



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2022		31	12	2022

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,

Congleton, Cheshire

Postcode

CW12 4AW

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	Alison Cresswell	Chair		
2	Sarah Dean	Secretary		
3	Lorraine Mort	Treasurer		
4	Caroline Whiting			
5	Gavin Wolfenden			
6	John Whitehead			
7	Jeannie Silk		Retired 08.03.22	
8	Richard Mort			
9	Margaret Gartside			
10	Peter Speed			
11	Graham Cresswell			
12	Suzie Akers Smith			
13	Philip Howell			
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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 2022 were:

Annual tasks were completed through the year, including the cutting back of vegetation adjacent to paths throughout the site, around the Wildlife Area pond and in the Community Orchard. The various meadows throughout the park had their seasonal cut, with bramble and self-sown saplings removed for the meadows on the east bank of the park. We had the boundary hedge adjacent to Galbraith Close layered by Congleton District Volunteers, whilst elsewhere volunteer clients from the Rossendale Trust spent a number of days trimming some of the park's shrub beds. We also started to address some of the invasive Laurel present in some parts of the woodlands.

With the support of funding from Cheshire East Council a new surfaced path was constructed along the higher-level ground above the lake, offering visitors an alternative route to the lakeside path. Named the Woodland Walk, this path was waymarked with new Oak posts and further improved with the installation of benches and a seat, donated to the Trust by visitors to the park. Other path improvement works in the park were implemented with the help of volunteers from Astra Zeneca, with the direct support of Employee Volunteering.

Early in the year we removed the container that was sited next to the café. This offered up the opportunity to create a new wildflower meadow, which has helped enhance the additional seating area that the new space now provides. Maintaining the café as an attractive focal point has been a priority.

However, challenges arose through the year with several storm events requiring numerous windblown trees to be felled. We also started on work to address the increasing challenges of Ash Dieback disease on site. Nevertheless, ongoing repairs to paths, seats, fencing and signage kept the park looking in prime condition. Ditches were cleared and hedges trimmed throughout, and we also removed a redundant handrail from the Margaret Memorial Woodland path plus the final sections of old quarry fencing from the park boundary adjacent to Fol Hollow.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

- policy on grant making;
- 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**

The Park remained as popular as ever through the year, with our estimate that over 300,00 visitors enjoyed the facilities.

A new pedestrian counter was installed alongside the lakeside path during the year, offering up a more accurate picture of how many people are walking this route.

Elsewhere regular groups from Congleton U3A and Congleton Writers Forum continued to utilise the Community Room and the weekly Congleton Park Run remained well frequented, as in previous years.

We also hosted a couple of artisan markets and a couple of birdwatching events.

The Country Park achieved accreditation (by Natural England) for a further three years and remains one of the most popular outdoor recreation venues in East Cheshire.

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)

Full name(s) Sarah Dean

Sarah Dean	

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Secretary

Date 21.09.23

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 2022
for
Astbury Mere Trust

Hammond McNulty LLP
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Astbury Mere Trust

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for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

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 2022. 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. 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

Significant activities

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

While the income derived from the Trust's listed investments only represents 7% 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 listed 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 listed 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.

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

Trustee Office
Astbury Mere Country Park
Sandy Lane,
Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 4AW

Astbury Mere Trust

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Trustees

Mrs C J Whiting
Mrs J Silk (resigned 8/3/2022)
G Wolfenden
J Whitehead (resigned 12/1/2023)
Mrs S Dean
A Cresswell
G F Cresswell
M A F Gartside
L I Mort
R B Mort
Cllr S M Akers Smith
P Speed
P Howell
G R Edwards (appointed 20/7/2023)
Mrs G B Taylor (appointed 20/7/2023)

Mrs G B Taylor resigned on 10th September 2023.

Company Secretary

Mrs S Dean

Independent Examiner

Hammond McNulty LLP
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25th September 2023 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 2022.

