

BENEDICTINE NUNS OF CURZON PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1049013

Details

Other names	BENEDICTINE ABBEY CURZON PARK
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1995-09-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES WHICH ADVANCE THE RELIGIOUS AND OTHER CHARITABLE WORK OF THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY CURZON PARK CHESTER OR FOR SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC RELIGION.

Activities: The charity's object is the advancement of religion, especially Roman Catholic faith. The trustees primarily achieve this through maintenance & support of a community of Nuns resident at Curzon Park. In addition the charity is engaged in prayers, almsgiving & hospitality. Regular donations are made on a monthly basis to other charities. Financial assistance is also given to individuals in need.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£17,575	£145,107	-	-
2023-12-31	£34,635	£150,565	-	-
2022-12-31	£30,738	£138,390	-	-
2021-12-31	£58,140	£150,100	-	-
2020-12-31	£83,351	£127,617	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abbess Bridget Ann Brennan		2025-05-07
DAME CHRISTOPHER GODDEN		
DAME CLARE COLLINS		
Dame Michelle Ruth Maurer		2021-01-21

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Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1049013

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2023

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Charity registration number 1049013

Principal office 10 Curzon Park South
Chester
CH48AB

The trustees

Dame SL Collins (Chairman)
Dame S M Godden
Dame M R Maurer

Independent examiner Mr N S Jenkins

Structure, governance and management

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park is a charity (registered charity number 1049013) established and governed by a Trust Deed dated 22 August 1995. The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Trustees are appointed by the Superior and all are members of the Superior's Council.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Objectives and activities

The Charity's principal object is the advancement of religion, especially the Roman Catholic faith. The Trustees primarily achieve this through the maintenance and support of a community of nuns resident at Curzon Park.

In addition it is engaged in prayer, almsgiving and hospitality, and regular donations are made on a monthly basis to other charities. Financial assistance is also given to individuals in need.

The Trustees have complied with their duty given in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 by having referred to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

In setting the objectives and planning the activities for the year the Trustees have given careful consideration to ensuring that the charity's activities are to the public benefit, having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. In particular the Trustees consider that public benefit is achieved by the following activities:

- Hospitality: for individual guests, for private retreatants, for Ecumenical groups, Christian prayer groups and Oblates at a cost lower than that charged by commercial facilities. This enables Old Age Pensioners to share these meetings, to mutual benefit.
- Addressing people's spiritual needs: through spiritual accompaniment, by responding to prayer requests, by providing opportunities for quiet days, providing retreat facilities to enable the deepening of spiritual perception, and through correspondence as well as through our website, and even through casual encounters in hospitals and with passers - by.
- Ethical investment policy
- Caring for our older nuns
- Reducing carbon footprints through conscientious recycling
- Contribution to other Charities
- Indirect influence upon casual visitors. Some have never met nuns before and they are relieved to find us friendly and human.
- Our garden contains small uncultivated areas, including a small meadow, which attracts bees, moths and butterflies. There are frogs and newts in the ponds, and compost bins are full of red worms recycling the food unsuitable for birds or other creatures.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Achievements and performance

In our monastic life we endeavour to live a life faithfully committed to God, and for the benefit of all created beings, both as a community and as individuals. Our chief guide-lines are the commands to love God above all else, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. The clause 'as ourselves' may be an obstacle if we lack in self-acceptance. It is this hindrance in our spirituality which the Rule of Saint Benedict helps us to correct, through the grace of God.

Our monastic activities are guided by a timetable calling us daily to communal activities, chiefly liturgical prayer and the celebration of Eucharist, and to meals together. We are expected to pray alone during the day, to meditate and reflect on spiritual reading, and to do our manual work as a service to each other, and the betterment of community life. Peaceful sharing in such tasks is a great blessing. We are called 'not to live by bread alone' but by every word which proceeds from God, through the mediation of others and their prayers.

We have had a reduced number of people coming for retreats since the pandemic. Guests who choose to share our monastic life by attending community prayer and meals deeply appreciate this.

The Enevis Solar PV System continues to provide good service.

We have continued our donations to other needy charities. We have also supported local charity shops and, whenever possible have contributed a shop to the local food bank.

We sponsor the two local Church Primary Schools with books produced and published by the Police Community Club an organisation run by serving and retired police officers. The concept came from police officers' experience with working with young people, who realised that there are avenues to help develop youth initiatives, there were few resources that focused solely on developing life skills and citizenship values, with the aims of reducing crime and disorder.

