

Poor's Estate in the Ancient Parish of Eton

(known as Eton Poor's Estate)

(Charity No. 200640)

**Annual report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2015**



Eton Poor's Estate
For the year ended 31 December 2015

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2015

The full title of the trust is "Eton Poor's Estate", Charity No. 200640.

The trustees present their statutory report with the accounts of Eton Poor's Estate for the year ended 31 December 2015.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 9 and 10 therein and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed, applicable laws and the requirements of FRS 102, Charities SORP 2015, and Charities Act 2011.

Structure, governance and management

Status and administration

Eton Poor's Estate was founded as a charity governed by a Trust Deed dated 3 April 1639. This Deed was varied on 27 September 1938. Eton Poor's Estate is registered as an unincorporated charity in England and Wales under the Charity Commission reference number 200640. The trustees are responsible for the administration and decisions of the Poor's Estate in accordance with the Trust Deed. The trustees have adopted the elements of accounting policies recommended in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102).

The Trustees

The trustees, who held office during the year and subsequently were:

Ex officio (the Provost and Vice- Provost of Eton College)

The Lord Waldegrave of North Hill PC MA

Dr Andrew Gailey CVO MA PhD

Four trustees nominated by the Provost and Fellows

Nish Takyar

Cllr Mrs Susan Warner

The Revd La Stacey

Emma Williams ACA

Six representative trustees appointed by Eton Town Council

Cllr Philip Highy

Cllr Douglas Hill

Cllr Derek Bishop

Cllr Philip Jackson

Cllr Pamela Baker

Cllr George Fussey

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the Trust Deed:

College trustees so long as they remain Fellows, nominated trustees for a term of seven years, and Representative Trustees for a period of four years. Appointment is made at a meeting convened and held according to the ordinary practice of the Council. New trustees are provided with a copy of The Charity Commission Guidance manual CC3 The Essential Trustee: What you need to know.

Key management personnel

Charteris centre manager

Principal address

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Bankers

Barclays Bank plc, 8 High Street, Eton, Windsor, Berks SL4 6DJ

Solicitors

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Independent examiner

Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP, St Bride's House, 10 Salisbury Square, London, EC4Y 8EH

Investment manager

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Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is the relief, either generally or individually, of persons resident in the area of the Ancient Parish of Eton who, by reason of age, infirmity or poverty, are in need, hardship or distress. Payments are made to institutions and organisations which provide relevant services. In exceptional cases relief can be granted to persons who are not resident in the Parish but who, in the opinion of the trustees, ought nevertheless to be treated as if they were resident, or who are located for the time being in the Parish.

The trustees shall apply the clear income of the charity for the above-mentioned object.

In so far as the income is not required for application of the above object, then the trustees may apply income for any charitable purpose for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Ancient Parish of Eton.

In applying the income of the charity for relief of need, the trustees do not commit themselves to repeat or renew the relief granted on any future occasion or case.

The charity operates, for the elderly, the Charteris Centre in Eton Square.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

Achievements and Performance

The main activity of the charity continues to be the running of the Charteris Centre, which is an active and much appreciated facility for Senior Citizens living in Eton and Eton Wick. Substantially subsidised by the Poor's Estate, the Charteris Centre provides lunches, a social centre, day trips and activities. There are some 56 members, and 248 meals are served in a typical month, normally prepared in the Eton College kitchens. The members are active in raising funds themselves to support the Centre. Boys from Eton College visit the centre regularly to assist at bingo and chat with members. A primary objective is to continue to maintain member numbers and provide a welcoming and enjoyable environment for the elderly, so they will keep attending the centre.

The other activity of the charity is the provision of financial grants within its object to individuals in need, other charities and organisations. In the year £4,065 (2014: £4,119) was attributed to grants made. This related to eight organisations and two individuals. A budget of £6,000 is allocated to grants made each year. If this is underspent then additional expenditure can be made in the next financial year.

