

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
THE SETH SOMERS TRUST**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

All our charitable activities focus on the objects below and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

The objective of the Trust was to continue to make charitable grants and maintain the grounds of the Seth Somer Park.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The trustees endeavour and continued to encourage and promote the objectives of the charity.

The trustees have continued to maintain and develop the Seth Somers Park.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

The total incoming resources and resources expended for the year are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 4. The total incoming resources amounted to £30,389 and the total resources expended amounted to £17,780.

Reserves stand at £997,105 in total consisting of £891,891 endowment funds, and £105,214 unrestricted funds.

Details of investment assets are shown in note 8. The value of investments of the charity at 31 March 2024 amounted to £941,374 compared to a figure of £860,206 at 31 March 2023.

Investment performance is reviewed by the trustees following the receipt of the stockbrokers report. The trustees' objectives are to ensure that the income of the Trust is maintained whilst ensuring continued capital growth.

There were grants paid during the year amounting to £13,237.

Reserves policy

The trustees have established the level of reserves that they consider the charity ought to have. Reserves are required to provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice. The charity supports individuals and organisations which are dependent upon continued support. The trustees are concerned that Government and Local Authority funding is diminishing.

The trustees have identified and are concerned that considerable expenditure will be required in respect of the maintenance of the Seth Somers Park.

The trustees consider it prudent that the amount of Reserves should be sufficient to cover future support costs for a period of at least six months and the maintenance and the regeneration of the Seth Somers Park and therefore provide a Reserve of £36,000 under this policy. The actual balance of the Reserves at 31 March 2024 is £105,214.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees continue with extensive maintenance projects in respect of the regeneration of the Seth Somers Park.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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The charity is constituted by Trust Deed and is a registered charity.
Seven trustees are listed . The trustees employ a Trust Secretary who deals with day to day management issues.

The trustees meet every six months or more frequently as circumstances or needs require.

All the trustees serving during the year are listed on the legal and administrative information page.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

523147

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Worcestershire
DN14 0NE

Trustees

Mr D L Eades
Mr R G Green
Mrs M E James Chairman
Mr M B Davenport
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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs M E James - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE SETH SOMERS TRUST**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Seth Somers Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Seth Somers Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 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 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Mr R A Smallwood FCCA

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26 November 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Endowment fund £ | 2024 Total funds £ | 2023 Total funds £ |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | | |
| Investment income | 2 | 30,389 | - | 30,389 | 29,161 |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 3 | | | | |
| Grants to individuals & institutions | | 13,237 | - | 13,237 | 10,500 |
| Grounds maintenance | | 4,543 | - | 4,543 | 10,421 |
| Total | | 17,780 | - | 17,780 | 20,921 |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | | - | 81,168 | 81,168 | (39,451) |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | 12,609 | 81,168 | 93,777 | (31,211) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 92,605 | 810,723 | 903,328 | 934,539 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | 105,214 | 891,891 | 997,105 | 903,328 |

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024**

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Endowment fund £ | 2024 Total funds £ | 2023 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | | |
| Investments | 8 | 49,483 | 891,891 | 941,374 | 860,206 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 56,925 | - | 56,925 | 53,534 |
| CREDITORS | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 9 | (1,194) | - | (1,194) | (10,412) |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 55,731 | - | 55,731 | 43,122 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 105,214 | 891,891 | 997,105 | 903,328 |
| NET ASSETS | | 105,214 | 891,891 | 997,105 | 903,328 |
| FUNDS | 10 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | 105,214 | 92,605 |
| Endowment funds | | | | 891,891 | 810,723 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | 997,105 | 903,328 |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs M E James - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The Seth Somers Trust is a public benefit entity in England / Wales. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are page 1 of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

[The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.]

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Dividends | 25,632 | 25,632 |
| Bank interest | 1,807 | 579 |
| Rent and wayleaves | 2,950 | 2,950 |
| | <u>30,389</u> | <u>29,161</u> |

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

| | Direct Costs £ | Grant funding of activities (see note 4) £ | Support costs £ | Totals £ |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------|
| Grants to individuals & institutions | - | 13,237 | - | 13,237 |
| Grounds maintenance | 609 | - | 3,934 | 4,543 |
| | <u>609</u> | <u>13,237</u> | <u>3,934</u> | <u>17,780</u> |

4. GRANTS PAYABLE

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Grants to individuals & institutions | 13,237 | 10,500 |
| | <u>13,237</u> | <u>10,500</u> |

