

The Pensford, Publow and The Stantons Community Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 January 2021

The Pensford, Publow and The Stanton Community Trust

Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“CIO”) No. 1160279

Principal Address: Birchwood House, Pensford, Bristol BS39 4NG

Trustees’ Annual Report for the year ended 31st January 2021

1. Trustees and Advisers

Trustees

Name	Position
Andrew Hillman	Chair
Susan Osborne	Secretary
J. Anthony Heaford	
Janette Stephenson	
Derek Winstone	
Simon Whittle	Treasurer
Elizabeth Richardson	

Reviewing Accountant

Mark Finn (ACA) Salters Brook Cottage, Stanton Wick, Pensford, BS39 4DA

Bankers

NatWest Bank PO Box 1398, 8 South Parade, Chew Magna, Bristol, BS99 5UT

2. Structure, Governance and Management

The Trust is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees.

There shall be not more than eight Trustees. All Trustees must reside within one of the two administrative parishes of Stanton Drew and Publow with Pensford, and at least three must reside in each of the parishes.

Trustees shall initially be elected for terms of three years, renewable a maximum of twice. One third of Trustees shall retire in rotation every year. The appointment or re-appointment of Trustees shall be approved by a simple majority of members voting in general meeting.

Membership of the Trust is by membership of the separately controlled 100 Club or by direct application to the Trustees and payment of an annual subscription.

The Trustees may appoint a new Trustee between general meetings but such appointment shall automatically be subject to approval at the next general meeting of members.

All Trustees give voluntarily of their time and the Trust has no employees.

3. Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Trust are to further such purposes which may be charitable according to the law of England and Wales as the Trustees see fit by the making of grants for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parishes of Publow with Pensford and Stanton Drew.

The Trustees achieve the objects by publicising the availability of grants and by direct approaches to local organisations which may benefit from grants.

Trustees meet regularly four times a year and on other occasions when required, to consider grant applications and fundraising.

The Trustees raise funds principally from the 100 Club, which is a separately administered organisation not under the control of the Trustees; by seeking donations from individuals; and by other fundraising activities.

In all their activities the Trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Trust's policy on grant making is regularly reviewed and is publicised on the Trust's website www.ppsct.org.uk

4. Achievements and Performance

Trustees are pleased to report on our sixth year since we were officially registered as a charity on 2nd February 2015. The year has been for so many like no other with all that the Covid-19 pandemic has meant for the communities that the Trust seeks to serve.

Whilst Trustees are hopeful that the pandemic is finally coming under control there is no doubt that its effects will have changed many aspects of life in our communities. The challenges to social interactions will perhaps be the longest lasting and most damaging, particularly for older and vulnerable people and for the younger generation. Trustees are mindful of these matters and their focus in the coming years will be broadened to include those most affected, within the scope of the charity's objects.

Despite the restrictions imposed by government to control the pandemic, the Trustees have had a busy year and are delighted to have supported so many, and so varied, a group of initiatives.

Grants

Grants actually paid in the year from the Trust's unrestricted and previously designated funds were as follows:

• Stanton Drew handbell ringers	new bells	£1,426
• Stanton Drew Parish Council	defibrillator project	£1,099
• Pensford Local History Group	Robert Bailey archive	£1,271
• Stanton Drew Sports Field	All weather cricket pitch	£3,000
• Stanton Drew Parish Council	replacement War Memorial	£3,500
• Pensford and Stanton Drew Parish Councils		£ 144
Covid-19 information flyers		
• Pensford and Stanton Drew pre-School		£ 355

In addition, £6,250 of restricted donations were passed over to Stanton Drew Sports Field for the all-weather cricket pitch. This comprised a donation of £5,000 and collected Gift Aid of £1,250.

Many of the Trust's members have made donations to the War Memorial Fund via our restricted funds. Donations total £3,250 overall enabling Gift Aid of £813 to be collected towards the project in due course. These funds will be released during this current year.

Designated funds remaining undrawn at the year-end were £1,250 towards the Pensford Finger posts restoration, Robert Bailey archiving £730 and £3,000 towards new play equipment for Pensford School together with £1,500 to the War memorial project and £100 donation to each of our parish magazines.

Since 31st January your Trustees have approved a grant of £5,000 towards a new clubhouse at Pensford Tennis Club and £750 towards the Pensford climate change group.

