

**The Michael and Lesley Bennett
Charitable Trust
(Registered Charity No. 1047611)**

Accounts

for the year ended 5 April 2023

The Michael and Lesley Bennett Charitable Trust

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 5 April 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

Reference and Administrative Details

Name of the Charity:	The Michael and Lesley Bennett Charitable Trust
Charity Registration No:	1047611
Trustees:	Michael Bennett Lesley Bennett If new or additional trustees are appointed they will be encouraged to receive appropriate training depending on their qualifications and experience
Principal Office address:	Bedegars Lea Kenwood Close Hampstead London NW3 7JL
Reporting Accountants:	Mercer & Hole Trustees Limited 21 Lombard Street London EC3V 9AH
Bankers:	HSBC Plc Cross Roads 897 Finchley Road London NW11 7NX
Investment Managers:	London & Capital Plc 2 nd Floor Fitzroy Place 8 Mortimer Street London W1T 3JJ
Independent Examiner:	Steve Robinson Mercer & Hole LLP 72 London Road St Albans Herts AL1 1NS

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for the year ended 5 April 2023 (continued)

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document:	The principal governing document is a Charitable Trust Deed dated 7 June 1995.
Settlor:	Michael Bennett
Appointment of Trustees:	<p>Under the terms of the Deed, the Settlor, Michael Bennett, has the power to appoint new Trustees during his lifetime and thereafter the power vests with the Trustees. New Trustees may be appointed under a Deed signed and approved by the existing Trustees. The existing Trustees are responsible for the induction of any new Trustees which would involve having an awareness of a Trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, and the history and philosophy of the Charity.</p>
Investment Powers:	<p>The trustees have very wide powers of investment and have appointed London & Capital Plc as their investment managers.</p> <p>London & Capital Plc manage the investments on a discretionary basis.</p> <p>The major part of the income of the charity is derived from its investments. The investment managers' objective is to maximise total return with due regard to risk. The trustees regularly review with the investment managers the income requirement and capital base.</p>
Management and Control:	<p>The Trustees are responsible for strategy and policy and all major decisions are taken by the Trustees. Day to day activities are co-ordinated by the Charity's administrators, as it employs no staff.</p> <p>The Trustees examine major risks that the Charity faces every financial year and have developed systems to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact they may have on the Charity in the future.</p> <p>The Trustees have systems in place to identify any conflicts of interest that may occur. When a conflict of interest arises, the relevant Trustee agrees to withdraw from any discussion and decision making.</p>
Risk management:	<p>At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.</p>

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for the year ended 5 April 2023 (continued)

Objectives and Activities

- Objectives and Policies:** The trust was established to make grants for charitable purposes in any part of the world as the trustees shall think fit at their discretion. The trustees have power to pay or apply the whole or any part of the income or capital of the trust fund to any purpose body organisation(s) or object(s) which under the law of England shall be recognised as exclusively charitable.
- Grant making policy:** The trustees receive applications for grants and consider each one of the applications at their formal/informal meetings.
- The trustees' general policy is to aim to distribute each year the income as it arises but from time to time they may also distribute capital.
- Public benefit:** In applying such income and capital, the trustees are supportive of such charitable causes that are for public benefit. Each year the trustees review their objectives to ensure their aims are met. In carrying out this review, the trustees have considered the Charity Commissioners' general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

- Review of activities:** During the year the trustees have made donations amounting to £44,170.00 (2022: £54,812).

Financial Review

- Financial review:** The net movement in funds for the year amounted to a deficit of £748.52 (2022: surplus £20,636). All funds are unrestricted and amounted to £305,173.78 (2022: £305,922) at the balance sheet date. Losses on investments, both realised and unrealised, amounted to £12,268.50 (2022: loss £585).
- Reserves:** The Charity's powers to invest its funds are set out in the Charity's governing instrument. Any monies not immediately required for the furtherance of the Charity's objects may be invested at the discretion of the Trustees. There are no restrictions on the Trustees' power to invest funds.
- The Charity is not a functional Charity having operational staff and fixed overheads therefore the Trustees consider that it is not necessary to set a reserves policy.
- After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.
- Future plans:** The Trustees intend to continue their policy of making grants to the charitable purposes which fall within the objects of the Charity.

