

Rotary Club of Storrington and Pulborough District

**Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund
Report and Accounts
Year ended 30th June 2023**

(Charity Registration No. 1029115)

Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund

Reference and administrative details

Year ended 30 June 2023

Charity number 1029115

Trustees The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Pippa Davies	President
Anna Upton	Club Secretary
Robert Allison	Club Treasurer
Mark Foss	President Elect
Paul Weaver	(resigned 1 July 2023)
David Lowe	

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Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund

Report of the Trustees

Year ended 30 June 2023

Structure, governance and management

The Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund ("the Trust") is an unincorporated charity governed by a trust deed dated 26 October 1993 ("the Trust Deed"). It operates from day to day as the Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District ("the Club"). The reference and administrative details set out on page 1 form part of this report and include the names of the trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report. As required by the Trust Deed, the trustee body ("the Trustees") includes as a minimum the President, the President Elect, the Secretary and the Treasurer. In order to ensure the proper management of its activities the Club has established a council as its management board, the composition of which changes annually and is drawn from the Club membership as a whole, including appropriate representation from the trustees for the time being. Various committees are in place which report to council and also to the Club as a whole at its monthly business meetings.

Objectives and activities

The Trust Deed provides that charitable funds may be expended on such charitable purposes as the Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District directs from time to time. In fulfilling its charitable purpose both in the local community and internationally the Club adopts the guiding principles of Rotary International.

The Trustees periodically review the Club's charitable expenditure to ensure that it properly provides public benefit in line with the charitable objectives of the Trust.

Achievements and performance during the year

This was another very active year for the Club both in relation to fundraising and charitable giving.

On the fundraising front, of particular note is the continuing success of our Book Selling project, which was started in the early part of the previous financial year. All the books we handle are donated second hand, with the great majority collected from people in the local community. These are initially sorted in our own bookstore, located at the premises of a local business supportive of Club's charitable objectives. Our weekly bookstall in Storrington gives us excellent visibility, contributing to both sales and collections. Online book sales have also grown significantly, notably through channels such as eBay and Ziffit. Alongside this we are now better equipped to sell at special events, such as the Parham Steam Rally, as well as through a number of locations, such as that at Pulborough Station.

This year, our Film Nights provided another highlight, not only in terms of their impact as regular community events but also for their contribution to charitable fundraising. They run for much of the year and are open to all to attend, but with the added benefit that transport is made available to our more elderly attendees, many of whom are regulars. The inclusion of a raffle and bar adds to the community feel. This year we put on nine film showings, all of which proved very popular.

Once again, our Christmas Tree Recycling was in high demand. However, it became evident that in order to service the likely level of collections we needed to modify our approach. This led us to enter into a cooperation arrangement with Just helping, a charity whose sole focus is that of raising donations from the collection and recycling of Christmas trees. The footnotes to the accounts describe how this arrangement operates and its impact on our accounts.

Our other fundraising activities are as tabulated in the income and expenditure account. Some of these reflect appeals made to fund a particular charitable project, whilst others are designed to contribute to our

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Report of the Trustees (continued)

Year ended 30 June 2023

general charitable funds. By way of example, within the former category we saw a continuing enthusiasm within the community to fund our Christmas Sacks project, set up to give some support and festive cheer to some of the more disadvantaged families in our community.

With regard to charitable giving, our total donations were markedly up on last year, as will be seen from the table on the final page of the accounts. This illustrates the breadth of our charitable coverage.

Perhaps indicative of the financial and other strains felt by some in the community, we made a number of donations to local food banks, as well as other family support charities. In similar vein we helped fund a school holiday "Grub Club" at the local community leisure centre. With regard to education and development, we are keen promoters of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), a longstanding project designed to help young people to develop their personal skills as they approach adulthood. Likewise, we continued with the funding of team and confidence building days for selected local schoolchildren, utilising the facilities of the nearby outdoor centre at Lodge Hill. We also have a strong relationship with the local, charitably operated, community leisure facility, and assisted in the funding of some much-needed sporting equipment as well as first aid and defibrillator training

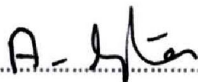
Internationally we made further donations to Ukraine, mainly in relation to Moshchun reconstruction. Later in the year, Turkey became a focus of emergency fundraising in the aftermath of the earthquake and we also responded to crisis appeals relating to Pakistan and Afghanistan. It should be noted that such emergency donations are typically made via a combination of the Disasters Emergency Committee and Rotary channels, as well as bodies such as Shelterbox. Otherwise internationally, we made donations to the End Polio Now campaign, the Nikki's Place orphanage in Thailand, the first stage of a Sandams project in Africa, and the David Tilley Children's Foundation in support of a school at Kilolo, Tanzania.