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

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Cheshire
CW12 1ET

25th September 2023

Astbury Mere Trust

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31/12/22 Total funds £	31/12/21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		6,856	1,642	8,498	46,916
Other trading activities	2	44,830	-	44,830	50,055
Investment income	3	32,434	-	32,434	28,124
Total		<u>84,120</u>	<u>1,642</u>	<u>85,762</u>	<u>125,095</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	2,320	-	2,320	3,186
Charitable activities					
Country park maintenance & management		84,306	835	85,141	106,430
Total		<u>86,626</u>	<u>835</u>	<u>87,461</u>	<u>109,616</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(26,884)	-	(26,884)	20,769
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(29,390)</u>	<u>807</u>	<u>(28,583)</u>	<u>36,248</u>
Transfers between funds	14	3,157	(3,157)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(26,233)</u>	<u>(2,350)</u>	<u>(28,583)</u>	<u>36,248</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		477,129	13,637	490,766	454,518
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>450,896</u></u>	<u><u>11,287</u></u>	<u><u>462,183</u></u>	<u><u>490,766</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Astbury Mere Trust

Balance Sheet
31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31/12/22 Total funds £	31/12/21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	205,563	-	205,563	206,646
Investments	10	212,235	-	212,235	236,689
		<u>417,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>417,798</u>	<u>443,335</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	280	-	280	400
Debtors	12	7,348	-	7,348	6,207
Cash at bank and in hand		39,594	11,287	50,881	62,329
		<u>47,222</u>	<u>11,287</u>	<u>58,509</u>	<u>68,936</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(14,124)	-	(14,124)	(21,505)
		<u>33,098</u>	<u>11,287</u>	<u>44,385</u>	<u>47,431</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>450,896</u>	<u>11,287</u>	<u>462,183</u>	<u>490,766</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>450,896</u>	<u>11,287</u>	<u>462,183</u>	<u>490,766</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>450,896</u>	<u>11,287</u>	<u>462,183</u>	<u>490,766</u>
FUNDS					
	14				
Unrestricted funds				450,896	477,129
Restricted funds				11,287	13,637
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>462,183</u>	<u>490,766</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 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.

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Balance Sheet - continued

31st December 2022

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 25th September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

A Cresswell - Trustee

Astbury Mere Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

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.

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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Valuation of investments

Investments are included at their market values ruling at 31st December 2021. 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 2022**

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Room Hire	4,467	2,690
Catering Concession	19,204	23,953
Car Parking	21,159	23,412
	44,830	50,055
	44,830	50,055

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Rents received	26,022	22,467
Listed Investment Income	6,330	5,588
Deposit account interest	82	69
	32,434	28,124
	32,434	28,124

4. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Opening stock	400	872
Purchases	-	460
Closing stock	(280)	(400)
	120	932
	120	932

Investment management costs

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Portfolio management	2,200	2,254
	2,320	3,186
	2,320	3,186

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	3,937	3,840
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	1,733	-
	5,670	3,840
	5,670	3,840

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2022 nor for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

Trustee expenses paid in the year totalled £46 (£159 2021) to two trustees as follows, repairs £4 to one trustee (2021 £60 to one trustee), general expenses to one trustee £42 (2021 £13 to one trustee) and Paypal test (2021£70 to one trustee).

7. STAFF COSTS

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

	31/12/22	31/12/21
Country park maintenance & management	1	1

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	40,617	6,299	46,916
Other trading activities	50,055	-	50,055
Investment income	28,124	-	28,124
Total	118,796	6,299	125,095
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	2,726	460	3,186
Charitable activities			
Country park maintenance & management	103,748	2,682	106,430
Total	106,474	3,142	109,616
Net gains on investments	20,769	-	20,769
NET INCOME	33,091	3,157	36,248
Transfers between funds	460	(460)	-
Net movement in funds	33,551	2,697	36,248
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	443,578	10,940	454,518
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	477,129	13,637	490,766

