

**THE FRIENDS OF CASTLE SYCHROV (UK) LIMITED**  
**COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**  
**(REGISTERED CHARITY)**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

**DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES**

N V THOMPSON  
C DE ROHAN  
W MATTHEWS  
N DE COURCY-IRELAND

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

N V THOMPSON (Chairman)  
C F DEWAR DURIE (Treasurer and Secretary)  
C DE ROHAN  
W MATTHEWS  
N DE COURCY-IRELAND  
A WEATHERSON  
E TEMPLE-RICHARDS  
M CURRALL  
D FRIESEN

**OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVES**

USA : ALICE DAYTON

**COMPANY SECRETARY**

C F DEWAR DURIE

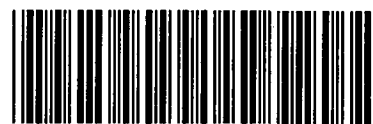
**REGISTERED OFFICE**

3 KING'S HOUSE  
400 KING'S ROAD  
LONDON SW10 OLL

**HONORARY ACCOUNTANTS**

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29 GLOUCESTER PLACE  
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**COMPANY NO: 3045059**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1047737**



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**ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**  
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The Trustees who are Directors for company law purposes present their Report to the members with the Accounts and Notes thereto.

**GOVERNING INSTRUMENT**

The Company is a Registered Charity and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The object of the Charity is to preserve and restore Castle Sychrov in the Czech Republic, its historic contents and the parkland surrounding and belonging to it for public appreciation. There have been no changes in the Charity's objects or policies during the year other than a running down of activities prior to the closing of the charity.

**REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

The Charity's final year of activities was focused on just two fund-raising events to support the restoration and conservation of Sychrov Castle and its Park. On 10<sup>th</sup> April the UK Friends organised a closing event at the Embassy of the Czech Republic in London to celebrate Sychrov and the work of the Friends over more than 20 years. Our Chairman, Nicholas Thompson, gave an illustrated talk, *'Castle Sychrov: Supporting a Romantic Cause in Bohemia'*, which outlined the history and achievements of the UK Friends and its founder, the late Gräfin Marguerite Kottulinsky Rohan. This was followed by a buffet supper. In early October there was a last Friends' trip to Castle Sychrov, preceded by a visit to Český Krumlov and the Baroque Music Festival there. Both events were very well attended and generated funds for the Charity.

Sychrov itself hosts many events which also bring in vital revenue not covered by these Accounts; but this has continued to be severely affected by the world-wide economic recession. Overall responsibility for the property lies with the Castle's Director, Dr Miloš Kadlec.

The UK Friends continued to derive income from members' subscriptions, donations, interest, sales of cards and booklets; and with profit from the Czech trip and the London event this totalled £9,750.

The UK Friends' administration expenses during the year amounted to £824.

The Charity made a grant of £11,500 to Castle Sychrov on 5<sup>th</sup> September, to support work in the Park and the restoration of lost carved work in the Saloon of the Castle.

An Annual General Meeting (for 2012) was held in January 2013; but there has been no subsequent AGM, as the Charity is closing. The Trustees and Committee met twice during the year; and Trustees and various Committee members met informally at other times. The Charity will continue to direct funds, including those raised by a closing appeal, towards the two projects referred to above.

Note: As earlier reported, the Charity's Trustees and organising Committee had reviewed the situation at the end of 2012 following the death of the Charity's founder and special advisor, Marguerite Kottulinsky Rohan. As there was no obvious successor to take over her role, it was decided that the Friends' activities, after more than twenty years, should be drawn to a close at the end of 2013. This was announced to members at the Annual General Meeting in January 2013. The final closing procedures will take place in 2014.



**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013 (CONTINUED)**

**DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES (AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)**

The constitution of the Board of Directors, Trustees and Executive Committee during the year was as follows:

**DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES**


N V THOMPSON (Chairman)  
C DE ROHAN  
W MATTHEWS  
N DE COURCY-IRELAND

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

N V THOMPSON (Chairman)  
C F DEWAR DURIE (Treasurer and Secretary)  
C DE ROHAN  
W MATTHEWS  
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M CURRALL  
D FRIESEN

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

  
N V THOMPSON  
Chairman

23 September 2014  
DATE



**ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

In accordance with instructions given to us, we have prepared the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013 set out on Pages 6 to 9 from information and explanations supplied to us by the management of the company.

