<u>215,208</u>	-	<u>215,208</u>	<u>222,664</u>
		425,694	-	425,694	385,160
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	872	-	872	1,030
Debtors	12	6,286	-	6,286	6,423
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>20,331</u>	<u>10,940</u>	<u>31,271</u>	<u>53,926</u>
		27,489	10,940	38,429	61,379
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(9,605)	-	(9,605)	(12,833)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>17,884</u>	<u>10,940</u>	<u>28,824</u>	<u>48,546</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		443,578	10,940	454,518	433,706
NET ASSETS FUNDS	14	<u>443,578</u>	<u>10,940</u>	<u>454,518</u>	<u>433,706</u>
Unrestricted funds				443,578	397,706
Restricted funds				<u>10,940</u>	<u>36,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>454,518</u>	<u>433,706</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Astbury Mere Trust (Registered number: 02331405)

Balance Sheet - continued
31st December 2020

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23rd September 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

A Cresswell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Astbury Mere Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The trustees have considered the potential impact of COVID-19 on the principal activities of the charity and they believe that they have sufficient resources in place to operate for the foreseeable future. They believe there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on reducing balance and not provided on land
Plant and machinery	- 10% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 10% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Valuation of investments

Investments are included at their market values ruling at 31st December 2020. The valuation is based on the mid-market prices from the appropriate Stock Exchange, market makers or from the relevant fund manager.

Astbury Mere Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Room Hire	4,006	3,802
Catering Concession	8,882	11,816
Car Parking	24,943	21,872
	<u>37,831</u>	<u>37,490</u>
3. INVESTMENT INCOME	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Rents received	10,750	12,285
Listed Investment Income	6,807	6,219
Deposit account interest	63	109
	<u>17,620</u>	<u>18,613</u>
4. RAISING FUNDS		
Investment management costs	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Portfolio management	2,049	2,413
5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	4,227	3,557
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	3,637	-

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

Trustee expenses paid in the year totalled £349 (£3,911 2019) to three trustees as follows, repairs £47 to one trustee (2019 £736 to three trustees), printing, postage and stationery £0 (2019 £126 to two trustees), fixed asset additions £289 to one trustee (2019 £3,023 for one trustee), general expenses £13 to one trustee (2019 £16 for one trustee).

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7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

Country park maintenance & management	31/12/20 <u>1</u>	31/12/19 <u>2</u>
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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	9,785	28,900	38,685
Other trading activities	37,490	-	37,490
Investment income	<u>18,613</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,613</u>
Total	<u>65,888</u>	<u>28,900</u>	<u>94,788</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3,072	-	3,072
Charitable activities			
Country park maintenance & management	70,392	-	70,392
Total	<u>73,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,464</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>24,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,678</u>
NET INCOME	<u>17,102</u>	<u>28,900</u>	<u>46,002</u>
Transfers between funds	<u>8,670</u>	<u>(8,670)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>25,772</u>	<u>20,230</u>	<u>46,002</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	371,934	15,770	387,704
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>397,706</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>433,706</u>

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1st January 2020	154,822	28,172	4,958	6,529	194,481
Additions	55,853	-	-	-	55,853
Disposals	-	(1,913)	(73)	(1,650)	(3,636)
At 31st December 2020	<u>210,675</u>	<u>26,259</u>	<u>4,885</u>	<u>4,879</u>	<u>246,698</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st January 2020	11,853	13,697	3,772	2,663	31,985
Charge for year	2,477	1,256	112	382	4,227
At 31st December 2020	<u>14,330</u>	<u>14,953</u>	<u>3,884</u>	<u>3,045</u>	<u>36,212</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st December 2020	<u>196,345</u>	<u>11,306</u>	<u>1,001</u>	<u>1,834</u>	<u>210,486</u>
At 31st December 2019	<u>142,969</u>	<u>14,475</u>	<u>1,186</u>	<u>3,866</u>	<u>162,496</u>

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2020	222,664
Additions	41,964
Disposals	(46,930)
Net realised gains/(losses)	(3,552)
Net unrealised gains/(losses)	1,062
At 31st December 2020	<u>215,208</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2020	<u>215,208</u>
At 31st December 2019	<u>222,664</u>

The investments are analysed as follows:

2020 2019

UK 63% 60%

Outside the UK 37% 40%

Astbury Mere Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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11. STOCKS				
		31/12/20		31/12/19
		£		£
Stocks		<u>872</u>		<u>1,030</u>
12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
		31/12/20		31/12/19
		£		£
Trade debtors		-		53
VAT		642		1,256
Prepayments		<u>5,644</u>		<u>5,114</u>
		<u>6,286</u>		<u>6,423</u>
13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
		31/12/20		31/12/19
		£		£
Trade creditors		2,931		3,764
Accrued expenses		<u>6,674</u>		<u>9,069</u>
		<u>9,605</u>		<u>12,833</u>
14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
	At 1/1/20	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31/12/20
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	397,706	3,312	42,560	443,578
Restricted funds				
Mrs J Clowes	460	-	-	460
Mrs D Dillion	480	-	-	480
Medium Term Reserve	34,000	-	(24,000)	10,000
Sailing Centre Phase 3	<u>1,060</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>(18,560)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>36,000</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>(42,560)</u>	<u>10,940</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>433,706</u>	<u>20,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>454,518</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	70,025	(64,223)	(2,490)	3,312
Restricted funds				
Sailing Centre Phase 3	17,500	-	-	17,500
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>87,525</u>	<u>(64,223)</u>	<u>(2,490)</u>	<u>20,812</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/19 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	371,934	17,102	8,670	397,706
Restricted funds				
Mrs J Clowes	460	-	-	460
Mrs D Dillion	480	-	-	480
Sailing Centre Phase 2	830	25,500	(26,330)	-
Medium Term Reserve	10,000	-	24,000	34,000
Southern Entry Path	4,000	-	(4,000)	-
Sailing Centre Phase 3	-	3,400	(2,340)	1,060
	<u>15,770</u>	<u>28,900</u>	<u>(8,670)</u>	<u>36,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>387,704</u>	<u>46,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>433,706</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	65,888	(73,464)	24,678	17,102
Restricted funds				
Sailing Centre Phase 2	25,500	-	-	25,500
Sailing Centre Phase 3	3,400	-	-	3,400
	<u>28,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,900</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>94,788</u>	<u>(73,464)</u>	<u>24,678</u>	<u>46,002</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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Unrestricted funds				
General fund	135,913	(137,687)	22,188	20,414
Restricted funds				
Sailing Centre Phase 2	25,500	-	-	25,500
Sailing Centre Phase 3	<u>20,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,900</u>
	<u>46,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,400</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>182,313</u>	<u>(137,687)</u>	<u>22,188</u>	<u>66,814</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year there were the following related party transactions:

£6,000 of costs were paid to NWC Construction for property additions. Mrs S Dean is a director of NWC Construction Ltd.

A loan of £20,000 was made to the trust during the year by Mr R Minshull who is a trustee. The loan was repaid in full to Mr R Minshull during the year.

Astbury Mere Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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