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1st January 2022	210,675	26,259	4,885	4,879	246,698
Additions	-	3,952	2,302	-	6,254
Disposals	-	(3,126)	(68)	(206)	(3,400)
At 31st December 2022	<u>210,675</u>	<u>27,085</u>	<u>7,119</u>	<u>4,673</u>	<u>249,552</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st January 2022	16,757	16,083	3,984	3,228	40,052
Charge for year	2,378	1,101	313	145	3,937
At 31st December 2022	<u>19,135</u>	<u>17,184</u>	<u>4,297</u>	<u>3,373</u>	<u>43,989</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st December 2022	<u>191,540</u>	<u>9,901</u>	<u>2,822</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>205,563</u>
At 31st December 2021	<u>193,918</u>	<u>10,176</u>	<u>901</u>	<u>1,651</u>	<u>206,646</u>

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2022	236,689
Additions	38,834
Disposals	(36,404)
Net realised gains/(losses)	(2,106)
Net unrealised gains/(losses)	(24,778)
At 31st December 2022	<u>212,235</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2022	<u>212,235</u>
At 31st December 2021	<u>236,689</u>

The investments are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
UK	53%	58%
Outside the UK	47%	42%

Astbury Mere Trust

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

11. STOCKS		31/12/22	31/12/21	
		£	£	
Stocks		280	400	
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31/12/22	31/12/21	
		£	£	
Trade debtors		105	69	
Other debtors		211	83	
Prepayments		7,032	6,055	
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
		7,348	6,207	
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31/12/22	31/12/21	
		£	£	
Trade creditors		3,906	3,470	
Social security and other taxes		55	81	
VAT		279	1,055	
Other creditors		100	51	
Accrued expenses		9,784	16,848	
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
		14,124	21,505	
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
	At 1/1/22	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31/12/22
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	477,129	(29,390)	3,157	450,896
Restricted funds				
Mrs D Dillion	480	-	-	480
Medium Term Reserve	10,000	-	-	10,000
Co-op Community Fund	1,857	-	(1,857)	-
Footpath Resurfacing	1,300	-	(1,300)	-
Defibrillator Replacement	-	325	-	325
Dogbath	-	60	-	60
Toilet Refurbishment	-	422	-	422
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	13,637	807	(3,157)	11,287
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	490,766	(28,583)	-	462,183
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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	84,120	(86,626)	(26,884)	(29,390)
Restricted funds				
Defibrillator Replacement	1,160	(835)	-	325
Dogbath	60	-	-	60
Toilet Refurbishment	422	-	-	422
	<u>1,642</u>	<u>(835)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>807</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>85,762</u>	<u>(87,461)</u>	<u>(26,884)</u>	<u>(28,583)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	443,578	33,091	460	477,129
Restricted funds				
Mrs J Clowes	460	-	(460)	-
Mrs D Dillion	480	-	-	480
Medium Term Reserve	10,000	-	-	10,000
Co-op Community Fund	-	1,857	-	1,857
Footpath Resurfacing	-	1,300	-	1,300
	<u>10,940</u>	<u>3,157</u>	<u>(460)</u>	<u>13,637</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>454,518</u>	<u>36,248</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>490,766</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	118,796	(106,474)	20,769	33,091
Restricted funds				
Co-op Community Fund	1,989	(132)	-	1,857
Footpath Resurfacing	4,310	(3,010)	-	1,300
	<u>6,299</u>	<u>(3,142)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,157</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>125,095</u>	<u>(109,616)</u>	<u>20,769</u>	<u>36,248</u>

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for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	443,578	3,701	3,617	450,896
Restricted funds				
Mrs J Clowes	460	-	(460)	-
Mrs D Dillion	480	-	-	480
Medium Term Reserve	10,000	-	-	10,000
Co-op Community Fund	-	1,857	(1,857)	-
Footpath Resurfacing	-	1,300	(1,300)	-
Defibrillator Replacement	-	325	-	325
Dogbath	-	60	-	60
Toilet Refurbishment	-	422	-	422
	<u>10,940</u>	<u>3,964</u>	<u>(3,617)</u>	<u>11,287</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>454,518</u>	<u>7,665</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>462,183</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	202,916	(193,100)	(6,115)	3,701
Restricted funds				
Co-op Community Fund	1,989	(132)	-	1,857
Footpath Resurfacing	4,310	(3,010)	-	1,300
Defibrillator Replacement	1,160	(835)	-	325
Dogbath	60	-	-	60
Toilet Refurbishment	422	-	-	422
	<u>7,941</u>	<u>(3,977)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,964</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>210,857</u>	<u>(197,077)</u>	<u>(6,115)</u>	<u>7,665</u>