Citizenship is recognised as a vital area of Personal, Social and Health education. The books we provide through our sponsorship twice a year, are specifically designed programmes to support teachers and parents in addressing bullying, vandalism, drugs alcohol, tobacco, knife crime and other sensitive subjects with key stage 1 & 2 children. The books are written to be fun with interactive support and are punctuated with activities which develop learning objectives for the children. The books are told in story form with the story line based around two woodland characters, Barney, and Echo and their friends. The two schools are most appreciative of the books.

The lay people who attend Mass here remain a kind and generous blessing. Their presence reminds us that we are part of the body of Christ, and that our vocation is one which encourages and supports those around us. We are grateful for their spiritual support too.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Financial review

Results for the year show net income of £150,924 (2022: Net expenditure of £358,448).

Total income received excluding investment gains was £34,635 (2022: £30,738), this consists primarily of nuns income of £27,692 (2022: £23,378) and loan interest receivable of £3,999 (2022 - £4,101).

Expenditure totalled £151,349 (2022: £139,174).

The investments recorded net unrealised gains of £267,638 (2022: Net losses of £250,012).

Reserves Policy

The Charity has the following Reserves Policy -

'to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (excluding fixed assets) which equates to approximately eighteen month's unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time'.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual 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 and 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:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and- prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the (Charity Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the 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.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Properties held as custodian trustees

The two properties owned by the charity, namely 10 Curzon Park South, Chester and 2 The Paddocks, Chester, are registered in the names of the trustees named on page one of these accounts and held as trustees of the charity known as the Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 12 July 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Dame SL Collins (Chairman)
Trustee



Dame S M Godden
Trustee

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

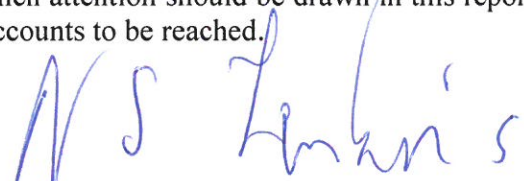
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



Mr N S Jenkins
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2023

		2023		2022	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	27,692	–	27,692	23,376
Charitable activities	5	949	–	949	1,897
Other trading activities	6	1,995	–	1,995	1,364
Investment income	7	3,999	–	3,999	4,101
Total income		<u>34,635</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>34,635</u>	<u>30,738</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	150,565	784	151,349	139,174
Total expenditure		<u>150,565</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>151,349</u>	<u>139,174</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	(267,638)	–	(267,638)	250,012
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		<u>151,708</u>	<u>(784)</u>	<u>150,924</u>	<u>(358,448)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>3,951,455</u>	<u>23,518</u>	<u>3,974,973</u>	<u>4,333,421</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>4,103,163</u>	<u>22,734</u>	<u>4,125,897</u>	<u>3,974,973</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	562,216	582,680
Investments	16	3,447,688	3,180,050
		<u>4,009,904</u>	<u>3,762,730</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	17	23,563	20,827
Cash at bank and in hand		99,596	199,437
		<u>123,159</u>	<u>220,264</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	7,166	8,021
Net current assets		<u>115,993</u>	<u>212,243</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>4,125,897</u>	<u>3,974,973</u>
Net assets		<u>4,125,897</u>	<u>3,974,973</u>
Funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		22,734	23,518
Unrestricted funds		4,103,163	3,951,455
Total charity funds	19	<u>4,125,897</u>	<u>3,974,973</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 12 July 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

SL Collins

Dame SL Collins (Chairman)
Trustee

SM Godden

Dame S M Godden
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Benedictine Abbey, 10 Curzon Park South, Chester, Cheshire, CH4 8AB.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans are measured at the amount received or paid adjusted for any repayments and any accrued interest.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

a) The Charity's general funds consist of funds which the Charity may use for its charitable purposes at its discretion.

b) The Charity has designated certain funds for the acquisition, improvement, maintenance and furnishing of buildings. Similarly a separate fund has been designated to deal with investments required to ensure the future income and operation of the Charity. There is no legal force for the designations and further details of the funds can be found in Note 19.

c) The Charity holds an expendable endowment fund and further information is detailed in Note 19.

Incoming resources

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Nuns income represents pensions received by the nuns and are recognised on a receivable basis.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes irrecoverable VAT. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to charitable activities.

Costs of charitable activities include costs of support and maintenance of the community of nuns, costs of running the retreat house, grants made and governance costs.

