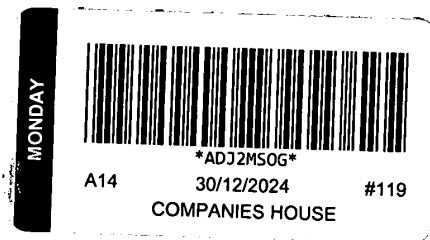


ST GEORGE FOUNDATION LIMITED

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 MARCH 2024**

**Registered Charity
Charity Number 1118871**

**A Company Limited by Guarantee
Company Registration Number 05775263**



ST GEORGE FOUNDATION LIMITED

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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ST GEORGE FOUNDATION LIMITED

1. Reference and Administration Details

Registered Charity:	Charity Number 1118871
A company limited by guarantee:	Company Registration Number 05775263
Principal Address:	Drovers Chapel Road Swanmore Southampton SO32 2QB
Registered Office:	Drovers Chapel Road Swanmore Southampton SO32 2QB The charity is incorporated in England & Wales
Telephone:	01489 893114
Website:	www.stgeorgefoundation.org.uk
Principal Bankers:	Barclays Bank
Patron:	The Countess Clarendon
Trustee Directors:	The directors of the company in office during the year and up to the date of this report, who are the trustees for the purposes of charity law were: Richard Green-Wilkinson David Hedges Patrick John
Founder and CEO:	Philip Dean

2. Report of the Board of Trustees and Directors for the period ending 31 March 2024

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period to 31 March 2024.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

3. Structure Governance and Management

Constitution and Governing Document

St George Foundation is a company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity. It was incorporated in April 2006 and commenced activities from 1 May 2006. Up to the end of April 2006, the work of St George Foundation was carried out as a restricted fund of Jacobs Well Care Centre, a registered charity. Members of the charity guaranteed to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31 March 2024 was 3. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

The governing documents are the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association. These detail the object of the charity, which is:

- (i) To relieve poverty and sickness and advance education, in particular, but not exclusively, amongst homeless children and young people in Sierra Leone.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

When recruiting trustees, the organisation ensures that the Board has a comprehensive range of skills needed in order to oversee the activities of the charity.

Trustees elected for the first time must be proposed by a member. Members elect trustees at the Annual General Meeting. The Board of Trustees must be three or more. In accordance with the Articles of Association, one-third of the trustees must retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting and can seek re-election.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the overall direction and policies of the organisation and areas of responsibility are split between the trustees.

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible to the Board for the implementation of policies and decisions.

4. Objectives

The charity's objective is to raise funds in the UK and provide those funds to St George Foundation Sierra Leone in furtherance of the charity's formal objects to relieve poverty

and sickness and advance education amongst homeless children and young people in Sierra Leone.

When planning the charity's activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

5. Achievements and Performance

During the period the charity has continued to provide funds and support in order to rescue further children from the streets of Freetown in Sierra Leone. The total number rescued and helped now amounts to over 1,600 children. The charity's approach aims to prepare the children for school and future life. Activities at the centre are designed to boost children's self-esteem, improve concentration, unite them as a family and put street life behind them. Singing, dancing, sport, simulated school and play-acting form part of the intense programme.

Once a child enrolls at the charity centre in Sierra Leone, the charity begins a reunification process, looking to find and bring together the child with its natural or extended family. Most of the children rescued so far have been successfully reunited with families or looked after by foster parents.

The charity in Sierra Leone relocated to Grafton on the outskirts of Freetown, in 2007, having renovated a site there.

There are opportunities to sponsor a child and help pay for their education, details of which are contained on the website at www.stgeorgefoundation.org.uk

Sierra Leone struggled to contain the Ebola outbreak, and in October 2014 it arrived on the outskirts of Freetown. This resulted in a large number of orphaned children being thrown onto the streets, many of whom have had Ebola and survived.

In November 2014 the charity in Sierra Leone started a programme of taking in these children, and took in over 300 such children. The plan was to feed and clothe them, care for them, and reunite them with other relations or find and train foster parents, and has been successfully achieved.

The charity was asked by the government to look after the western rural region of Sierra Leone, educating the population about Ebola and seeking to contain it in this area – a region of many towns and villages, with a population of circa 250,000. Some assistance has been provided by UNICEF in the form of transport.