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15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2022.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

	31/12/22 £	31/12/21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Grants & Donations	8,289	7,326
Gift aid	209	449
Government Grants	-	8,373
Pathworks Project Grant & Donations	-	29,120
Tree Works Income	-	1,648
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	8,498	46,916
Other trading activities		
Room Hire	4,467	2,690
Catering Concession	19,204	23,953
Car Parking	21,159	23,412
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	44,830	50,055
Investment income		
Rents received	26,022	22,467
Listed Investment Income	6,330	5,588
Deposit account interest	82	69
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	32,434	28,124
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Total incoming resources	85,762	125,095
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Opening stock	400	872
Purchases	-	460
Closing stock	(280)	(400)
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	120	932
Investment management costs		
Portfolio management	2,200	2,254
Charitable activities		
Wages	11,958	10,652
Pensions	172	115
Rates and water	1,113	336
Insurance	6,002	5,408
Light and heat	4,167	4,060
Telephone	299	310
Postage and stationery	251	359
Sundries	1,628	1,549
Carried forward	25,590	22,789

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	25,590	22,789
Repairs	16,549	10,776
Warden Costs	27,519	24,833
Computer costs	-	734
Footpath Project Costs	5,846	35,708
Tree Works	-	5,045
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	75,504	99,885
 Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	820	428
Paypal fees	142	121
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	962	549
 Other		
Freehold property	2,378	2,427
Plant and machinery	1,100	1,131
Fixtures and fittings	314	100
Computer equipment	144	183
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	1,733	-
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	5,669	3,841
 Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	1,760	1,655
Legal & professional fees	1,246	500
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	3,006	2,155
 Total resources expended	<hr/> 87,461	<hr/> 109,616
 Net (expenditure)/income before gains and losses	(1,699)	15,479
 Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	(2,106)	1,116
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Net (expenditure)/income	(3,805)	16,595
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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 2022
for
Astbury Mere Trust

Hammond McNulty LLP
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Astbury Mere Trust

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Astbury Mere Trust

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

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 2022. 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. 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

Significant activities

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 2022 were:

Annual tasks were completed through the year, including the cutting back of vegetation adjacent to paths throughout the site, around the Wildlife Area pond and in the Community Orchard. The various meadows throughout the park had their seasonal cut, with bramble and self-sown saplings removed for the meadows on the east bank of the park. We had the boundary hedge adjacent to Galbraith Close layered by Congleton District Volunteers, whilst elsewhere volunteer clients from the Rossendale Trust spent a number of days trimming some of the park's shrub beds. We also started to address some of the invasive Laurel present in some parts of the woodlands.

With the support of funding from Cheshire East Council a new surfaced path was constructed along the higher-level ground above the lake, offering visitors an alternative route to the lakeside path. Named the Woodland Walk, this path was waymarked with new Oak posts and further improved with the installation of benches and a seat, donated to the Trust by visitors to the park. Other path improvement works in the park were implemented with the help of volunteers from Astra Zeneca, with the direct support of Employee Volunteering.

Early in the year we removed the container that was sited next to the café. This offered up the opportunity to create a new wildflower meadow, which has helped enhance the additional seating area that the new space now provides. Maintaining the café as an attractive focal point has been a priority.

However, challenges arose through the year with several storm events requiring numerous windblown trees to be felled. We also started on work to address the increasing challenges of Ash Dieback disease on site. Nevertheless, ongoing repairs to paths, seats, fencing and signage kept the park looking in prime condition. Ditches were cleared and hedges trimmed throughout, and we also removed a redundant handrail from the Margaret Memorial Woodland path plus the final sections of old quarry fencing from the park boundary adjacent to Fol Hollow.