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Grants | 13,237 | 10,000 |
| | <u>13,237</u> | <u>10,000</u> |

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

Trustee indemnity insurance paid by the trust in the year totalled £208 (2023 - £189).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

| | | |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| Employees | 2 | 1 |
| | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> |

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Endowment fund £ | Total funds £ |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | |
| Investment income | <u>29,161</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>29,161</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Grants to individuals & institutions | 10,500 | - | 10,500 |
| Grounds maintenance | <u>10,421</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>10,421</u> |
| Total | <u>20,921</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>20,921</u> |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | <u>-</u> | <u>(39,451)</u> | <u>(39,451)</u> |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | 8,240 | (39,451) | (31,211) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | <u>84,365</u> | <u>850,174</u> | <u>934,539</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | <u>92,605</u> | <u>810,723</u> | <u>903,328</u> |

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

| | Listed investments £ |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| MARKET VALUE | |
| At 1 April 2023 | 860,206 |
| Revaluations | <u>81,168</u> |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>941,374</u> |
| NET BOOK VALUE | |
| At 31 March 2024 | <u>941,374</u> |
| At 31 March 2023 | <u>860,206</u> |

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2024 is represented by:

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | Listed investments £ |
| Valuation in 2024 | 81,168 |
| Cost | 860,206 |
| | 941,374 |
| | 941,374 |

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|--------|
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| | £ | £ |
| Other creditors | 1,194 | 10,412 |
| | 1,194 | 10,412 |
| | 1,194 | 10,412 |

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | At 1/4/23 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31/3/24 £ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 92,605 | 12,609 | 105,214 |
| Endowment funds | | | |
| Endowment Fund | 810,723 | 81,168 | 891,891 |
| | 903,328 | 93,777 | 997,105 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 903,328 | 93,777 | 997,105 |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Gains and losses £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General fund | 30,389 | (17,780) | - | 12,609 |
| Endowment funds | | | | |
| Endowment Fund | - | - | 81,168 | 81,168 |
| | 30,389 | (17,780) | 81,168 | 93,777 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 30,389 | (17,780) | 81,168 | 93,777 |

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

| | At 1/4/22 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31/3/23 £ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 84,365 | 8,240 | 92,605 |
| Endowment funds | | | |
| Endowment Fund | 850,174 | (39,451) | 810,723 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>934,539</u> | <u>(31,211)</u> | <u>903,328</u> |

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Gains and losses £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General fund | 29,161 | (20,921) | - | 8,240 |
| Endowment funds | | | | |
| Endowment Fund | - | - | (39,451) | (39,451) |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>29,161</u> | <u>(20,921)</u> | <u>(39,451)</u> | <u>(31,211)</u> |

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

| | At 1/4/22 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31/3/24 £ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 84,365 | 20,849 | 105,214 |
| Endowment funds | | | |
| Endowment Fund | 850,174 | 41,717 | 891,891 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>934,539</u> | <u>62,566</u> | <u>997,105</u> |

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Gains and losses £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General fund | 59,550 | (38,701) | - | 20,849 |
| Endowment funds | | | | |
| Endowment Fund | - | - | 41,717 | 41,717 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>59,550</u> | <u>(38,701)</u> | <u>41,717</u> | <u>62,566</u> |

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

12. FUNDS

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

The endowment fund represents those assets which shall, at the discretion of the trustees, be held permanently by the charity, principally investments. Income arising on the endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | |
| Investment income | | |
| Dividends | 25,632 | 25,632 |
| Bank interest | 1,807 | 579 |
| Rent and wayleaves | 2,950 | 2,950 |
| | 30,389 | 29,161 |
| Total incoming resources | 30,389 | 29,161 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Grounds maintenance | 609 | 7,499 |
| Grants to institutions | 13,237 | 10,000 |
| Grants to individuals | - | 500 |
| | 13,846 | 17,999 |
| Support costs | | |
| Governance costs | | |
| Accountancy and legal fees | 420 | 360 |
| Other administrative costs | 3,514 | 2,562 |
| | 3,934 | 2,922 |
| Total resources expended | 17,780 | 20,921 |
| Net income before gains and losses | 12,609 | 8,240 |
| Realised recognised gains and losses | | |
| Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments | 81,168 | (39,451) |
| Net income/(expenditure) | 93,777 | (31,211) |

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements