

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

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On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1022879

Set out on pages

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Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

21 July 2021

Name:

Stephen Andrew Holmes

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians (FMAAT)

Address:	5, Maple Avenue
	Thornbury
	Bristol BS35 2JW

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Not Applicable



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

To

Reference and administration details

Charity name Southam United Charity

Other names charity is known by

In previous reports we have used the name Southam United Charities. It has been pointed out to us that the correct name is Southam United Charity, singular not several, and this change has now been carried out by our clerk.

Registered charity number (if any) 1022879

Charity's principal address C/O Wright Hassell LLP

Olympus House

Leamington Spa Warwickshire

Postcode

CV33 6BF

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	Mrs J Thorne	Trustee		St James Parochial Church Council
2	Mr B Meacham	Trustee		Southam Congregational Church
3	Mrs Angela Scull	Trustee	September 2020	Our Lady and St Wulstan RC Church
4	Mr M Gaffney	Trustee Chairman		Co-opted Trustee
5	Mr L Gale	Trustee Treasurer		Co-opted Trustee
6	Mr T Hill	Trustee		Co-opted Trustee
7	Mrs A Cragg	Trustee		Co-opted Trustee
8	Mrs R Tresidder	Trustee		Co-opted Trustee
9	Mrs Lee Ellard	Trustee		Southam Town Council
10	Cllr Angela John	Trustee		Southam Town Council
11	Cllr G Foster	Trustee		Southam Town Council

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	
How the charity is constituted	Trust
Trustee selection methods	Three trustees are nominated by Southam town Council, one by the deacons of Southam Congregational Church, one by the Roman Catholic Priest for the parish of Our Lady and St Wulstan's Southam, and one by the St James Parochial Church Council. The remaining five are co-opted by the trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>We have a sub committee that makes recommendations to the trustees about the numbers and amount of educational grants that can be made to people undertaking further and higher education, I.E. university or college, against set criteria.</p> <p>We also endeavour to seek out those in need by using "deprivation mapping" as issued by the Stratford District Council, granting food vouchers, expendable at a local store, to those who apply and meet the criteria. Since March 2020 we have advertised availability of Food Vouchers to those in need via a link on the Southam Town Council Web site. Under Covid 19 assistance available we have placed an application form that can be downloaded, completed and forwarded on to the treasurer via the email address provided. The Treasurer is authorised to issue Food Vouchers to the value of £50 to all those that apply provided they meet the criteria and live within the Civic Parish of Southam, thus widening the scope of those that are eligible to receive help. The supply of vouchers is topped up from time to time in line with demand by agreement with the chairman and trustees.</p> <p>We also react to claims made by Social Services, the local food bank and local schools provided the cases meet our criteria.</p>
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Objectives and activities

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

Support to people in necessitous circumstances. Assistance by way of grants. Educational grants. Assistance with educational trips etc. Proper consideration is given to circumstances of the intended recipient based upon local knowledge of the trustees and other information received.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Funds are invested through COIF in a balanced portfolio which seeks to maintain the values whilst providing a reasonable income for distribution.

We also receive rents from land owned by the charities and these are managed by professional land agents. Our rental income has been severely reduced by the land take due to the HS2 development which passes through some of our agricultural land. We have received compensation of £122,332 of which £110,000 has been invested in CCLA Coif Charities Investment fund income units to rebalance our loss of income.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Trustees give of their time to deliver and collect grant application forms and carry out negotiations with local traders (Coop) for issuing food vouchers. Trustees not only give of their time, but only apply for reimbursement of expenses with receipts for costs actually incurred I.E. postage and stationery.

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

- Policy on grantmaking
- Policy programme related investment
- Contribution made by Volunteers

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We made deliveries of food vouchers valued at £50; to those that responded to Christmas invitation leaflet drop. 55 applications were received which cost £2799.55 including expenses of £49.55 distribution costs. Negotiations with the retail outlet allowed us a 10% discount on the cost of the face value of the vouchers. A further 44 applications have been made in response to the Covid 19 relief campaign at a cost of £2200. This has enabled the help we provide to be spread to some of the new housing developments that have yet to be covered by Deprivation mapping systems. We hold a stock of Vouchers that are used to meet emergency situations.

We made Educational grants to the value of £17525.85 for student attending further education and university, including school uniforms for some deprived families. At the request of Social Services we made other grants of £1438 mostly for carpets and house hold goods for those recently moved into the social housing. We have supported the local food bank with food vouchers and money where necessary.

Only one actual meeting took place this year because of Covid restrictions for which we paid a rent of £21. All other meetings are held on line via social media. We paid a fee of £1020 to Wright Hassall as a contribution towards the cost of them providing clerical services.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have investments that provide cash income and growth to maintain the value of the investments for future use, should this be necessary, and income can be used for the benefit of the people of the Parish of Southam. The interest that we receive from deposited funds had diminished to an unsustainable level. We have therefore converted one of our funds held with CCLA (Coif) from accumulation units to income units and the resultant dividends have allowed us to increase the level of grants for education and to continue the Food Voucher Scheme and other grants.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

Other optional information

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)		LEONARD GALE
Position (eg secretary, chair, etc)		TREASURER

Date 20/5/21

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st January 2020

To

31st Dec 2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
rents	6,248	-	-	6,248	-
Coif deposit interest	128	-	-	128	-
Lloyds Interest	9	-	-	9	-
CCLA Dividends	13,258	-	-	13,258	-
Other income	261	-	-	261	-
Repaid Grant	200	-	-	200	-
HS2 compensation	122,333	-	-	122,333	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	142,438	-	-	142,438	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.					
	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	142,438.45	-	-	142,438	-
A3 Payments					
Accountants fees	100	-	-	100	-
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	-
Food voucher scheme including expenses	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Educational grants	17,526	-	-	17,526	-
Other grants	1,438	-	-	1,438	-
rental paid	21	-	-	21	-
insurance	511	-	-	511	-
Food Bank rent contribution	206	-	-	206	-
CCLA Investment	110,000	-	-	110,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	134,802	-	-	134,802	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.					
	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	134,802	-	-	134,802	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,637	-	-	7,637	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	7,637	-	-	7,637	-