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.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Park remained as popular as ever through the year, with our estimate that over 300,00 visitors enjoyed the facilities.

A new pedestrian counter was installed alongside the lakeside path during the year, offering up a more accurate picture of how many people are walking this route.

Elsewhere regular groups from Congleton U3A and Congleton Writers Forum continued to utilise the Community Room and the weekly Congleton Park Run remained well frequented, as in previous years.

We also hosted a couple of artisan markets and a couple of birdwatching events.

The Country Park achieved accreditation (by Natural England) for a further three years and remains one of the most popular outdoor recreation venues in East Cheshire.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

While the income derived from the Trust's listed investments only represents 7% 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 listed 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 listed 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.

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

Trustee Office
Astbury Mere Country Park
Sandy Lane,
Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 4AW

Astbury Mere Trust

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Trustees

Mrs C J Whiting
Mrs J Silk (resigned 8/3/2022)
G Wolfenden
J Whitehead (resigned 12/1/2023)
Mrs S Dean
A Cresswell
G F Cresswell
M A F Gartside
L I Mort
R B Mort
Cllr S M Akers Smith
P Speed
P Howell
G R Edwards (appointed 20/7/2023)
Mrs G B Taylor (appointed 20/7/2023)

Mrs G B Taylor resigned on 10th September 2023.

Company Secretary

Mrs S Dean

Independent Examiner

Hammond McNulty LLP
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25th September 2023 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 2022.

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

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Cheshire
CW12 1ET

25th September 2023

Astbury Mere Trust

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31/12/22 Total funds £	31/12/21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		6,856	1,642	8,498	46,916
Other trading activities	2	44,830	-	44,830	50,055
Investment income	3	32,434	-	32,434	28,124
Total		<u>84,120</u>	<u>1,642</u>	<u>85,762</u>	<u>125,095</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	2,320	-	2,320	3,186
Charitable activities					
Country park maintenance & management		84,306	835	85,141	106,430
Total		<u>86,626</u>	<u>835</u>	<u>87,461</u>	<u>109,616</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(26,884)</u>	-	<u>(26,884)</u>	<u>20,769</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(29,390)	807	(28,583)	36,248
Transfers between funds	14	<u>3,157</u>	<u>(3,157)</u>	-	-
Net movement in funds		(26,233)	(2,350)	(28,583)	36,248
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>477,129</u>	<u>13,637</u>	<u>490,766</u>	<u>454,518</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>450,896</u></u>	<u><u>11,287</u></u>	<u><u>462,183</u></u>	<u><u>490,766</u></u>

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Balance Sheet
31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31/12/22 Total funds £	31/12/21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	205,563	-	205,563	206,646
Investments	10	212,235	-	212,235	236,689
		<u>417,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>417,798</u>	<u>443,335</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	280	-	280	400
Debtors	12	7,348	-	7,348	6,207
Cash at bank and in hand		39,594	11,287	50,881	62,329
		<u>47,222</u>	<u>11,287</u>	<u>58,509</u>	<u>68,936</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(14,124)	-	(14,124)	(21,505)
		<u>33,098</u>	<u>11,287</u>	<u>44,385</u>	<u>47,431</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>450,896</u>	<u>11,287</u>	<u>462,183</u>	<u>490,766</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>450,896</u>	<u>11,287</u>	<u>462,183</u>	<u>490,766</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>450,896</u>	<u>11,287</u>	<u>462,183</u>	<u>490,766</u>
FUNDS					
	14				
Unrestricted funds				450,896	477,129
Restricted funds				11,287	13,637
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>462,183</u>	<u>490,766</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 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.

Astbury Mere Trust

Balance Sheet - continued

31st December 2022

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 25th September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

A Cresswell - Trustee

Astbury Mere Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

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.