Financial review

During the year ended 30 June 2023 total income was £36634 (2022: £38338) and total expenditure was £39643 (2022: £33771) leaving a deficit for the year of £3009 (2022: surplus £4567). Charitable outgoings for the year totalled £37535 (2022: £26969). Expenditure in support of our charitable activities was £2108, (2022: £7802) which included fixed assets purchased in the year totalling £282 (2022: £4493) and expensed in line with our basis of accounting.

Our reserves carried forward at the year-end to fund future charitable activities were £12368, all of which were represented by cash at bank or in hand. Restricted funds within our reserves at year end totalled £2799. These are attributable to the Christmas Sacks appeal and carried forward to help fund a similar campaign at the end of 2023.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Anna Upton, Club Secretary

13 November 2023

Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund
Independent examiner's report
Year ended 30 June 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Rotary Club of Storrington Charitable Trust Fund (the "Trust"), for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, (the "Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Dated 14 November 2023

Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund
Income and expenditure account
Year ended 30 June 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ending 30 June	
			2023	2022
Income: fundraising and donations	£	£	£	£
Book selling	11960	–	11960	9750
Car boot sales	975	–	975	521
Christmas collections	2797	–	2797	2607
Christmas sacks fundraising	–	3523	3523	6356
Christmas tree recycling (see Note 2)	1002	–	1002	2648
Charity shop (excluding books):				
- eBay and other sales	342	–	342	949
- donations from agency sales	698	–	698	–
End Polio Now	–	544	544	575
Film nights	4066	–	4066	2052
Foreign currency donations	1205	–	1205	–
Gift Aid	2785	–	2785	1048
Grants	–	–	–	615
<i>International crisis appeals:</i>				
Turkey/Syria earthquake relief	–	3445	3445	–
Ukraine	–	431	431	5069
Pakistan floods	–	59	59	–
Afghanistan	–	–	–	461
Monthly prize draw	1950	–	1950	2070
Storrington village events	363	–	363	2404
Other unrestricted donations	390	–	390	438
Xmas Pop-in	–	–	–	592
Other	99	–	99	183
Total income	28632	8002	36634	38338
Expenditure				
Charitable activities and donations (see Note 3)			37535	26969
Fixed assets acquired and expensed (see Note 4)			282	4493
Other costs in support of charitable activities (see Note 5)			1826	2309
Total expenditure			39643	33771
Net (deficit)/income			(3009)	4567
Opening reserves			15377	10810
Closing reserves (see Note 6)			12368	15377

Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Monetary assets:		
Balance at bank	12318	15250
Cash in hand	50	127
Liabilities	-	-
Net assets	12368	15377
Represented by:		
Charity Trust Fund		
Balance brought forward	15377	10810
(Decrease)/increase during the year	(3009)	4567
Balance carried forward	12368	15377

Approved by the Trustees on 13 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



 Robert Allison, Club Treasurer

Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund

Notes to the accounts

Year ended 30 June 2023

1. Basis of preparation

These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, as permitted by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Income is recorded as it arises and expenditure is written off as incurred, including any payments for fixed assets. No accruals or prepayments are recorded at an accounting period end.

2. Christmas tree recycling

During the year the Club entered into a cooperation agreement with Just Helping, a UK registered charity which works with a number of other organisations and volunteers across the country to raise donations from the collection and recycling of Christmas trees. Tree collections are organised jointly in specified areas in the locality of the Club on the basis that all donations received are channelled through Just helping, with gift aid being claimed by it as appropriate. An agreed proportion of the total amounts raised after expenses is earmarked for charities nominated by the Club, such amounts being paid out directly to those charities from Just Helping (see note 3 below). The balance is passed back to Club for distribution to other charitable causes, comprising the amount reflected in fundraising income for the year from Christmas tree recycling.

