

Rotary Club of Storrington and Pulborough District

**Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund
Report and Accounts
Year ended 30th June 2024**

(Charity Registration No. 1029115)

Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund
Reference and administrative details
Year ended 30 June 2024

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 (resigned 1 July 2024)
Ray Miles	Club Secretary (appointed 1 July 2024)
Robert Allison	Club Treasurer
Mark Foss	President Elect
David Lowe	
John Ollerton	(appointed 1 July 2024)
Anna Upton	

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Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund

Report of the Trustees

Year ended 30 June 2024

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 for 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 year marked the 40th anniversary from when the Club received its charter from Rotary International. As part of our anniversary celebrations, we initiated what proved to be a well-received ‘40 for 40’ project, involving a donation of some £40 to 40 voluntary groups and activities in our locality. This served to highlight our presence in the community and our support for many of the voluntary activities vital to its wellbeing.

On the fundraising front, our Books project has gone from strength to strength. All the books we handle are donated second hand, with the great majority given by people in the local community. These are initially sorted in our own bookstore, located at the premises of a local business supportive of Rotary’s charitable objectives. Our weekly bookstall in Storrington gives us excellent visibility, as does our presence at special events, such as the Parham Steam Rally. Online book sales continue to grow, notably through channels such as eBay and Ziffit. We also have books for sale at a limited number of local outlets, such as that at Pulborough Station.

Our Film Night at Sullington Village Hall involves a monthly showing from September to May, and continues to be a well-supported community event, as well as making an important contribution to charitable fundraising. These are open to all to attend, but with the added benefit that free 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.

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Report of the Trustees (continued)

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Achievements and performance during the year (continued)

This was the second year of running our Christmas Tree Recycling in conjunction with Just Helping, a charity whose sole focus is to raise donations from the collection and recycling of Christmas trees, essentially in support of hospices across the country. The footnotes to the accounts describe how the Just Helping arrangement operates and its impact on our income and expenditure, including the donations to our nominated charities made directly from Just Helping.

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

With regard to charitable giving, we continue to support a wide range of projects and organisations, as shown by the table on the final page of the report and accounts. This illustrates the breadth of our charitable coverage, both locally and internationally.

Our community related donations included those under the '40 for 40' project already touched on. Like last year, we made a number of donations to local food banks, as well as to other family support charities and some individuals in need with whom we had a direct referral. We also have a longstanding and active involvement in the running of pop-in lunches for the elderly.

With regard to education and development, we are keen promoters of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), a project designed to help young people to develop their personal skills as they approach adulthood. Likewise, we continue with the funding of team and confidence building days for selected local schoolchildren identified by the school as particularly in need of extra-curricula support. For this we utilise the excellent facilities of the nearby outdoor centre at Lodge Hill.

Also with a focus on young people, we are keen supporters of local youth clubs and organisations such as the Girl Guides and Scouts; and spanning all generations, we have a strong relationship with the local, charitably operated, community leisure facility, giving support and funding for a range of ad hoc projects and activities.

Internationally we helped fund a medical convoy to Ukraine as well as responding to the crisis appeals in Morocco and Libya following the earthquake in late 2023. 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 and the Red Cross. Otherwise internationally, we made donations to the Rotary Foundation, including the End Polio Now campaign, the David Tilley Children's Foundation in support of a school at Kilolo, Tanzania and the L'Association Don d'organes et de Tissus.

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Report of the Trustees (continued)

Year ended 30 June 2024

Financial review

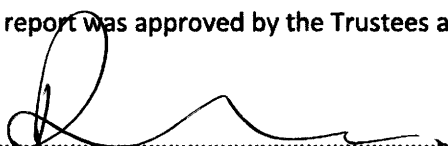
During the year ended 30 June 2024 total income was £35402 (2023: £36634) and total expenditure was £29933 (2023: £39643) leaving a surplus for the year of £5469 (2023: deficit £3009). Charitable outgoings for the year totalled £29933 (2023: £26969). Expenditure in support of our charitable activities was £2299, (2023: £2108) which included fixed assets purchased in the year totalling £66 (2023: £282) and expensed in line with our basis of accounting.

Our total reserves carried forward at the year-end, including restricted and designated funds, were £17837 (2023: £12368), all of which were represented by cash at bank or in hand. Restricted funds within our reserves at year end totalled £2075 (2023: £2799) wholly attributable to the Christmas Sacks appeal and carried forward to help fund a similar campaign at the end of 2024. Designated funds at year end amounted to £2000 (2023: Nil), comprising a sinking fund for the replacement of the van used for the Books activity.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain reserves at a level compatible with the objectives of the charity and the scale of its activities. In so doing the Trustees ensure that unrestricted reserves are fully adequate to meet the planned pipeline of charitable donations and other costs associated with the operation of the charity. This is after taking account of amounts earmarked as either restricted or designated funds. All charitable funds are maintained in bank accounts which can be drawn on with no notice.

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



Ray Miles, Club Secretary

11 November 2024

Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund

Independent examiner's report

Year ended 30 June 2024

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 2024.