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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Valuation of investments

Investments are included at their market values ruling at 31st December 2021. 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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for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Room Hire	4,467	2,690
Catering Concession	19,204	23,953
Car Parking	21,159	23,412
	44,830	50,055
	44,830	50,055

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Rents received	26,022	22,467
Listed Investment Income	6,330	5,588
Deposit account interest	82	69
	32,434	28,124
	32,434	28,124

4. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Opening stock	400	872
Purchases	-	460
Closing stock	(280)	(400)
	120	932
	120	932

Investment management costs

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Portfolio management	2,200	2,254
	2,320	3,186
	2,320	3,186

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	3,937	3,840
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	1,733	-
	5,670	3,840
	5,670	3,840

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2022 nor for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

Trustee expenses paid in the year totalled £46 (£159 2021) to two trustees as follows, repairs £4 to one trustee (2021 £60 to one trustee), general expenses to one trustee £42 (2021 £13 to one trustee) and Paypal test (2021£70 to one trustee).

7. STAFF COSTS

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

	31/12/22	31/12/21
Country park maintenance & management	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>1</u></u>

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	40,617	6,299	46,916
Other trading activities	50,055	-	50,055
Investment income	28,124	-	28,124
Total	<u><u>118,796</u></u>	<u><u>6,299</u></u>	<u><u>125,095</u></u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	2,726	460	3,186
Charitable activities			
Country park maintenance & management	103,748	2,682	106,430
Total	<u><u>106,474</u></u>	<u><u>3,142</u></u>	<u><u>109,616</u></u>
Net gains on investments	20,769	-	20,769
NET INCOME	33,091	3,157	36,248
Transfers between funds	460	(460)	-
Net movement in funds	33,551	2,697	36,248
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	443,578	10,940	454,518
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>477,129</u></u>	<u><u>13,637</u></u>	<u><u>490,766</u></u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1st January 2022	210,675	26,259	4,885	4,879	246,698
Additions	-	3,952	2,302	-	6,254
Disposals	-	(3,126)	(68)	(206)	(3,400)
At 31st December 2022	<u>210,675</u>	<u>27,085</u>	<u>7,119</u>	<u>4,673</u>	<u>249,552</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st January 2022	16,757	16,083	3,984	3,228	40,052
Charge for year	2,378	1,101	313	145	3,937
At 31st December 2022	<u>19,135</u>	<u>17,184</u>	<u>4,297</u>	<u>3,373</u>	<u>43,989</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st December 2022	<u>191,540</u>	<u>9,901</u>	<u>2,822</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>205,563</u>
At 31st December 2021	<u>193,918</u>	<u>10,176</u>	<u>901</u>	<u>1,651</u>	<u>206,646</u>

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2022	236,689
Additions	38,834
Disposals	(36,404)
Net realised gains/(losses)	(2,106)
Net unrealised gains/(losses)	(24,778)
At 31st December 2022	<u>212,235</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2022	<u>212,235</u>
At 31st December 2021	<u>236,689</u>

The investments are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
UK	53%	58%
Outside the UK	47%	42%

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11. STOCKS		31/12/22		31/12/21
		£		£
Stocks		280		400
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12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31/12/22		31/12/21
		£		£
Trade debtors		105		69
Other debtors		211		83
Prepayments		7,032		6,055
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		7,348		6,207
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31/12/22		31/12/21
		£		£
Trade creditors		3,906		3,470
Social security and other taxes		55		81
VAT		279		1,055
Other creditors		100		51
Accrued expenses		9,784		16,848
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		14,124		21,505
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
	At 1/1/22	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31/12/22
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	477,129	(29,390)	3,157	450,896
Restricted funds				
Mrs D Dillion	480	-	-	480
Medium Term Reserve	10,000	-	-	10,000
Co-op Community Fund	1,857	-	(1,857)	-
Footpath Resurfacing	1,300	-	(1,300)	-
Defibrillator Replacement	-	325	-	325
Dogbath	-	60	-	60
Toilet Refurbishment	-	422	-	422
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	13,637	807	(3,157)	11,287
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	490,766	(28,583)	-	462,183
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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	84,120	(86,626)	(26,884)	(29,390)
Restricted funds				
Defibrillator Replacement	1,160	(835)	-	325
Dogbath	60	-	-	60
Toilet Refurbishment	422	-	-	422
	<u>1,642</u>	<u>(835)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>807</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>85,762</u></u>	<u><u>(87,461)</u></u>	<u><u>(26,884)</u></u>	<u><u>(28,583)</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	443,578	33,091	460	477,129
Restricted funds				
Mrs J Clowes	460	-	(460)	-
Mrs D Dillion	480	-	-	480
Medium Term Reserve	10,000	-	-	10,000
Co-op Community Fund	-	1,857	-	1,857
Footpath Resurfacing	-	1,300	-	1,300
	<u>10,940</u>	<u>3,157</u>	<u>(460)</u>	<u>13,637</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>454,518</u></u>	<u><u>36,248</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>490,766</u></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	118,796	(106,474)	20,769	33,091
Restricted funds				
Co-op Community Fund	1,989	(132)	-	1,857
Footpath Resurfacing	4,310	(3,010)	-	1,300
	<u>6,299</u>	<u>(3,142)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,157</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>125,095</u></u>	<u><u>(109,616)</u></u>	<u><u>20,769</u></u>	<u><u>36,248</u></u>