Investment policy

The governing instrument gives the trustees the power to invest the monies of the charity not immediately required for its object in such facilities as may be thought fit for the satisfaction of the object of the charity. The investments are held over two funds with M&G Securities Ltd. These are Charibond (unrestricted) and Charifund (endowed) units. The objective is to raise income that can be used to support the running of the Charteris Centre and for the units held to increase in value each year.

Investment income exceeded both prior year and budget so it is considered that the funds are performing above benchmark investments. This year the value of the funds has decreased in value of £9,763 (2014: £6,973).

Grant policy

Trustees have the powers to make grants to either individuals or organisations in line with the charity's objects. Causes are selected via an application process (either verbal or written) sent to an Eton Poor's Estate trustee.

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Grant policy (continued)

This is then raised at a trustee meeting. A vote of the trustees takes place to approve each grant. Alternatively a grant can be approved via email, if the majority of the trustees approve the application and there is not a trustees meeting approaching. The main body of grants to organisations consist of the support for local community events and local organisations/charities that require funding.

Volunteers

Pupils from Eton College volunteer at fundraising events.

Reserves policy

The only source of income for the charity, apart from donations to and fundraising by the Charteris Centre, is the income that it generates from its investments. Expenditure, therefore, is tailored to a level within predicted income; there is no dependence on fundraising or other activity to fund the charity's commitments. The least flexible commitment is to the support of the Charteris Centre at a cost of £53,449 (2014: £50,256), and the grants of £4,065 (2014: £4,119) are discretionary.

The policy towards reserves, which are the unrestricted funds of £226,332 (2014: £236,554), is to ensure that they do not fall to a level that would mean suddenly withdrawing support from the Charteris Centre. The funds held in the unrestricted fund would, on a worse case scenario, be sufficient to support the charity for four further years (based on expenditure remaining constant and no further income being received).

The permanent endowment fund consists of units held within the M&G Securities Ltd investment portfolio. This capital must be maintained and is not available as free reserves. The permanent endowment fund of £528,155 (2014: £535,333) contributes to the majority of reserves held at the balance sheet date.

As at 31 December 2015 the reserves are £754,487 which is sufficient to sustain future obligations.

Risk assessment

The major risks, to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems and controls have been established to mitigate these risks.

Financial Review

The funds of the Poor's Estate have decreased by £17,400 to £754,487 (2014: £771,887), which was mainly due to unrealised losses on the revaluation of investments of £9,763 in comparison to unrealised gains on the revaluation of investments of £6,973 in 2014. There was a deficit of £7,637 (2014: surplus £402) of income over expenditure, before transfers, gains and losses on investments.

Future Plans

The charity's future plans involve the running of the Charteris Centre, providing a happy and enjoyable place for local elderly members to attend. In addition Eton Poor's Estate plans to provide subsidised activities for the members and further grants made in line with the charity's objects throughout 2016.

Going concern

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future being a period of at least 12 months from approval of the financial statements. No material uncertainties in relation to the ability of the charity to continue on a going concern basis have been identified by the trustees. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2015

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Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



The Lord Waldegrave of North Hill

Trustee

26 September 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ETON POOR'S ESTATE

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2015, which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.



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28 September 2016

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2015

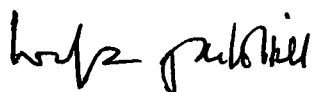
	Notes	2015 Unrestricted Funds	2015 Permanent Endowment Funds	2015 Total Funds	2014 Unrestricted Funds	2014 Permanent Endowment Funds	2014 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations		1,200	-	1,200	7,209	-	7,209
Other activities		2,462	-	2,462	2,057	-	2,057
Investment income		10,109	28,488	38,597	9,844	27,736	37,580
Charitable activities		10,841	-	10,841	11,141	-	11,141
Total income		24,612	28,488	53,100	30,251	27,736	57,987
Expenditure on:							
Investment management costs		(838)	(2,385)	(3,223)	(835)	(2,375)	(3,210)
Charitable activities	3	(57,514)	-	(57,514)	(54,375)	-	(54,375)
Total expenditure		(58,352)	(2,385)	(60,737)	(55,210)	(2,375)	(57,585)
Net (losses)/gains on investments	5	(2,585)	(7,178)	(9,763)	1,847	5,126	6,973
Net income/(expenditure)		(36,325)	18,925	(17,400)	(23,112)	30,487	7,375
Transfers between funds	9	26,103	(26,103)	-	25,361	(25,361)	-
Net movement in funds		(10,222)	(7,178)	(17,400)	2,249	5,126	7,375
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward	8	236,554	535,333	771,887	234,305	530,207	764,512
Total funds carried forward	8	226,332	528,155	754,487	236,554	535,333	771,887

