

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Gloucester Relief in Sickness Fund

Registered Charity No. 243548

A report for the financial year ending 31st August 2021

Charity's principal address: 85, Sapperton Road, Gloucester, GL4 6UN.

The Charity is administered and managed by the following body of Trustees:

Co-optative.

First appointed Trustee.

Dot Oakes (Chair)	9 th June 2008
Justine Foster	14 th November 2016
Martin Riley	12 th November 2018
Mark Hammond	13 th October 2020
Alison Mordaunt	11 th January 2021
Gillian Johnson	11 th October 2021

Nominative

Cllr. Usman Bhaimia Gloucester City Council.	20 th May 2013
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Co-optative Trustees serve a term of 5 years and the Nominative Trustees a term of 4 years. Re-election if allowed.

Clerk to the Trustees: Tracey Bennett. Tel: 07765864460
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Governing document: Declaration of Trust dated 2nd July 1969 (as amended by Resolution dated 14th February 2011)

Objects of the Charity: To aid those people who are resident within the City of Gloucester (1969 boundary) and who are both sick and in need.

Charity activities and Achievements during the year in relation to its objects. Due to Covid-19 from the April meeting onwards the Trustees have met by Zoom rather than in person. The Trustees hope to resume face to face meetings as soon as it is safe to do so.

Our income continues to be derived from investments which are currently managed, on our behalf, by CCLA Investment Management Ltd. These investments are reviewed regularly with a view to ensuring the correct balance is achieved between income and growth.

The Trustees, who are all volunteers, meet monthly to ensure that there is the minimum of delay in determining applications. The majority of applications were granted at the first meeting after receipt of the application form. In making their decisions the Trustees pay due regard to the latest advice issued by the Charity Commissioners.

During the current year we approved 30 of 43 applications received totalling £8052.59

The value of the individual grants ranged from £90 to £748.99. The majority of the applications not granted were due to more information being needed e.g. proof of ill health. A few were refused as we did not consider them a good use of funds e.g. Christmas presents and top of the range laptop.

£1310 of our total grants were spent on Bankruptcies and Debt Relief Order fee requests, which is identical to the previous year. £5042 on kitchen and household goods including carpets, which is more than double the amount for the previous year. Other requests included food and taxi fares.

Reserve Fund

The Trustees have resolved that, for the immediate future, we do not need to set aside any monies in a Reserve Fund while the Charity's closure costs would be so low. This decision is reviewed annually.

Income

No income has been received from central or local government grants or contracts.

Employment

The charity does not employ staff.

Financial controls

The financial controls have been reviewed during the year.

Signed.....Dot Oakes, Chair. Dated.....