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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 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	443,578	3,701	3,617	450,896
Restricted funds				
Mrs J Clowes	460	-	(460)	-
Mrs D Dillion	480	-	-	480
Medium Term Reserve	10,000	-	-	10,000
Co-op Community Fund	-	1,857	(1,857)	-
Footpath Resurfacing	-	1,300	(1,300)	-
Defibrillator Replacement	-	325	-	325
Dogbath	-	60	-	60
Toilet Refurbishment	-	422	-	422
	<u>10,940</u>	<u>3,964</u>	<u>(3,617)</u>	<u>11,287</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>454,518</u>	<u>7,665</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>462,183</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	202,916	(193,100)	(6,115)	3,701
Restricted funds				
Co-op Community Fund	1,989	(132)	-	1,857
Footpath Resurfacing	4,310	(3,010)	-	1,300
Defibrillator Replacement	1,160	(835)	-	325
Dogbath	60	-	-	60
Toilet Refurbishment	422	-	-	422
	<u>7,941</u>	<u>(3,977)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,964</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>210,857</u>	<u>(197,077)</u>	<u>(6,115)</u>	<u>7,665</u>

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15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2022.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

	31/12/22 £	31/12/21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Grants & Donations	8,289	7,326
Gift aid	209	449
Government Grants	-	8,373
Pathworks Project Grant & Donations	-	29,120
Tree Works Income	-	1,648
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	8,498	46,916
Other trading activities		
Room Hire	4,467	2,690
Catering Concession	19,204	23,953
Car Parking	21,159	23,412
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	44,830	50,055
Investment income		
Rents received	26,022	22,467
Listed Investment Income	6,330	5,588
Deposit account interest	82	69
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	32,434	28,124
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Total incoming resources	85,762	125,095
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Opening stock	400	872
Purchases	-	460
Closing stock	(280)	(400)
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	120	932
Investment management costs		
Portfolio management	2,200	2,254
Charitable activities		
Wages	11,958	10,652
Pensions	172	115
Rates and water	1,113	336
Insurance	6,002	5,408
Light and heat	4,167	4,060
Telephone	299	310
Postage and stationery	251	359
Sundries	1,628	1,549
Carried forward	25,590	22,789

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	25,590	22,789
Repairs	16,549	10,776
Warden Costs	27,519	24,833
Computer costs	-	734
Footpath Project Costs	5,846	35,708
Tree Works	-	5,045
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	75,504	99,885
 Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	820	428
Paypal fees	142	121
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	962	549
 Other		
Freehold property	2,378	2,427
Plant and machinery	1,100	1,131
Fixtures and fittings	314	100
Computer equipment	144	183
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	1,733	-
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	5,669	3,841
 Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	1,760	1,655
Legal & professional fees	1,246	500
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	3,006	2,155
 Total resources expended	<hr/> 87,461	<hr/> 109,616
 Net (expenditure)/income before gains and losses	 (1,699)	 15,479
 Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	(2,106)	1,116
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Net (expenditure)/income	(3,805)	16,595
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