The results for the years above are derived entirely from continuing activities.
The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

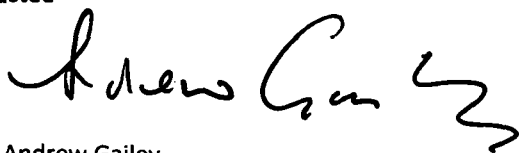
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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2015

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	5	718,233	727,996
Total fixed assets		718,233	727,996
Current assets			
Debtors	6	568	7,541
Cash at bank and in hand		37,815	41,029
Total current assets		38,383	48,570
Liabilities			
Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,129)	(4,679)
Net current assets		36,254	43,891
Total net assets		754,487	771,887
Funds of the charity			
Permanent Endowment Fund	8	528,155	535,333
Unrestricted Funds	8	226,332	236,554
Total funds		754,487	771,887

The financial statements of Eton Poor's Estate set out on pages 6 to 13 were authorised for issue and approved by the trustees on 26 September 2016 and signed on their behalf by:



The Lord Waldegrave of North Hill
Trustee



Dr Andrew Gailey
Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement for year ended 31 December 2015

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	11	(3,214)	(971)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		41,029	42,000
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		37,815	41,029

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015

1 Charity information

Eton Poor's Estate is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, charity number 200640. The address of the registered office is Eton College, Eton, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 6DB.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011 and the UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by 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 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Eton Poor's Estate meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required. See note 12 for details.

Taxation

As a charity Eton Poor's Estate is exempt from taxation of income and gains received within categories covered by The Corporation Taxes Act 2010, Part 11 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charge has arisen in the period.

Going Concern

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, being a period of at least 12 months from the approval of the financial statements. No material uncertainties in relation to the ability of the charity to continue on a going concern basis have been identified by the trustees. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

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

Donations are recognised on receipt unless Eton Poor's Estate has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Charitable activities include income generated through fundraising events hosted by Eton Poor's Estate and income is recognised on a receipts basis.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend term has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 (continued)

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which the cost relates and is apportioned to cost categories based on the nature of the cost incurred. Grants are accounted for in the period in which they are made or communicated to the third party. The grant making policy is discussed further in the Trustees' Report.

Support costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity which relate to the governance of the charity as opposed to those costs associated with fundraising or charitable activity.

Pensions

The employees of Eton Poor's Estate are eligible to join the Eton College defined contribution scheme and the recharged contributions are charged to the Eton Poor's Estate Statement of Financial Activities. There were no contributions outstanding at the balance sheet date (2014: nil).

Financial instruments

Eton Poor's Estate has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise trade and other creditors. Investments are held at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, with gains and losses being recognised within income and expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Funds

Unrestricted funds can be spent on any charitable purpose in accordance with the objects of the charity at the discretion of the trustees. The Endowment Fund relates to a permanent endowment held within investments. There is no restriction over the income generated from this fund.

Key estimates and judgements

In the application of Eton Poor's Estate accounting policies, which are described in note 2, trustees are required to make judgements, estimates, and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In the view of the trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

3 Analysis of expenditure

Charitable expenditure

	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
Grants made	4,065	4,119
Charteris Centre operating costs	23,350	25,470
Staff costs	28,291	23,001
Support costs	1,808	1,785
	57,514	54,375

Included within support costs are Independent Examiner fees of £700.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 (continued)

4 Staff costs

	2015 £	2014 £
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	24,487	22,725
Social security costs	1,143	1,070
Pension costs	2,661	1,676
	28,291	25,471

The average headcount of employees in the year was 2 (2014: 2). No employee received emoluments above £60,000 in either financial year. Two of the employees are employed in the Charteris Centre and the other, who is employed by Eton College and recharged to Eton Poor's Estate, performs part time administrative activities.