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Respective responsibilities of trustees

Accounting guidelines:

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102);
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019) UK Accounting Standards, the Charities Act 2011 and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and comply with the Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019.

Signed:
on behalf of Trustees

Dated:

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Michael and Lesley Bennett Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Michael and Lesley Bennett Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5 April 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 12.

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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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.

Signed:

Steve Robinson FCA
Mercer & Hole LLP
21 Lombard Street
London
EC3V 9AH

Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 5 April 2023

	Note	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Income and endowments			
Donations	3	61,625.00	79,625
Investment income	4	476.93	6,288
Tax repayment supplement		-	-
Total income and endowments		62,101.93	85,913
Expenditure on:			
Costs of raising funds			
Investment management costs	5	644.50	2,997
Charitable activities	6	50,872.47	60,315
Proir year adjustment for accrued income		-	1,839
Total expenditure		51,516.97	65,151
Net gains/(losses) on currency exchange		935.02	459
Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	(12,268.50)	(585)
Net income/(expenditure)		(748.52)	20,636
Net movement in funds		(748.52)	20,636
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		305,922.30	285,286
Total funds carried forward		305,173.78	305,922

All comparative income and expenditure was unrestricted.

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Balance sheet at 5 April 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Investments at market value	7	269,560.00	252,142
		269,560.00	252,142
Current Assets			
HM Revenue & Customs		40,750.00	28,425
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>3,353.67</u>	<u>32,455</u>
		44,103.67	60,880
Current liabilities:			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>8,489.89</u>	<u>7,100</u>
Net current assets		<u>35,613.78</u>	<u>53,780</u>
Total net assets		<u>305,173.78</u>	<u>305,922</u>
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted	10	<u>305,173.78</u>	<u>305,922</u>

Approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by

..... (Trustee).

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Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 5 April 2023

1. Accounting policies

a) *Basis of preparation*

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have therefore necessarily departed from the extant Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective from 1 April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

In future years, the key risks to the charity are fluctuation in the value of their investment and a fall in investment income but the trustees have arrangements in place to mitigate those risks by delegating the management of the portfolio to professional managers and regularly review their performance.

b) *Funds Structure*

The trustees maintain a general unrestricted fund which may be applied at the discretion of the trustees for achieving the objects of the charity as set out in the deed.

c) *Income recognition*

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Dividend income and interest from investment managers is received gross and shown gross.

d) *Expenditure recognition*

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

The trustees do not employ fundraisers and therefore the only costs of generating funds are the fees payable to the fund managers for the management and holding of the investments which produce the bulk of the charity's income.

No remuneration has been paid to the trustees and they have not incurred any expenses during the year. No staff are employed by the Charity.

The costs of raising funds consist of investment management costs.

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e) **Charitable activities**

Costs of charitable activities include grants made, governance costs and administration cost in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity.

f) **Grants payable**

Grants payable are charged in the statement for financial activities in the year in which the grant is authorised by the trustees.

g) **Debtors**

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

h) **Cash at bank**

Cash at bank is held to meet the day to day running costs of the charity as they fall due.

i) **Creditors**

Creditors are amounts owed by the charity. They are measured at the amount that the charity expects to have to pay to settle the debt.

j) **Fixed asset investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

k) **Realised gains and losses**

Realised gains represent the profit by comparing the net proceeds of sale of investment with the market value of that investment as at 5 April 2022 or subsequent cost.

Unrealised gains represent the difference in market value at 5 April 2023 as compared with the market value at 5 April 2022 or subsequent cost.

2. Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration

The charity's trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration for the work that they undertake as trustees. However, they can claim expenses to reimburse them for costs that they incur in fulfilling their duties. During the year the trustees' remuneration and re-imbursed costs were £nil (2022: £nil).

