

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

#### Section A Independent Examiner's Report Report to the trustees/ Vincent's Charity members of On accounts for the year 31st March 2023 Charity no 251320 ended (if any) Set out on pages 1-18 I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023. Responsibilities and As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 basis of report ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the charity accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Independent the Institute of Financial Accountants. examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or the accounts did 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. \* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. Resumber Signed: 11/7/2023 Date: Name: **BRENDAN CHAMBERS** Relevant professional F.F.A. qualification(s) or body (if any):



| Vincent's Charity |                 | **      | Charity No (if  |            |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|------------|
|                   |                 |         | any)            | 251320     |
|                   | Annual accounts | for the | period          |            |
| Period start date | 01/04/2022      | То      | Period end date | 31/03/2023 |

#### Section A Statement of financial activities

| Recommended categories by activity  | Guidance Notes | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted income funds | Endowment<br>funds<br>£ | Total funds<br>£ | Prior year<br>funds<br>£ |
|---|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Incoming resources (Note 3)   |                | F01                        | F02                     | F03                     | F04              | F05                      |
| Income and endowments from:   |                |                            |                         |                         |                  |                          |
| Donations and legacies  | S01            | _                          | -                       | -                       | -                |                          |
| Charitable activities   | S02            | <del>-</del>               | -                       | -                       | -                | -                        |
| Other trading activities  | S03            | -                          | -                       | -                       | -                | -                        |
| Investments   | S04            | 133,918                    | -                       |                         | 133,918          | 145,955                  |
| Separate material item of income  | S05            | -                          | •••                     | -                       | -                | -                        |
| Other   | S06            | -                          | -                       | -                       | -                | _                        |
| Total   | S07            | 133,918                    |                         | -                       | 133,918          | 145,955                  |
| Resources expended (Note 6) Expenditure on:                               |                |                            |                         |                         |                  |                          |
| Raising funds   | S08            | -                          | -                       | _                       | -                | -                        |
| Charitable activities   | S09            | 86,335                     | _                       | -                       | 86,335           | 113,968                  |
| Separate material item of expense   | S10            | 11,552                     | -                       | -                       | 11,552           | 7,420                    |
| Other   | S11            | -                          | -                       | -                       | -                |                          |
| Total   | S12            | 97,887                     | _                       |                         | 97,887           | 121,388                  |
| Net income/(expenditure) before investment                                |                |                            |                         |                         |                  |                          |
| gains/(losses)  | S13            | 36,031                     | -                       | -                       | 36,031           | 24,567                   |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments   | S14            | -                          | -                       | -                       | -                |                          |
| Net income/(expenditure)  | S15            | 36,031                     | -                       | -                       | 36,031           | 24,567                   |
| Extraordinary items   | S16            | -                          | <del>-</del>            | -                       | -                |                          |
| Transfers between funds   | S17            | 2,246                      |                         | -                       | 2,246            | -                        |
| Other recognised gains/(losses):  |                |                            |                         | 1                       |                  |                          |
| Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use | S18            | -                          |                         | _                       | -                |                          |
| Other gains/(losses)  | S19            | -                          | -                       | -                       | -                | -                        |
| Net movement in funds   | S20            | 38,277                     | -                       | -                       | 38,277           | 24,567                   |
| Reconciliation of funds:  |                |                            |                         |                         |                  |                          |
| Total funds brought forward   | S21            | 6,878,898                  |                         | -                       | 6,878,898        | 6,854,331                |
| Total funds carried forward   | S22            | 6,917,175                  | -                       | -                       | 6,917,175        | 6,878,898                |

| Section B Balance  | e she          | et                 |                 |                 |                 |                        |
|--|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
|  | Guidance Notes |                    | Restricted      |                 |                 |                        |
|  | Guida          | Unrestricted funds | income<br>funds | Endowment funds | Total this year | Total last<br>year     |
|  |                | £                  | £               | £               | £               | £                      |
| Fixed assets   |                | F01                | F02             | F03             | F04             | F05                    |
| Intangible assets (Note 15)  | B01            | -                  | <u> </u>        |                 |                 |                        |
| Tangible assets (Note 14)  | B02            | -                  | -               | -               |                 |                        |
| Heritage assets (Note 16)  | B03            | _                  | -               | -               | -               |                        |
| Investments (Note 17)  | B04            | 6,916,820          | _               | -               | 6,916,820       | 6.014.57               |
| Total fixed assets   | B05            | 6,916,820          | -               | _               | 6,916,820       | 6,914,57               |
| Current assets   |                | <u> </u>           |                 | 1               | 0,010,020       | 6,914,57               |
| Stocks (Note 18)   | B06            |                    |                 |                 |                 | T                      |
| Debtors (Note 19)  | B07            | 18,315             |                 | -               | 40.045          |                        |
| nvestments (Note 17.4)   | B08            | 10,515             |                 |                 | 18,315          | 28,42                  |
| Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)   | B09            | 292,432            | -               |                 | 292,432         | 254.26                 |
| Total current assets   | B10            | 310,747            | -               | _               | 310,747         | 254,26<br>282,68       |
|  |                | <del></del>        |                 |                 | 0.10,7.11       | 202,00                 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within  |                |                    |                 |                 |                 |                        |
| one year (Note 20)   | B11            | 25,638             | _               | _               | 25,638          | 25,63                  |
|  |                |                    |                 |                 | 20,000          | 20,00                  |
| Net current assets/(liabilities)   | B12            | 285,109            | -               | -               | 285,109         | 257,04                 |
| Total assets less current liabilities  | B13            | 7,201,929          |                 |                 | 7 004 000       |                        |
| and the second s | 010            | 1,201,323          | -               | -               | 7,201,929       | 7,171,62               |
| reditors: amounts falling due after one  |                |                    | ****            |                 |                 |                        |
| rear (Note 20)   | B14            | 284,754            | _               | _               | 284,754         | 292,72                 |
| rovisions for liabilities  | B15            | -                  |                 | _               | 204,704         | 232,12.                |
|  |                |                    |                 |                 |                 |                        |
| otal net assets or liabilities   | B16            | 6,917,175          | -               | _               | 6,917,175       | 6,878,898              |
| unds of the Charity  |                | <u> </u>           |                 |                 | 0,017,110       | 0,676,636              |
| indowment funds (Note 27)  | B17            | _                  |                 |                 |                 |                        |
| Restricted income funds (Note 27)  | B18            |                    |                 |                 | -               | -                      |
| Inrestricted funds   |                | 1 250 744          |                 |                 | - 4 050 74      |                        |
| devaluation reserve  | B19            | 1,359,711          |                 | -               | 1,359,711       | 1,321,434              |
|  | B20            | 5,557,464          |                 |                 | 5,557,464       | 5,557,464              |
| Total funds  | B21            | 6,917,175          | - 1             | -               | 6,917,175       | 6,878,898              |
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| ighed by one of two trustees on behalf of all  | I              |                    |                 | Duba k          | 1               |                        |
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|  |                | Signature          |                 |                 | (LC(MV)         |                        |



#### Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2022

Period start date To 31/03/2023

Period end date

Charity name: Vincent's Charity

Charity registration number: 251320

# **Objectives and Activities**

|  | SORP reference        |   |
|--|-----------------------|---|
| Summary of the purposes of<br>the charity as set out in its<br>governing document  | Para 1.17             | To provide housing accommodation and financial assistance of needy persons of the age of 45 and upwards, being resident in St Albans or having family or other associations therewith.                              |
| 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<br>1.19 | The trustees have continued to provide substantially subsidised accommodation for its beneficiaries who pay a modest weekly maintenance contribution. This is funded by other properties let on a commercial basis. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit   | Para 1.18             | The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.  |

#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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|--|----------------|--|--|
|  | 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 |  |  |
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# **Achievements and Performance**

|   | SORP reference |   |
|---|----------------|---|
| 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. | Para 1.20      | The trustees consider the performance of the charity to be satisfactory in this year. Accommodation continued to be provided at a substantially subsidised rent for the benefit of various individuals in need. The charity is holding a relatively large amount of cash in anticipation of expensive refurbishment costs in the near future. |

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| Achievements against objectives set                          | Para 1.41 |  |
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| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 |  |
| Investment performance against objectives                    | Para 1.41 |  |
| Other  |           |  |

# **Financial Review**

| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1.21 | The charity's income was £133,918 (2022 £145,955) with property costs of £86,335 (2022 £113,968) and additional expenditure of £11,552 (2022 £7,420).  |
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| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | Para 1.22 | The trustees now consider that general funds should be maintained at a level equivalent to twelve month's expenditure, and an additional reserve amount of £75,000 should be maintained for exceptional repairs and maintenance. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. |
| Amount of reserves held  | Para 1.22 | £6,917,175 (2022 £6,878,898)   |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves  | Para 1.22 |  |
| Details of fund materially in deficit  | Para 1.24 |  |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 |  |

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:  |           | Trust deed adopted on 23/7/1964 and varied by scheme on 7/1/1992.  |
|---|-----------|--|
| Type of governing document  | Para 1.25 | Trust Deed   |
| How is the charity constituted?   | Para 1.25 | Charitable organisation  |
| 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 | In accordance with the Trust's constitution. The body of trustees consists of seven competent people. Co-opted trustees are persons residing or carrying on business in or near St Albans and are appointed for a term of five years. Any competent trustee may be re-appointed. |

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 | The trustees delegate the day to day running of the charity to the Clerk of Trustees. |
| Relationship with any related parties   | Para 1.51 |   |
| Other   |           |   |

#### **Reference and Administrative details**

| Charity name                | Vincent's Charity  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Other name the charity uses |  |
| Registered charity number   | 251320   |
| Charity's principal address | C/o Bretherton Law  1st Floor, Alban Row  27-31 Verulam Road St Albans Hertfordshire AL3 4DG |

#### 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  | Penelope Williams  | Chair           |                                   |   |
| 2  | Joyce Lusby        |                 |                                   |   |
| 3  | Caroline McCaffrey |                 |                                   |   |
| 4  | Bruce Kent         |                 |                                   |   |
| 5  | John Austin        |                 |                                   |   |
| 6  | David Graves       |                 |                                   |   |
| 7  | Michaela Bygrave   |                 | 03/05/22 – 31/03/23               |   |
| 8  |                    |                 |                                   |   |
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| Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approve |
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| Director name |  |  |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year |  |
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|  | on of the assets<br>is capacity            |  |
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| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects  Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets |  |  |
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|  | l information (optional addresses of advis | nal) sers (Optional information)                   |
| ype of<br>dviser   | Name                                       | Address  |
| <del></del>  |  |  |
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| ame of ch  | l<br>nief executive or na                  | mes of senior staff members (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)                           | Per swoo MAN LILLIAMS |  |
| Position (eg Secretary,<br>Chair, etc) | Chain                 |  |
| Data                                   |                       |  |