

Charity registration number: 203159

The Gloucestershire Society

**Annual report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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Administrative information

Registered charity number: 203159

President

Alick Campbell of Lochnell (appointed on 25 November 2021)

Hon Secretary and treasurer

Michael Strong FCA CTA

Administrator

Wendy Hill

Principal office

St Catherine's Court
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Bristol, BS8 1BQ

Trustees

Janet Duberley

Ceri Evans JP DL (resigned on 17 March 2021)

Thomas Frost (resigned on 17 March 2021)

Jane Jenner-Fust DL

Judy Pearce (resigned on 27 November 2021)

Kenneth Pearce

Tim Ross

Annabella Scott OBE (resigned on 17 March 2022)

David Skinner

Sir George White Bt FSA JP

Julia Thomas

Barbara Tregear

Christopher White

Richard Boggis-Rolfe, OBE

Mr Charles Martell (appointed on 15 April 2021, resigned 17 March 2022)

Mrs Moira Garner (appointed on 25 November 2021)

Mrs Julia Rausing (appointed on 25 November 2021)

Mrs Daisy Berkeley (appointed on 25 November 2021)

Lt Col Andrew Tabor JP

Accountants

Saffery Champness LLP

St Catherine's Court

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Bristol

BS8 1BQ

Independent examiner

JWB Corporate Ltd

22 Mulberry Avenue

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Trustees' report

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Structure, governance and management

The Gloucestershire Society is an unincorporated Registered Charity, which is governed by its Trust Deed.

The charity is administered by its committee of trustee members, who are appointed in accordance with the Trust Deed. The committee holds at least two ordinary meetings each year to discuss key matters and ensure the smooth running of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity is to provide relief from poverty for people resident in the Gloucestershire area who are in need, in hardship or distress. The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Summary of main achievements of the charity during the year

The Society this year continued to provide vital support to beneficiaries throughout Bristol and Gloucestershire, during a time when the pandemic accentuated the economic impact upon people living on the lowest incomes.

The Society had a successful appeal, with thanks, led by our president for 2021 Andrew Tabor. Funds of £123,938 were raised during the year and £100,939 of grants were paid out to those in need, ranging from between £50 and £250 each. A higher level of grant was set this year to enable the society to help those in even greater need during the pandemic.

As part of the funds raised, and following on from restricted donations received last year, the Society received additional restricted donations of £10,000 towards grants for IT equipment so that schools could make this equipment available to children from low income households, where they would not have otherwise had access to computer equipment at home. Tablets were provided to primary schools and laptops to secondary schools.

The trustees were also very grateful for further restricted donations of £20,000 towards the end of the year to be used for the continuing efforts of the charity to provide grants to those in need. These funds are being granted in early 2022.

The trustees are very grateful to all donors for their generosity during the year.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level to meet approximately 9 months' normal expenditure levels. This is considered to provide sufficient funds to continue to provide grants to beneficiaries in the event of a drop in income.

Financial review

The detailed receipts and payments accounts are included on page 3. As shown in the accounts, the principle sources of funds were donations received during the year. The key areas of expenditure included individual grants and administration costs.



Michael Strong (Sep 7, 2022, 11:37am)
Michael Strong

Trustee

Dated: 07 Sep 2022

Receipts and payments account and statements of assets and liabilities
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021			2020		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Receipts						
Donations, legacies and other similar receipts						
Donations	93,938	30,000	123,938	85,936	60,475	146,411
Gift aid	9,022	-	9,022	4,420	-	4,420
Investment Income Receipts						
Deposit Interest	1	-	1	10	-	10
Total receipts	<u>102,961</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>132,961</u>	<u>90,366</u>	<u>60,475</u>	<u>150,841</u>
Payments						
Grants Paid						
Individual grants	90,939	10,000	100,939	27,083	60,475	87,558
Management and administration						
Independent examination	750	-	750	750	-	750
Administrator costs	6,750	-	6,750	5,400	-	5,400
Other administration costs	1,800	-	1,800	2,237	-	2,237
Total payments	<u>100,239</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>110,239</u>	<u>35,470</u>	<u>60,475</u>	<u>95,945</u>
Net movement of fund	2,722	20,000	22,722	54,896	-	54,896
Cash funds						
Cash balances at 1 January 2021	120,014	-	120,014	65,118	-	65,118
Cash balances at 31 December 2021	<u>122,736</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>142,736</u>	<u>120,014</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,014</u>

Related party transactions

The administrator costs of £6,750 (2020: £5,400) were paid to Saffery Champness LLP during the year, whom a partner is a trustee of the charity.

Signed on behalf of the Committee



Michael Strong (Sep 7, 2022, 11:37am)
Trustee

Dated: 07 Sep 2022

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Gloucestershire Society
For the year ended 31 December 2021**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on page 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

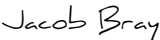
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Jacob Bray (Sep 7, 2022, 3:03pm)
Jacob Bray, FCA

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Dated: 07 Sep 2022