No trustees received remuneration for their services or reimbursement of expenses incurred (2014: none).

Aggregate benefits of Key Management Personnel were £17,474 (2014: £17,091).

5 Fixed asset investments

(i) Permanent endowment

	2015 £	2014 £
Quoted investments at market value at 1 January	535,333	530,207
Revaluation (losses)/ gains	(7,178)	5,126
Market value at 31 December	528,155	535,333

(ii) Accumulated unrestricted funds

	2015 £	2014 £
Quoted investments at market value at 1 January	192,663	190,816
Revaluation (losses)/ gains	(2,585)	1,847
Market value at 31 December	190,078	192,663
Total market value at 31 December	718,233	727,996

Historical Costs

	2015 £	2014 £
Cost at 1 January and 31 December	601,059	601,059

Investments comprise two holdings within the UK, of which 25% is held in Charibonds and 75% is held in Charifund.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 (continued)

6 Debtors

	2015 £	2014 £
Prepayments	397	369
Accrued income	171	7,172
	568	7,541

7 Creditors

	2015 £	2014 £
Trade creditors	539	858
Taxation and social security	126	260
Accruals	1,464	3,561
	2,129	4,679

Eton Poor's Estate has no grant accruals or deferred income.

8 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Investments £	Net current assets £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
Endowment	528,155	-	528,155	535,333
Unrestricted	190,078	36,254	226,332	236,554
	718,233	36,254	754,487	771,887

The endowment fund has arisen from an initial permanent endowment held within investments. There are no restrictions on the income generated from this investment. The permanent endowment's capital must be maintained and cannot be drawn down.

Unrestricted funds can be spent on any charitable purpose in accordance with the objects of the charity at the discretion of the trustees.

9 Movement in funds

	2014 Total £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment Gains/ (Losses) £	Transfers £	2015 Total £
Endowment	535,333	28,488	(2,385)	(7,178)	(26,103)	528,155
Unrestricted	236,554	24,612	(58,352)	(2,585)	26,103	226,332
	771,887	53,100	(60,737)	(9,763)	-	754,487

The transfer between the permanent endowment fund and the unrestricted fund relates to income generated by endowment investments. There is no restriction on the income generated so it is transferred to unrestricted at the balance sheet date.

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10 Related party transactions

Eton Poor's Estate has 2 trustees who are the Provost and Vice-Provost of Eton College.

Eton College provides support services to Eton Poor's Estate. These services are provided free of charge.

The Poor's Estate rents property from Eton College for £3,000 per annum (2014: £3,000). As at the year end, £nil was owed to Eton College in respect of this (2014: £nil owed to Eton College). £239 was owed to Eton College in respect of other services provided (2014: £380), which consists of re-charged expenditure. The annual expenditure re-charged by Eton College in the year amounted to £10,478 (2014: £8,408) and Eton College Services Limited of £6,833 (2014: £3,268).

11 Reconciliation of net (expenditure)/income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2015 £	2014 £
Net income/(expenditure) as per Statement of Financial Activities	(17,400)	7,375
Losses/(gains) on investments	9,763	(6,973)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	6,973	(176)
(Decrease) in creditors	(2,550)	(1,197)
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,214	(971)

12 Transition to FRS 102

This is the first year that the charity has presented its results under FRS 102 and the Charities SORP 2015. The last financial statements under old UK GAAP were for the year ended 31 December 2014. The date of transition to FRS 102 and the Charities SORP 2015 was 1 January 2014. The surplus for the year ended 31 December 2014 and the total equity as at 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014 has not changed as a result of changes in accounting policies due to the transition from old UK GAAP to FRS 102 and the Charities SORP 2015