

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Gloucester Relief in Sickness Fund

Registered Charity No. 243548

A report for the financial year ending 31st August 2024

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
Alison Mordaunt	11 th January 2021
Gillian Johnson	11 th October 2021
Sue James	13 th March 2023
Nicky Bates	8 th April 2024

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.

The Trustees meet, in person, to consider applications for grants and any other business that has arisen.

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 21 applications (half of the 42 applications of previous year) totalling £6030.11 (down from £13332.08 for the previous year)

The value of the individual grants ranged from £90 for a Debt Relief Order (which became free on the 6th April 2024) to £500 for white goods. Last year, due to the increased number of requests, we placed a £500 limit on grants. This can be exceeded in exceptional circumstances. We have also limited the number of applications to one per year per household.

The majority of the applications not granted were due to more information being needed e.g. proof of ill health or the financial statement showing that the item was affordable by the person who wanted the grant.

The majority of grants awarded were for household items.

Reserve Fund	The Trustees have resolved that we do not need a reserve fund. This decision is reviewed annually at the November meeting.
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.....