

Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge and District Trust Fund

Annual report and accounts for the year to 30th June 2024

Charity Registration No. 1041292

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The trustees present their report for the year ended 30th June 2023.

Objects and activities

The charity is established for the relief of the poor and the needy, whether persons or institutions, or for such other charitable purposes which the trust may from time to time determine.

This is achieved by (but not exclusively):-

The organisation of social and recreational activities; raising of monies and donating that which is received to individuals and groups; the purchase of equipment.

Trustees

The trustees of the fund were the following Blythe Bridge Rotary Club members:-

Brian Mate
Enid Hayes
Tony Davies

Trust management and organisation

The general management, day to day running and policy determination of the trust is carried out by a Council of appointed Blythe Bridge Rotary Club members. In addition to the trustees Blythe Bridge Rotary Club members are elected to the Council each year at the club's annual general meeting. The Council meet regularly.

The decisions of the Council are ratified in business meetings of Blythe Bridge Rotary Club which are held on a regular basis. The Blythe Bridge members who served on the club's Council during the year were:-

P Wilkinson	President
B Whittaker	Secretary
E Hayes	Treasurer
R Jacobs	M Kettrick
B Singh-Nixon	J Jacobs
W Orrell	
B Mate	

The charity derives income from fund raising activities. The charity does not employ any individuals or incur any administrative costs. All of the charity's income is applied to its overall aims and objectives.

Review progress and achievement

The majority of our fund raising took place at Christmas from our Santa street collections and at our local supermarket. During the year the trustees made donations where possible to local and international requests for help and assistance.

Legacy

During the previous year John Sayer passed away on 12th April 2023. He left the club a legacy of £20,000, on condition that it was for use in the local community absolutely. This was received by the club in May 2024.

Finances

The attached financial statements show the current state of finances, which the trustees consider to be sound and sufficient to meet financial obligations as and when they fall due. The charity holds unrestricted funds of

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£5,923 available to meet the charity's objectives.

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Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds throughout the year, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level which equates to approximately six to nine months unrestricted expenditure.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

The charity's bankers are Barclays Bank plc, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire

The independent examiner is Jan Jacobs, Accountant, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission - no. 1041292. The charity was formed by trust deed on 4th May 1994.

The charity's meeting address for the year was:-

Upper House
Barlaston
Stoke-on-Trent
Staffs
ST12 9AE

On behalf of the Trustees

E Hayes
Treasurer

Date 30th April 2025

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Independent Examiners report to the trustees of Rotary Club of Blythe Bridge and District Trust Fund for

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th June 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts that comply with the requirements of section 42(1) of the Charities Act 1993 and for ensuring their examination is in accordance with the requirements of section 43(3). They consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. They are responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are kept for the charity in accordance with section 41 of the Act. They are also responsible under charity law for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for ensuring their proper application and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud, error, and other irregularities.

It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissions. 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 you as trustees concerning all matters. The procedures undertaken do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners 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 41 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Jan Jacobs
Accountant
Fulford
Stoke-on-Trent
Staffs
ST11 9QR

Date 30th April 2025

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Statement of Financial activities for the year to 30th June 2024

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total	Total Funds
	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
Income and expenditure					
Income					
Fundraising and donations	2	14,206	24,534	38,740	12,032
Interest		0	0	0	0
Total income		14,206	24,534	38,740	12,032
Resources expended					
Direct charitable expenditure	3	10,602	6,834	17,436	13,328
Fund raising and publicity	4	3,039	0	3,039	204
Total expenditure		13,641	6,834	20,475	13,532
Net income/(deficit) for the year		565	17,700	18,265	(1,500)
Transfers between funds		(1,828)	1,828	0	0
Funds brought forward		7,186	575	7,761	9,261
Funds carried forward		5,923	20,103	26,026	7,761

For and behalf the Trustees

E Hayes
Treasurer

Date 30th April 2025

B. Whittaker
Secretary

Date 30th April 2025

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Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		26,026	7,761
Net current assets		26,026	7,761
Net assets	5	26,026	7,761
Funds			
Restricted funds	7	20,103	575
Unrestricted funds	6	5,923	7,186
		26,026	7,761

For and behalf the Trustees

E Hayes
Treasurer

Date 30th April 2025

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Date 30th April 2025

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2024

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting basis and standards

These financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005) issued in 2005.