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 12 November 2024

Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund
Income and expenditure account
Year ended 30 June 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ending 30 June	
			2024	2023
Income: fundraising and donations	£	£	£	£
Book sales (see Note 2)	13694	–	13694	11960
Car boot sales	561	–	561	975
Christmas collections	2272	–	2272	2797
Christmas sacks fundraising	–	4309	4309	3523
Christmas tree recycling (see Note 3)	1177	–	1177	1002
Charity shop (excluding books -- see Note 2)	222	–	222	1040
End Polio Now	–	510	510	544
Film nights	4609	–	4609	4066
Foreign currency donations	1209	–	1209	1205
Gift Aid	2363	–	2363	2785
<i>International crisis appeals:</i>				
Morocco/Libya earthquake	–	709	709	–
Turkey/Syria earthquake	–	–	–	3445
Ukraine	–	–	–	431
Pakistan floods	–	–	–	59
Monthly prize draw	1965	–	1965	1950
Other donations	1208	154	1362	390
Storrington village events	–	–	–	363
Xmas Pop-in donations	–	400	400	–
Other	40	–	40	99
Total income	29320	6082	35402	36634
Expenditure				
Charitable activities and donations (see Note 4)			27634	37535
Fixed assets acquired and expensed (see Note 5)			66	282
Other costs in support of charitable activities (see Note 5)			2233	1826
Total expenditure			29933	39643
Net income			5469	-3009
Opening reserves			12368	15377
Closing reserves (see Note 6)			17837	12368

Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Monetary assets:		
Balance at bank	17695	12318
Cash in hand	142	50
Liabilities	-	-
Net assets	17837	12368

Represented by:

Charity Trust Fund		
Reserves brought forward	12368	15377
Increase/(decrease) during the year	5469	(3009)
Reserves carried forward (see Note 6)	17837	12368

Approved by the Trustees on 11 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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 Robert Allison, Club Treasurer

Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund

Notes to the accounts

Year ended 30 June 2024

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. Retail Gift Aid donations

Included within Book and Charity Shop sales are donations of £227 (2023: £698) arising from sales made on behalf of individuals who contributed items to be sold in compliance with the Retail Gift Aid Scheme.

3. Christmas tree recycling

The Club has 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. The total amount raised this year for charitable distribution was £4804 (2023: £3408), of which £3603 (2023: £2556) was paid by Just Helping direct to our nominated charities (see note 4 below). Our own Christmas Tree recycling income of £1177 (2023: £1002) reflects the balance paid over to Club by Just helping as an unrestricted donation, as well as minor amounts of income and costs arising on our own account.

4. Charitable activities and donations

Expenditure on charitable activities and donations during the year totalled £27634 (2023: £37535) as tabulated on the final page of the Report and Accounts. That table excludes donations to Chestnut Tree House and Turning Tides of £2402 and £1201 respectively made by Just Helping under our direction as a result of the Christmas Tree recycling arrangements described in Note 3 above.

5. Costs incurred in support of charitable activities

Fixed assets expensed and other costs incurred in support of the charitable activities totalled £66 (2023: £282) and £2223 (2022: £1826) respectively. The most significant items within other costs concern the running and repair of the van, used primarily for the book selling activity. Other items include postage and packing for the online shop, signage and publicity, licences, maintaining our website and the meal costs of charity speakers.

Other costs also include a charge of £100 for the independent examination of the 2022-2023 Report and Accounts. A charge of £100 for having this year's accounts independently examined will be reflected in the 2024-2025 Report and Accounts in line with our basis of accounting.

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

Year ended 30 June 2024

6. Movement in charity reserves

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Opening reserves	9569	2799	12368
Income during the year	29320	6082	35402
<i>Less expenditure in the year:</i>			
Charitable activities and donations	20828	6806	27634
Other costs and assets expensed	2299	–	2299
Total expenditure	23127	6806	29933
Closing reserves	15762	2075	17837
<i>Unrestricted reserves are allocated as follows:</i>			
Designated for van replacement	2000		
Other unrestricted	13762		
	15762		

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.

Rotary Club of Storrington Charity Trust Fund

Charitable activities and donations

Year ended 30 June 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation	75	–	75
Ashington Youth Club	500	–	500
British Red Cross: Libya crisis relief	146	354	500
Chanctonbury Community Leisure:			
-provision of specialist equipment	250	–	250
-training support for young people	400	–	400
Chanctonbury Storehouse	750	–	750
Chichester Boys' Club	75	–	75
Christmas Sacks	–	5033	5033
CoCo's Foundation	325	–	325
David Tilley's Children's Foundation	552	–	552
Dementia Active Sussex	200	–	200
Family Support Works	1000	–	1000
Fittleworth Primary School	145	–	145
Girl Guides	750	–	750
Horsham Matters Food Bank	500	–	500
L'Association Don d'organes et de Tissus	440	–	440
Life Community Church: Lord's Larder	750	–	750
Life Support	325	–	325
Little LifeSavers	250	–	250
Local community activities and associations ('40 for 40')	1635	–	1635
Local community events	–	154	154
Local families: ad hoc support	350	–	350
Medical Detection Dogs	75	–	75
Pop-in lunches	200	400	600
Pulborough District Community Care Association	750	–	750
Pulborough Pantry	500	–	500
Rotary Chichester Harbour -- refugee/asylum support	200	–	200
Rotary Foundation: End Polio Now	690	510	1200
Rotary Foundation: Morocco earthquake response	145	355	500
Rotary Foundation: other	1500	–	1500
Rotary Youth Leader Awards	1680	–	1680
ShelterBox Trust	1000	–	1000
Smyth's Educational Foundation	75	–	75
St Catherine's Hospice	75	–	75
Stars Netball	500	–	500
Storrington Community Minibus	89	–	89
Storrington First School: Lodge Hill	2781	–	2781
The Macular Society	75	–	75
The Olive Tree Cancer Support	75	–	75
Ukraine -- medical convoy	1000	–	1000
Total payments for year ended 30 June 2024	20828	6806	27634
<i>Total payments for year ended 30 June 2023</i>	<i>29816</i>	<i>7719</i>	<i>37535</i>