Rescuing Ebola orphans was concluded in December 2015, largely due to lack of funds. The charity has also provided funds to help families of rescued street children to start-up businesses in Sierra Leone (the Small Business Initiative), so that they are able to fund their own children's education costs.

In August 2017 there was considerable flooding in Freetown, which led to a large landslide, causing many deaths and injuries. The charity assisted in looking after survivors, taking in 20 children and 15 adults, and reuniting them with families.

Unfortunately, similar flooding occurred again in 2018. The charity helped about 100 displaced children, 50 of whom were brought temporarily into the Centre. They have now all been reunited with families.

The Government took quick action when the first Covid 19 case was discovered, and as a consequence Sierra Leone has not suffered too badly. The charity cut costs and reduced the number of children at the Centre to 20.

In March 2021 there was a fire in Freetown causing homeless children. The charity took in a number of these children, providing food and shelter, before reuniting them with family members.

During the year to 31st March 2022, the Interim Care Centre and land next door was purchased, providing greater security for the charity for the future. As a consequence, improvements are being made to the Centre buildings, incorporating offices and improved accommodation.

Action is being taken to fence the land and secure it, and ensure that the children at the Centre are kept safe.

6. Financial Review

Net Incoming Resources

Unrestricted funds show a surplus for the year of £549. This has been achieved despite the high level of repairs, maintenance and improvements, which included the Centre building work, redecorations, solar panels and fencing round the land.

The unrestricted fund income totalling £65,840 was similar to the previous year. Unrestricted fund expenditure was down nearly £10,000 at £65,291, leaving the surplus for the year. Restricted fund income, totalled £8,368, with expenditure of £11,141, leaving deficit of £2,773.

Overheads and Reserves

The Board are committed to minimising overheads in the UK. For the year the UK overheads amounted to £838, which was just over 1% of total expenditure. It is hoped that sufficient general reserves will be retained to cover ongoing costs, but the Board's policy is to expend sums raised as soon as possible in achieving the charity's objects.

Balance Sheet

The debtors include the 2022/23 tax refund of £8,224, which has been received since the year end. The creditors include loans of £1,200, which have been fully repaid.

7. Plans for the Future

The number of children at the Centre are around 45, but it is hoped that the numbers will increase further in 2025.

Inflation in Sierra Leone has reduced to around 25% per annum, but it is still a challenge to ensure salaries, food and other provisions costs are provided and increased in line with inflation.

There is an opportunity to buy some further land for \$10,000. This is needed in order to ensure that the Centre has its own access.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small company's regime under the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



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R L Green-Wilkinson

Date: 5th December 2024

ST GEORGE FOUNDATION LIMITED

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST GEORGE
FOUNDATION LIMITED**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

We report to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the '2006' Act).

Having satisfied ourselves that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, we report in respect of our examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out our examination we have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirements that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK or Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST GEORGE
FOUNDATION LIMITED (Continued)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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

Mandair & Co.

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Mandair & Co
Partnership House
84 Lodge Road
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Date: 5.12.24

ST GEORGE FOUNDATION LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income	2	8,368	61,635	70,003	62,118
Activities for generating funds		-	4,173	4,173	7,159
Investment Income		-	32	32	7
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Total incoming resources		8,368	65,840	74,208	69,284
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Resources Expended					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	-	838	838	856
Support for homeless children and young people in Sierra Leone	4	11,141	64,453	75,594	78,705
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Total resources expended		11,141	65,291	76,432	79,561
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Net movement in funds for the year		(2,773)	549	(2,224)	(10,277)
Total funds at 1 April 2023		12,903	16,348	29,251	39,528
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Balance at 31 March 2024	10	10,130	16,897	27,027	29,251
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023
Fixed Assets					
Investment	6		620		620
Loan re land purchase	8		6,120		8,160
Current assets			6,740		8,780
Debtors					
Cash at bank	7	18,381		20,665	
		3,706		6,107	
		22,087		26,772	
Creditors – amounts due within one year	9	1,800		2,901	
Net current assets			20,287		23,871
			27,027		32,651
Creditors – amounts due after one year	9		0		3,400
Net Assets			27,027		29,251
Funds					
Restricted funds	11		10,130		12,903
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	10	-		-	
General funds	10	16,897		16,348	
			16,897		16,348
Total Funds	10		27,027		29,251

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- (i) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- (ii) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of the accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies, subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Board on 5th December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


R L Green-Wilkinson

Company registration number: 05775263

ST GEORGE FOUNDATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2019) and the Companies Act 2006.
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.
- b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Donated goods and services are recognised as an incoming resource where the provider of the goods or services has incurred a financial cost. Volunteer time is not included in the financial statements.
- c) Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund together with a fair allocation of support and governance costs, where this is allowed under the terms of the funding.
- d) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes. These can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- e) Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
- f) Costs of generating funds relate to the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- g) Resources expended are recognised on an accruals basis in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- h) The charitable company is not required to prepare group accounts due to its size. These financial statements only refer to the parent undertaking.
- i) Investments are included at cost.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
2. Voluntary Income				
Donations and Grants	7,774	54,004	61,778	53,685
Tax Refunds	594	7,631	8,225	8,435
	<u>8,368</u>	<u>61,635</u>	<u>70,003</u>	<u>62,118</u>

In 2023 voluntary income of £58,706 was unrestricted. Funds of £3,412 were restricted.

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
3. Cost of generating voluntary income				
Accountancy & Information Commissioner	-	640	640	600
Fund Raising Costs	-	198	198	256
	<u>-</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>856</u>

In 2023 of the cost of generating voluntary income none was restricted.

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
4. Support for homeless children and young people in Sierra Leone				
Food and provisions	-	19,098	19,098	18,004
Education	2,316	2,683	4,999	6,428
Staff Costs	671	12,753	13,424	16,823
Legal, Professional and Statutory Costs	-	2,066	2,066	1,700
Child support, clothing, parties etc	-	1,901	1,901	1,508
Family Support & Fostering	-	414	414	400
Medical, Funeral & Bereavement	-	4,398	4,398	3,803
Motor, travel & subsistence	-	765	765	2,882
Repairs, Maintenance & Improvements	5,000	14,980	19,980	12,742
Cash transfer charges	154	1,400	1,554	2,496
Sundry expenses	-	0	0	0
Office administration & Equipment	-	734	734	379
Loans written off	-	2,156	2,156	10,540
Centre & land purchase expenses	3,000	180	3,180	0
Tracing & Reunification	-	925	925	1,000
	<u>11,141</u>	<u>64,453</u>	<u>75,594</u>	<u>78,705</u>

In 2023, £4,048 of the expenditure on support for homeless children and young people in Sierra Leone was restricted expenditure. The remaining £74,657 was unrestricted.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5. Staff costs

No staff were employed by the charity during the year. (2023: none.) Any staff costs relate to staff employed by the Sierra Leone charity.

Trustees' remuneration and expense payments:

St George Foundation Ltd is operated on a trustee basis. All members of the board of trustees act in an unpaid capacity.

No expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year. (2023: none.)

6. Investment

<i>Quoted</i>	£
Santander plc 104 Ordinary shares (at valuation when donated)	620
Total Investments 2024	<u>620</u>
Total Investments 2023	<u>620</u>

7. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tax refund	8,224	8,436
Other debtors and prepayments	10,157	12,229
	<u>18,381</u>	<u>20,665</u>

8. Loan re Land Purchase

The loan provided to buy land of £10,200 is to be written off over 5 years, so has been reduced to £6,120.

The loan balance is considered to be recoverable.

ST GEORGE FOUNDATION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9. Creditors – amounts due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Short term loans	1,200	1,700
Other creditors & accruals	600	1,201
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	1,800	2,901
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Amounts due after one year

Short term loans	-	3,400
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10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	General Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	-	6,740	6,740
Current assets	10,130	-	11,957	22,087
Current liabilities	-	-	(1,800)	(1,800)
Long term liabilities	-	-	0	0
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Net assets	10,130	-	16,897	27,027
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11. Restricted funds	01/04/23	Income	Expenses	31/03/24
	£	£	£	£
Education/food sponsorship	5,282	3,368	3,141	5,509
Duke Medical	2,531			2,531
Next Door Land	5,090	-	3,000	2,090
Toilet Block	0	5,000	5,000	0
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	12,903	8,368	11,141	10130
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12. Control

The ultimate controlling parties are the trustees listed on page 1.