1.2 Income and expenditure

All income is accounted for when received.

1.3 Fund accounting

Details of the nature and purpose of each fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. Fundraising Income and Donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Armed Forces Day	50		50	831
Book Donations	168		168	160
Children In Need		1,532	1,532	1,988
Donations Received	200		200	681
Easy fundraising			0	277
Falklands Flags			0	85
Foodbank		502	502	0
Foundation - Polio Plus		252	252	857
HMRC - Gift Aid Claims	4,353		4,353	896
Holiday Commission	480		480	820
HUGS - Helping Ugandan Schools		1,052	1,052	850
John Sayer Local Community Legacy		20,003	20,003	0
Just Giving	192		192	0
Miscellaneous income	0		0	102
Paypal	46		46	0
Poppy Pins/Rotary Remembers			0	36
Race Night	2,378		2,378	0
Rotary Children's Trust	400		400	0
Rotary District Grant		1,093	1,093	
Santa collections	5,731		5,731	3,649
Tree of Light	208		208	
Turkish Disaster Fund		100	100	0
Ukraine Crisis			0	800
	14,206	24,534	38,740	12,032

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3. Direct charitable expenditure - donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Alzheimers Research	100		100	0
Alzheimers Society	100		100	0
Apedale Heritage Centre			0	200
Autism	100		100	0
Buxton Baby Bank			0	100
Blythe Bridge Community Centre	100		100	75
Blythe Bridge Cricket Club	200		200	0
Blythe Bridge Junior FC	200		200	0
Blythe Bridge Marvels FC	500		500	0
Breathe UK Training	150		150	0
Cancer Research	200		200	0
Cavendish Institute - Special Needs Teacher in Africa			0	850
Children In Need		1,600	1,600	2,100
Children's Educational Day Out - coaches	550		550	750
DE Caversmill Theatre Company	200	2,201	2,401	400
Dougie Mac	250		250	0
Foodbank	100	520	620	649
Foundation (inc website)			0	875
Gingerbread	307		307	0
HUGS - Helping Ugandan Schools	200	1,500	1,700	1,200
Lend with Care	300		300	0
Meir Matters	397		397	0
Meir Park Over 55's Club - coach for daytrip			0	250
Mikuroshani School			0	200
North Staffs Armed Forces & Veterans	225		225	0
North Staffs Young Carers	1,048		1,048	0
Pink Sisters & Misters			0	50
Rotary Club of Rugby - Books for Home	250		250	0
Rotary Club of Brampton & Longtown - Borehole in Monza	1,500		1,500	0
Rotary Foundation UK	650		650	0
Rotary Foundation - Polio Plus		913	913	696
Royal British Legion			0	110
Royal Marines			0	1,100
Samaritans	550		550	0
Shelterbox	600		600	0
Shoebox	225		225	200
Six Towns Rotary re Alexandra School	700		700	0
Suicide Support - Armed Forces	250		250	0
Sundry donations less than £100	50		50	0
The Yard - Dizzy Heights	500		500	0
Tri Services & Veterans Support			0	500
Turkish Disaster Fund		100	100	0
UHNM - Prostate Cancer			0	500
Ukraine Crisis			0	2,523
UNICEF	100		100	0
	10,602	6,834	17,436	13,328

4. Fundraising and publicity

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising costs and publicity	3,039	0	3,039	204

The above costs include materials and lights for the Santa sleigh, a new large Christmas banner for Blythe Bridge and charity race costs.

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5. Summary of assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Net current assets	5,923	20,103	26,026	7,761

6. Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

7. Restricted funds

Restricted funds comprise of those funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.