We have not audited the financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express our audit opinion or any other form of assurance that the accounting records and the financial Statements are free from material misstatement.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – GENERAL FUND**

| <b><u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u></b>                | <b><u>2013</u></b> | <b><u>2012</u></b> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Donations – General                             | £ 6,668            | £ 5,558            |
| Sundry Net Income                               | 3,077              | 5,313              |
| Investment Income                               | 5                  | 3                  |
|   | -----              | -----              |
| <b><u>Total Incoming Resources</u></b>          | <b>£ 9,750</b>     | <b>£10,874</b>     |
|   | =====              | =====              |
| <b><u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u></b>                |                    |                    |
| <b><u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u></b>     | <b>£ 11,500</b>    | <b>£ 10,020</b>    |
| <b><u>Other Expenditure</u></b>                 |                    |                    |
| Management and Administration<br>of the Charity | 824                | 1,286              |
|   | -----              | -----              |
| <b><u>Total Resources Expended</u></b>          | <b>£ 12,324</b>    | <b>£ 11,306</b>    |
|   | =====              | =====              |
| Net Outgoing/Incoming Resources for the Year    | £(2,574)           | £(432)             |
| Balance Brought Forward<br>at 1 January 2013    | 14,401             | 14,833             |
|   | -----              | -----              |
| <b><u>Fund Balances Carried Forward</u></b>     |                    |                    |
| <b><u>at 31 December 2013</u></b>               | <b>£ 11,827</b>    | <b>£ 14,401</b>    |
|   | =====              | =====              |



**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013**

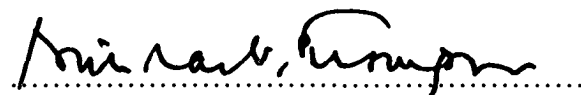
| <b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>        | <b><u>NOTES</u></b> | <b><u>2013</u></b> | <b><u>2012</u></b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Debtors                             | 3                   | £ -                | £ -                |
| Cash at Bank and In Hand            |                     | 11,827             | 14,401             |
|                                     |                     | =====              | =====              |
|                                     |                     | £ 11,827           | £ 14,401           |
|                                     |                     | =====              | =====              |
| <b><u>LESS:</u></b>                 |                     |                    |                    |
| <b><u>CREDITORS</u></b>             |                     |                    |                    |
| Amounts falling due within One Year | 4                   | £ -                | £ -                |
|                                     |                     | =====              | =====              |
| <b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>            |                     | £ 11,827           | £ 14,401           |
|                                     |                     | =====              | =====              |
| <b><u>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</u></b>    |                     | £ 11,827           | £ 14,401           |
|                                     |                     | =====              | =====              |

For the year ending 31 December 2013 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

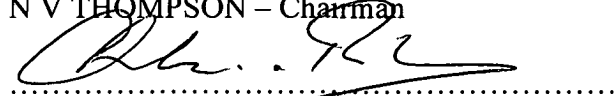
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to Small Companies, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for smaller entities (effective April 2008).



N V THOMPSON – Chairman

DIRECTOR



C DE ROJAN

DIRECTOR

Approved by the Board on 23 September 2014.

The Notes form part of these Financial Statements.

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

**Donations and Other Income**

Income is derived from donations, subscriptions and sundry sales.

**Allocation of Costs**

Costs are allocated between direct charitable and other expenditure according to the nature of the cost. Where items involve more than one category they are apportioned between the categories according to the nature of the cost. Detailed analysis of the allocation of costs is given in Note 2 to the Accounts.

**2. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED****Direct Charitable Expenditure**

|                                      | <u>2013</u>       | <u>2012</u>       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Donations to Castle Sychrov projects | £ 11,500<br>===== | £ 10,020<br>===== |

**Management and Administration**

|                                   | <u>2013</u>    | <u>2012</u>      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Telephone, Postage and Stationery | £ 482          | £ 585            |
| Sundry Expenses                   | 302            | 106              |
| Travel Expenses                   | 12             | 286              |
| Bank Charges                      | 28             | 309              |
|                                   | -----          | -----            |
|                                   | £ 824<br>===== | £ 1,286<br>===== |

**3. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING  
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                | <u>2013</u>  | <u>2012</u>  |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sundry Debtors | £ -<br>===== | £ -<br>===== |



**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013 (CONTINUED)**

**4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING  
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                  | <u>2013</u>  | <u>2012</u>  |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Accrued Expenses | £ -<br>===== | £ -<br>===== |

**5. FUNDS**

All the funds of the charity are unrestricted.



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THE INFORMATION WHICH APPEARS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES HAS BEEN PREPARED AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMPANY'S MANAGEMENT AND FOR MANAGEMENT PURPOSES ONLY AND DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE STATUTORY ACCOUNTS AND IS SUBMITTED TO THE INLAND REVENUE AND TO OTHER THIRD PARTIES AS INSTRUCTED BY THE DIRECTORS.