During the year, the Charity received donations totalling £49,300 (2022: £63,700) from Michael Bennett, a Trustee. Included in note 8 is £2,300 (2022: £2,300) due to Michael Bennett.

3. Donations and legacies

Donations received including gift aid

2023	2022
61,625.00	79,625
61,625.00	79,625

4. Investment income

Dividends

2023	2022
£	£
476.93	6,288
476.93	6,288

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5. Cost of raising funds	2023	2022
	£	£
Investment management charges	644.50	2,997
	644.50	2,997
6. Charitable activities	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants to institutions		
Anglo Israel Association	-	250
Arts Therapies for Children	-	250
Been There	200.00	-
Ben Gurion University Foundation	150.00	100
Bevis Marks Synagogue Heritage Foundation	-	250
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation	200.00	200
British Friends of Sarah Herzog Memorial Hospital	100.00	-
British Friends of Chang Saveah	150.00	-
Camp Simcha	150.00	100
Campaign Against Antisemitism	150.00	-
Central British Fund For World Jewish Relief	200.00	12,000
Centre Point	320.00	400
Chai Cancer Care	3,500.00	5,100
Combat Stress	100.00	100
Community Security Trust	1,000.00	3,500
Crisis UK	200.00	-
First Workings Inc	-	5,017
Goods for Good Global	650.00	100
Guys Trust	100.00	-
Hadassah Medical Center	150.00	-
Heart Cells Foundation	1,000.00	250
Holocaust Educational Trust	1,500.00	750
Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Foundation UK	150.00	-
Jami UK	250.00	500
Jewish Blind and Disabled	300.00	-
Jewish Care	13,000.00	13,100
Jewish Child's Day	150.00	375
Jewish Policy Research	-	100
Jewish Women's Aid	100.00	250
JNE Foundation	-	-
Jnetics	400.00	100
JNF Charitable Trust	-	600
JW3 Development	300.00	-
Kol Nidre Appeal	-	500
Lifelites	-	450
Maccabi GB	250.00	-
Magen David Adom UK	250.00	250
March of the Living UK	-	200
Nightingale Hammerson	500.00	800
Noah's Ark Children's Hospice	100.00	250
North London Hospice	150.00	250
Norwood Ravenswood	1,800.00	500
ORT UK	500.00	500
Ovarian Cancer Action	200.00	350
	28,220.00	47,442

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Grants continued.

CF	28,220.00	47,442
Royal Free Charity	-	500
Royal Marsden	250.00	-
Shaare Zedek UK	250.00	-
Sir Simon Milton Foundation	250.00	-
SS John And Elizabeth Charity	250.00	-
St Peter's Hospice	100.00	-
Technion UK	-	500
The Institute of Fundraising	100.00	-
The Wiener Holocaust Library	250.00	100
Tikva UK	-	250
UK Gives Limited	-	100
United Synagogue	1,500.00	220
WaterAid Ltd	300.00	-
We Believe In Israel	100.00	100
Wizo UK	350.00	250
World Jewish Relief	12,250.00	5,100
Yad Sarah	-	150
ZSV Trust	-	100
	44,170.00	54,812

Grants by category

Arts, Culture, Humanities - 4 donations	13,300.00	5,200
Community Development - 20 donations	20,120.00	31,095
Education - 4 donations	2,400.00	7,667
Health -17 donations	8,150.00	10,650
Religion - 1 donation	200.00	200
Total	44,170.00	54,812

Governance costs

Accountancy fees	1,836.00	3,570
Independent examination fees	4,500.00	1,230
	6,336.00	4,800

Administration costs

Bank charges	366.47	703
	366.47	703

Total charitable activities

	50,872.47	60,315
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7. Investments

Movement in fixed asset listed investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value at 6 April 2022	252,142.00	256,721
Additions	131,505.01	426,262
Disposal proceeds	(102,295.44)	(430,315)
Cash movements	-	59
Net realised and unrealised investment gains/(losses)	(11,791.57)	(585)
Market value at 5 April 2023	269,560.00	252,142
Historical cost as at 5 April 2023	275,894.00	253,553