Trustees are very pleased to be able to support some very successful local organisations, most recently:

- In recent years, the roll at Pensford School has increased from about 70 to the point where in September 2021 it is likely to be 100 with a waiting list. Trustees have made several grants particularly for improvements to play and sport provision.
- Stanton Drew Sports Club is an excellent example, growing its cricket section, including juniors and women, at a time when cricket is the second most watched sport in the world and where women's cricket is the fastest growing participation sport in the UK. Trustees have supported the installation of changing facilities, new ground maintenance equipment and the installation of an all-weather pitch
- Pensford Tennis Club is a further thriving organisation, with growing participation and an excellent juniors and coaching set-up. Trustees have provided funds to refurbish courts.

- Pensford Local History Group continues to carry out very valuable work with interesting projects across the whole community – first the book commemorating the devastating floods of 1968; currently the archive of the late Robert Bailey, covering the mining industry and so much else; and more recently researching the numerous religious buildings in the locality, of which there are many. The Trust provided funds, later repaid from sales, to allow production of the flood book, and to cover the third-party costs involved in archiving.

Looking slightly further ahead, the year 2022 marks the platinum (70th) anniversary of the accession to the throne of Her Majesty the Queen, while 2023 marks two very notable occasions. It will be 150 years since the opening of Pensford viaduct and therefore the local train service; and 300 years since William Stukeley visited Stanton Drew and subsequently brought the stone circles to wide attention. These must all be occasions for commemoration and should engender great interest in the villages and further afield.

None of this would be possible without the funding provided by the 100 Club and the great support of its members. The 100th monthly draw recently took place. It is amazing to consider that the Club continues to have a full complement of members and we thank them most sincerely. It is hoped that soon their monthly social get-togethers may be resumed in person – from these occasions so many ideas spring. However efficient “Zoom” meetings may be, they seldom engender many sparks of initiative.

5. Financial Review

The funding provided by the 100 Club continues to mean that we have a healthy Balance Sheet. At 31st January the Trust had unrestricted and undesignated cash of over £19,000. Trustees regard this as adequate but not excessive, given the projects already funded since the year end and our policy of keeping a reserve of £7,500 for unexpected calls.

The Trust has no running costs (with the exception of the nominal website cost) and has no long-term commitments, with all grants approved covered by funds in hand. Trustees therefore are confident that the Trust is a going concern.

6. Trustees

Your Trustees have continued to meet, for many months remotely but in person more recently now pandemic restrictions have begun to ease.

I am very grateful to all of them but most particularly Sue Osborne, who keeps us properly organised and with very detailed records; Simon Whittle, who has very capably picked up the reins as Treasurer; and Liz Richardson for holding the Treasurer’s post and for her expert contributions based on her local government experience. Finally, we are indebted to our Independent Examiner, Mark Finn, who beyond his main function of checking that our

finances are properly conducted, also keeps us up to date with regulatory reporting requirements of the Charity Commission.

My final thanks of course are to you, our members, whose support and enthusiasm are a constant source of energy.

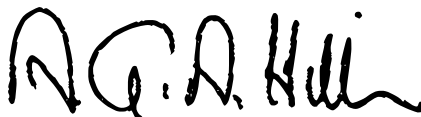
Andrew Hillman

August 2021

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Full Name	Position	Date
Andrew Hillman	Chairman	9 August 2021



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from		Period start date 01/02/2020	To	Period end date 31/01/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Designated funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts						
CT 100 Club	20,000			-	20,000	881
Fund Raising Events	-			-	-	-
Donations	100		8,150	-	8,250	-
Subscriptions	10			-	10	30
HMRC gift aid			1,250	-	1,250	-
Repayments				-	-	1,212
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,110	-	9,400	-	29,510	2,123
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,110	-	9,400	-	29,510	2,123
A3 Payments						
Distributed Grants	9,369	1,426	6,250	-	17,045	12,302
Expenses	20	-	-	-	20	50
Advertising		-	-	-	-	100
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
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		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,389	1,426	6,250	-	17,065	12,452
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,389	1,426	6,250	-	17,065	12,452
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,721	- 1,426	3,150	-	12,445	- 10,329
A5 Transfers between funds	- 5,256	5,256	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,429	2,850	-	-	17,279	27,608
Cash funds this year end	19,894	6,680	3,150	-	29,724	17,279

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted & designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Nat West bank account (20093500) balance	26,574	3,150	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	26,574	3,150	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted & designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid due	813	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Simon Whittle	9/8/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Pensford, Publow and the Stantons Community Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 January 2021	Charity no (if any)	1160279
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/01/2021**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").


I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  **Date:** 9/8/2021

Name: Mark Finn

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACA

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).