

Charity registration number: 203159

The Gloucestershire Society
Annual report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Administrative information For the year ended 31 December 2023

Registered charity number: 203159

President

Jonathan Seymour-Williams

Hon Secretary and treasurer

Michael Strong FCA CTA

Administrator

Wendy Hill

Principal office

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Trustees

Jonathan Seymour-Williams (appointed 24 November 2023)

Michael Dobson

Janet Duberley (retired 24 March 2023)

Michael Strong

Jane Jenner-Fust DL

Kenneth Pearce (retired November 2023)

Tim Ross

David Skinner

Sir George White Bt FSA JP

Julia Thomas

Barbara Tregear

Christopher White

Richard Boggis-Rolfe, OBE

Moira Garner

Julia Rausing

Daisy Berkeley

Lt Col Andrew Tabor JP

Alick Campbell of Lochnell

Dorothy Oakes

Accountants

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Independent examiner

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North Somerset

BS20 7LG

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Trustees' report

For the year ended 31 December 2023

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 povety 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 cost of living crisis accentuated the economic impact upon people living on the lowest incomes.

The Society had a successful appeal, with thanks, led by our president for 2023 Michael Dobson. Funds of £169,798 were raised during the year and £115,338 of grants were paid out to those in need, ranging from between £10 and £200 each.

The trustees were also very grateful for further restricted donations of £29,000 during the year to be used for the continuing efforts of the charity to provide grants to those in need. These funds were paid out during the year for the purpose intended.

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

Michael Strong (Apr 15, 2024, 10:05am)

Michael Strong

Trustee

Dated: 15 Apr 2024

The Gloucestershire Society

**Receipts and payments account and statements of assets and liabilities
For the period ended 31 December 2023**

	2023			2022		
	£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted	£ Total	£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted	£ Total
Receipts						
Donations, legacies and other similar receipts						
Donations	140,798	29,000	169,798	116,147	20,500	136,647
Gift aid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income Receipts						
Deposit Interest	547	-	547	47	-	47
Total receipts	141,345	29,000	170,345	116,194	20,500	136,694
Payments						
Grants Paid						
Individual grants	65,838	49,500	115,338	83,119	20,000	103,119
Management and administration						
Independent examination	750	-	750	750	-	750
Administrator costs	5,400	-	5,400	5,400	-	5,400
Other administration costs	10,758	-	10,758	5,228	-	5,228
Total payments	82,746	49,500	132,246	94,497	20,000	114,497
Net movement of fund	58,599	(20,500)	38,099	21,697	500	22,197
Cash funds						
Cash balances at 1 January 2023	144,433	20,500	164,933	122,736	20,000	142,736
Cash balances at 31 December 2023	<u>203,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203,032</u>	<u>144,433</u>	<u>20,500</u>	<u>164,933</u>

Related party transactions

The administrator costs of £5,400 (2022: £5,400) were paid to Saffery LLP during the year, whom a partner is a trustee of the charity.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Michael Strong.....

Michael Strong
Michael Strong (Apr 15, 2024, 10:05am)
Trustee

Dated: 15 Apr 2024

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Gloucestershire Society
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 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.

Jacob Bray

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Jacob Bray (Apr 15, 2024, 10:10am)
Jacob Bray, FCA

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Dated: 15 Apr 2024



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