3. Charitable activities and donations

Expenditure on charitable activities and donations during the year totalled £37535 (2022: £26969) as tabulated on the final page of the Report and Accounts. That table excludes donations to Chestnut Tree House and Turning Tides of £1704 and £852 respectively made by Just Helping under our direction as a result of the Christmas Tree recycling arrangements described in Note 2 above.

4. Fixed assets acquired and expensed

Fixed assets acquired and expensed during the year comprised an additional windchaser and new Bluetooth speakers at a total cost of £282. The prior year figure of £4493 all related to the establishment of the book selling activity.

5. Other costs incurred in support of charitable activities

Other costs incurred in support of the charitable activities totalled £1826 (2021: £2309). The most significant individual cost concerns the running and repair of the van, used primarily for the book selling activity. Other items include principally postage and packing for the online shop, signage and publicity, licences, the website and the meal costs of charity speakers.

Other costs also include a charge of £100 for the independent examination of the 2021-2022 accounts. A charge of £100 for having this year's accounts independently examined will be reflected in the 2023-2024 Report and Accounts in line with our basis of accounting.

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

Year ended 30 June 2023

6. Movement in charity reserves

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Opening reserves	12861	2516	15377
Income during the year	28632	8002	36634
<i>Less expenditure in the year:</i>			
Charitable activities and donations	29816	7719	37535
Other costs and assets expensed	2108	–	2108
Total expenditure	31924	7719	39643
Closing reserves	9569	2799	12368

7. Related party transactions

No Club member or trustee received any payment other than for the reimbursement of expenses properly incurred on behalf of the Club.

8. Outstanding commitments

At the year-end Club had no outstanding commitments or unfulfilled pledges.

At the prior year end there was an unfulfilled pledge of £1000 in support of the Nikki's Place orphanage.

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Charitable activities and donations

Year ended 30 June 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Ashington Youth Club	500	–	500
Afghanistan: via International Rescue Committee	500	–	500
BBC Children in Need	50	–	50
Chanctonbury Community Leisure:			
-provision of sporting equipment	990	–	990
-support for first aid and defib training	500	–	500
-support for school holidays Grub Club	748	–	748
Chanctonbury Storehouse	750	–	750
Christmas Sacks	–	3240	3240
David Tilley's Children's Foundation	3005	–	3005
Edinburgh City Mission	50	–	50
Family Support Works	1000	–	1000
Friends of Lancing College	75	–	75
Horsham Matters Food Bank	500	–	500
Lavinia Norfolk Centre	500	–	500
Life Community Church: Lord's Larder	750	–	750
Little LifeSavers	250	–	250
Local community events	616	–	616
Local families: ad hoc support	712	–	712
London Air Ambulance	50	–	50
Nikki's Place orphanage	1000	–	1000
Pakistan floods relief: via Rotary channels	191	59	250
Pop-in lunches	412	–	412
Rotary Foundation: End Polio Now	656	544	1200
Rotary Foundation: other	1500	–	1500
Rotary Youth Leader Awards	2070	–	2070
Sand Dams Worldwide	2000	–	2000
ShelterBox: re Pakistan floods and Turkey earthquake	1206	734	1940
Sir Heinz Koepler Trust	75	–	75
St Barnabas Hospice	75	–	75
St Catherine's Hospice	250	–	250
St George's Mothers Union	50	–	50
Storrington Community Partnership: Fun Day	250	–	250
Storrington First School: Lodge Hill	2000	–	2000
Storrington Museum	60	–	60
Sussex Clubs for Young People	250	–	250
Sussex Pathways	250	–	250
Sussex Wildfowl Trust	100	–	100
Tapestry Lunch Club	50	–	50
The Mary Howe Trust	425	–	425
Turkey earthquake relief: via DEC and Rotary channels	–	2711	2711
Ukraine relief	5399	431	5830
Total payments for year ended 30 June 2023	29815	7719	37534
<i>Total payments for year ended 30 June 2022</i>	<i>13602</i>	<i>13367</i>	<i>26969</i>