



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 8 April 2021
Period end date

Period start date To 7 April 2022

Charity name: City of Durham Trust

Charity registration number: 502132

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) To preserve, conserve and enhance for the benefit of the public the natural and built environment of the City of Durham and its surroundings, including its green belt, buildings and features of architectural and historic value, and areas of natural beauty and interest.(2) To engage and inform communities and promote their co-operation in the preservation, conservation and protection of the natural and built environment of the City of Durham and its surroundings, including its Green Belt.(3) To encourage and celebrate the highest sustainable standards in planning, design, landscape and architecture in the City of Durham and its surroundings.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Every week Trustees scrutinise all the relevant planning applications validated by the local planning authority and respond as appropriate. We focus on ensuring conformity with the policies of the <i>NPPF</i> , the <i>County Durham Plan</i> and the <i>Durham City Neighbourhood Plan</i> . These are designed to protect the historic and natural heritage of the City of Durham and its surroundings. We work closely with the City of Durham Parish Council on these matters.

		<p>The Trust holds open meetings, including an AGM, three or four times per year to inform members of the public about planning and heritage-related issues. We also provide members with bulletins three or four times per year giving details of our activities and providing information about the work of related bodies.</p> <p>Our website durhamcity.org also contains a great deal of current information.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees do have regard to this guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The Trust's responses to planning applications have been influential in improving some and causing others to be refused.</p> <p>The Trust works closely with related bodies such as the Durham Museum, Old Durham Gardens, the Wear Rivers Trust and the National Trust which has recently acquired Crook Hall, an important heritage site in the City.</p> <p>It is also represented on the Coordinating Committee of the Castle and Cathedral World Heritage Site. This year marks the Trust's 80th anniversary and it is also the 50th anniversary of UNESCO's World Heritage Convention and we are working with the Coordinating Committee to convene a conference focusing on the future of the World Heritage Site.</p> <p>The Trust will mark the actual anniversary of its foundation on 9 November with a civic reception.</p> <p>The Trust has co-sponsored two walking guides for the City: <i>Coal Stories</i> explores the extensive reminders of the coal industry in the City; <i>The Seven Hills Trail</i> provides a route around the hills that surround the City and gives glorious views of the Castle and Cathedral.</p> <p>All these activities are designed both to raise the profile of the Trust and also to involve as many citizens as possible in issues that affect our historical and natural heritage.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trust's financial position is sound as can be seen from our annual accounts.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, sufficient to cover for approximately one year the Trust's management and administration and support costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The free reserves currently stand at £14,369 (2021 £14,531) which more than meets the criteria laid down by the Trustees.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected at the AGM in accordance with paragraph 13 of the constitution.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	City of Durham Trust
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	502132
Charity's principal address	Blackett, Hart and Pratt, LLP Aire House Mandale Business Park Durham, DH1 1TH

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	John Ashby			
2	Sue Childs			
3	Tim Clark			
4	Roger Cornwell			
5	Adrian Green			
6	Richard Hird			
7	Michael Hurlow			
8	John Lowe	Chair		
9	Matthew Phillips			
10	Francis Pritchard	Hon. Secretary		
11	Barbara Ravelhofer			
12	Malcolm Reed	Hon. Treasurer		
13	Lucy Szablewska			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	John Joseph Lowe	Francis William Pritchard
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Hon. Secretary
Date	20 September 2022	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name City of Durham Trust	No (if any) 502132
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 08-Apr-21	To	Period end date 07-Apr-22
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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					
Donations and legacies	3,697	-	-	3,697	-
Publication Sales	1,269	-	-	1,269	-
Virgin money account interest	11	-	-	11	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,977	-	-	4,977	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,977	-	-	4,977	-
A3 Payments					
Postage, stationary and secretarial	900	-	-	900	-
Subscriptions and grants to other organisations	1,210	-	-	1,210	-
Meeting Expenses	250	-	-	250	-
Insurance	96	-	-	96	-
Agendas, bulletins, etc	1,941	-	-	1,941	-
Governance	1,280	-	-	1,280	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,677	-	-	5,677	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,677	-	-	5,677	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 700	-	-	- 700	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,069	-	-	15,069	-
Cash funds this year end	14,369	-	-	14,369	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Virgin Bank	8,442	-	-
	Co-op Bank	5,927	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,369	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

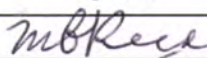
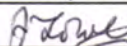
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Dr M Reed	20/09/22
	John Lowe	20/09/22



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
City of Durham Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

7 April 2022

Charity no
(if any)

502132

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 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 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 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.

Signed:

Date: 23 August 2022

Name:

Yasmin Bari

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW)