

Rotary Club of Perth St Johns Charitable Trust Fund
Trustees' Annual Report
1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

Reference and administration

Registered charity no.	SC 024989
Principal address	Rotary Club of Perth St Johns Charitable Trust Fund Royal George Hotel Tay Street Perth PH2 5LD

	Name	Dates acted
Trustees on date of approval of the annual report	Helen MacKinnon	Whole year
	Shona Weir	Whole year
	Susan Hellier	Whole year
	Pamela Dickson	From 23 June 2021
Other trustees during the period of the report	Robert Macduff-Duncan	Whole year, to 23 June 2021

Structure, governance and management

Constitutional form

Trust established by Declaration of Trust in 1996. Fund-raising activities and payments from the trust are subject to approval at a monthly business meeting by the members of the Rotary Club of Perth St Johns.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The trustees are the President, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Perth St Johns, ex officio. Officers are elected by the members of the club. The President is elected up to two years before taking office, and usually serves one year. The Secretary and Treasurer are elected annually.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Relief of poverty; Advancement of education and health; Relief of need through age, health, or disability; locally, nationally and overseas. Beneficiaries are children and young people, older people, disabled people, other charities and non-specific groups.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Grants are made to different local, national or international charities, chosen each year. Regular grants are made to ShelterBox Trust. Smaller grants are made to support local community activities and, exceptionally, to individuals.

Funds are also applied to local community and educational activities organised by the Rotary Club of Perth St Johns, such a quiz for primary school children. In a typical year, these activities take less than a third of the income of the trust.

Achievements and performance

The principal fundraising activities this year were a prize-draw and producing face masks for the community. While the Rotary Club was unable to meet for its weekly lunch, members continued to donate their lunch money to the Trust into the autumn, with the aim of distributing donations to charities particularly in support of COVID-19 work and recovery .

£1,075 lunch money donations were awarded across three local charities:

- Churches Action for the Homeless
- Perth Indigent Old Men's Society
- CrossReach

The Trust supported a district-wide Rotary appeal supporting Global Sight Solutions with a small donation.

Larger payments were also made, as shown in the accounts, to:

- The ShelterBox Trust
- PKAVS supporting unpaid Carers at Christmas time
- Global Support Link supporting COVID-19 recovery in Nepal

The continuing challenges around COVID-19 suspended the Club's practical activities with young people including the Primary School Quiz and Rotary Young Leaders Award (RYLA) for a further year. In May 2021, Rotarians donated their time and skills as volunteers to steward a Drive-in Cinema in the local community for charity Perth Festival of the Arts.

The Trust has recognised the need for continued support of mental health in the community and has made links with two local charities – PKAVS Mental Health & Wellbeing Hub and The Lighthouse for Perth. The Trust supported The Lighthouse with a donation of £500 to support hoodies for volunteers.

Financial Review

Policy on reserves

The Trust aims to retain sufficient uncommitted reserves each year to fund the activities of the following year. The Trust produced a small yearend surplus of £13.99.

Details of any deficit

Not applicable.

Donated facilities and services

The Trust is very grateful to:

- Dicksons of Perth for running a prize-draw in-store and donating funds

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signature		
Name	Pamela Dickson	Helen MacKinnon
Position	Club President	Hon. Treasurer
Date		