

# John Storer Charnwood and John Storer House Foundation

## 2021/22 Treasurers' Report & Consolidated Summary of Accounts

This report deals with the affairs of the charities, John Storer Charnwood (JSC) (1087692) and John Storer House Foundation (JSHF) (521460), whose finances are closely connected and best viewed on a joint basis. The report is designed to highlight the significant financial outcomes for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 and to comment on the reserves held by the charities. The full accounts for both charities can be seen on request and they have been examined by Evolve Accountants and Business Advisors Ltd. whose reports are unqualified.

With effect from 1 April 2013, all activities of the two charities have been undertaken by JSC, which has become the tenant of JSHF. As a part of the arrangement, JSC is obliged to deliver the objectives of both charities.

The 2021/22 John Storer Charnwood Annual Report and Financial Statements explains the effect on the accounts of the Covid-19 Pandemic lockdowns and restrictions so reference should be made to them for explanation of the changes involved.

The consolidated Statement of Financial Affairs (SOFA) shows the combined incoming and expended resources of the two charities with the consolidated Balance Sheet showing the combined assets, liabilities and fund balances. A very important figure in the consolidated SOFA is that of the net movement of unrestricted funds which include fixed assets. For the financial year, there was a net increase of £52,814 in our unrestricted funds and all of our staff are to be congratulated. We have had to include in the accounts a provision for our historic pension liability from 2016/17 and this amounts to £4,544 as at 31 March 2022 (£34,220 as at 31 March 2021). The total unrestricted funds, including fixed assets and after deducting the pension liability, are £774,590 compared with £721,776 in 2020/21 confirming the net increase of £52,814. The total unrestricted funds, including fixed assets and before the pension deduction of £4,544, are £779,134 (£755,996 in 2020/21).

In establishing how far the total unrestricted funds of £779,134 are adequate to provide a suitable level of cover for our contingent liabilities, including the pension provision, £136,933 must be deducted from this figure in respect of tangible fixed assets. (£989 is in Restricted Funds). The value of these assets would not be easily realised and the actual value obtained would probably be much less than the balance sheet figure. This leaves £642,201 of which £306,608 is in designated revenue funds set aside to cover the particular needs of developing services, improving and maintaining the building and replacing our buses as they reach the end of their economic life.

The £306,608 balance in the designated revenue funds could be utilised if necessary but the deduction of their value brings the figure for “free” reserves or general funds down to £335,593 as shown in the balance sheet. This figure is more than sufficient to cover the contingent liabilities which would become payable if the two charities had to be wound up, including, as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, a £40,000 provision for wind up costs, the £4,544 pension provision and a £50,000 provision for redundancy payments pending a current calculation.

Restricted and unrestricted income from investments, donations, fundraising, rentals, catering and other activities was £257,768 (£165,065 in 2020/21). Income from grants amounted to £466,178 (£597,790 in 2020/21). The grant income from Leicestershire County Council was £139,584 (£200,400 in 2020/21) and the grant income from Charnwood Borough was £318,937 (£289,795 in 2020/21). We thank both Leicestershire County Council and Charnwood Borough Council for their funding. Thanks also go to Shepshed Town Council and the Department for Transport for funding of £7,000 and £657 respectively. (£7,000 and £1,247 in 2020/21).

The increase in the value of our share investments was £4,986 in 2021/22 compared with the increase of £15,677 in 2020/21. The shares were sold in 2021/22.

The financial affairs of the two charities are closely linked and this results in funds due from JSHF to JSC. This shows in the separate published accounts of the two charities but not in the consolidated Balance Sheet because the balances cancel each other out. The balance owed by JSHF to JSC at 31 March 2022 was £189,311 compared with £188,803 at 31 March 2021. Both figures include £132,000 invested in JSHF by JSC in respect of the aim of trying to keep the balances in both charities bank and building society accounts within FSCS Compensation Limits.

JSH re-opened to the public in July 2021 after the Covid-19 lockdown. Consequently, there were reduced opening hours for the Café, Welcome and Help Desk and JSH activities, a situation which continued to the end of this reporting period. By March 2022, a total of 68 previously registered volunteers had returned to volunteering at JSH and 44 new volunteers had been recruited. 16,084 hours were recorded for JSH volunteers and 1,532 hours were recorded for SVC volunteers during 2021/22.

The efforts of our staff and volunteers together with the support of our sponsors, funders and users means that the charities are in a good financial position to meet the challenges ahead.

Consequently, we must express our thanks:

- to our paid staff, for their commitment and dedication.
- to our sponsors, funders and users without whom we could not exist.
- to our volunteers whose contributions take many forms without which we could not deliver our services.

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