Grants payable are recognised when payments are authorised.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Fixed assets are included in the accounts at their historical cost with the exception of tangible assets donated on the creation of the Trust, which have been valued in accordance with their insurance values at that time.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2-2.5% straight line
Furnishings and equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	-	20% straight line

Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations				
Nuns income	26,598	26,598	22,741	22,741
Donations	1,094	1,094	595	595
Miscellaneous	—	—	40	40
	<u>27,692</u>	<u>27,692</u>	<u>23,376</u>	<u>23,376</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from visitors to the Retreat House	949	949	1,897	1,897

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Wayleaves	45	45	45	45
Sundry income - solar	1,950	1,950	1,319	1,319
	<u>1,995</u>	<u>1,995</u>	<u>1,364</u>	<u>1,364</u>

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Other interest receivable	<u>3,999</u>	<u>3,999</u>	<u>4,101</u>	<u>4,101</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Charitable activities	127,412	–	127,412
Emmaus retreat house	7,537	784	8,321
Grants payable	13,448	–	13,448
Support costs	2,168	–	2,168
	<u>150,565</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>151,349</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Charitable activities	115,267	–	115,267
Emmaus retreat house	5,733	784	6,517
Grants payable	15,358	–	15,358
Support costs	2,032	–	2,032
	<u>138,390</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>139,174</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Charitable activities	127,412	–	127,412	115,267
Emmaus retreat house	8,321	–	8,321	6,517
Grants payable	–	13,448	13,448	15,358
Support costs	2,168	–	2,168	2,032
	<u>137,901</u>	<u>13,448</u>	<u>151,349</u>	<u>139,174</u>

10. Analysis of grants

	2023 £	2022 £
Grants to institutions		
Animal welfare	3,309	3,959
Elderly support	1,200	1,200
Overseas aid	2,420	3,495
Children	2,678	2,354
Medical	1,208	1,541
Other	2,633	2,809
	<u>13,448</u>	<u>15,358</u>
Total grants	<u>13,448</u>	<u>15,358</u>

11. Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>267,638</u>	<u>267,638</u>	<u>(250,012)</u>	<u>(250,012)</u>

12. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>20,813</u>	<u>20,980</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

13. Independent examination fees

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>2,166</u>	<u>2,030</u>

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

All trustees are nuns of the Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park and do not receive any remuneration by virtue of their position as trustees.

The charity maintains and supports the trustees in the same way as nuns who are not trustees. As this is part of the charitable objects of the charity it is not seen to be remuneration for their services as trustees.

No expenses have been paid or reimbursed to the trustees by virtue of their position as trustees.

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	1,181,598	127,409	8,223	1,317,230
Additions	—	—	349	349
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,181,598</u>	<u>127,409</u>	<u>8,572</u>	<u>1,317,579</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2023	605,339	121,107	8,104	734,550
Charge for the year	19,730	953	130	20,813
At 31 December 2023	<u>625,069</u>	<u>122,060</u>	<u>8,234</u>	<u>755,363</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2023	<u>556,529</u>	<u>5,349</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>562,216</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>576,259</u>	<u>6,302</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>582,680</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

15. Tangible fixed assets *(continued)*

The following properties are included within Fixed Assets:

10 Curzon Park South, Chester
2 The Paddock, Chester (Emmaus)

Tangible assets donated on creation of the Trust have been valued in accordance with their insurance values at the time. All tangible assets are used in direct furtherance of the charity's objectives.

16. Investments

	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2023	3,080,050	100,000	3,180,050
Additions	–	–	–
Net unrealised gains on investments	267,638	–	267,638
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,347,688</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>3,447,688</u>
Impairment			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023		–	–
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,347,688</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>3,447,688</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>3,080,050</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>3,180,050</u>

The above carrying amounts are recognised as follows:

	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total £
At 31 December 2023			
Held at fair value	3,347,688	–	3,347,688
Held at historical cost less impairment	–	100,000	100,000
At 31 December 2022			
Held at fair value	3,080,050	–	3,080,050
Held at historical cost less impairment	–	100,000	100,000

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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16. Investments *(continued)*

Financial assets held at fair value

The cost of the listed investments held at the year end, at fair value was £1,711,234 (2022: £1,711,234). Other investments of £100,000 (2022- £100,000) is a concessionary loan to Stanbrook Abbey, Was, Yorkshire, for the building of their church. Interest on this loan is charged at 3.5% per annum. The trustees previously agreed that interest would no longer be charged on this loan, however, Stateroom Abbey decided that they wished to pay the interest. This has been received up to October 2020 and the balance has been accrued in the accounts.

17. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	2,758	2,284
Other debtors	20,805	18,543
	<u>23,563</u>	<u>20,827</u>

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	7,166	8,021
	<u>7,166</u>	<u>8,021</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

19. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	187,362	34,635	(130,665)	–	91,332
Capital fund	3,080,050	–	–	267,638	3,347,688
Building fund	314,508	–	(12,250)	–	302,258
Other designated fund	369,535	–	(7,650)	–	361,885
	<u>3,951,455</u>	<u>34,635</u>	<u>(150,565)</u>	<u>267,638</u>	<u>4,103,163</u>

	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2022 £
General funds	275,455	30,738	(118,831)	–	187,362
Capital fund	3,330,062	–	–	(250,012)	3,080,050
Building fund	326,418	–	(11,910)	–	314,508
Other designated fund	377,184	–	(7,649)	–	369,535
	<u>4,309,119</u>	<u>30,738</u>	<u>(138,390)</u>	<u>(250,012)</u>	<u>3,951,455</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

19. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Building Fund

This fund represents the net book value of the Charity's land and buildings, excluding the new Annex and the retreat centre (see note 20). A transfer is made to or from unrestricted reserves each year to ensure that the fund continues to reflect the net book value of these assets.

Capital Fund

This fund represents the market value of the Charity's Investment portfolio. A transfer is made from unrestricted reserves each year to ensure that the fund continues to reflect the market value of these assets.

Other Designated Funds

These funds represent a donation from St Mary's Priory that has been designated towards helping finance future building projects of the Charity, and the Annex fund which represents the net book value of the charity's annex building.

Unrestricted General Fund

This fund represents unrestricted funds that have not been designated for any particular purpose.

Endowment funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2023 £
Expendable Endowment Fund	<u>23,518</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(784)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>22,734</u>

	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2022 £
Expendable Endowment Fund	<u>24,302</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(784)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>23,518</u>

In 1997, the Emmaus retreat centre was transferred to the Charity with the expectation that it would continue to be used by the Charity as a retreat centre. The direct charitable expenditure charged to this fund is in respect of the depreciation of the building which is charged at the rate of two percent on a straight line basis.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	539,482	22,734	562,216
Investments	3,447,688	–	3,447,688
Current assets	123,159	–	123,159
Creditors less than 1 year	(7,166)	–	(7,166)
Net assets	<u>4,103,163</u>	<u>22,734</u>	<u>4,125,897</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	559,162	23,518	582,680
Investments	3,180,050	–	3,180,050
Current assets	220,264	–	220,264
Creditors less than 1 year	(8,021)	–	(8,021)
Net assets	<u>3,951,455</u>	<u>23,518</u>	<u>3,974,973</u>

21. Transactions with trustees

During the year the Trustees donated their pensions amounting to £13,572 (2022 - £10,239) to the charity, in the same way as nuns who are not trustees. There were no conditions attached to these donations.

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Management Information

Year ended 31 December 2023

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Nuns income	26,598	22,741
Donations	1,094	595
Miscellaneous	—	40
	<u>27,692</u>	<u>23,376</u>
Charitable activities		
Income from visitors to the Retreat House	<u>949</u>	<u>1,897</u>
Other trading activities		
Wayleaves	45	45
Sundry income - solar	<u>1,950</u>	<u>1,319</u>
	<u>1,995</u>	<u>1,364</u>
Investment income		
Other interest receivable	<u>3,999</u>	<u>4,101</u>
Total income	<u><u>34,635</u></u>	<u><u>30,738</u></u>

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Depreciation	20,813	20,980
Loss on asset	–	66
Grants paid	13,448	15,358
Church expenses	8,817	10,690
Bank expenses	179	164
Cleaning	8,326	8,287
Rates and water	5,184	5,241
Light and heat	14,042	11,505
Repairs and maintenance	40,322	26,317
Insurance	2,679	2,555
Sundries	4,972	4,668
Travel expenses	2,359	1,749
Household provisions	18,587	18,541
Medical and care costs	6,766	8,296
Postage, telephone, books and stationery	2,687	2,725
Independent examination and accountancy	2,168	2,032
	<u>151,349</u>	<u>139,174</u>
Total expenditure	<u>151,349</u>	<u>139,174</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>267,638</u>	<u>250,012</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>150,924</u>	<u>358,448</u>

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Charitable activities		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Depreciation	20,029	20,196
Loss on asset	–	66
Church expenses	8,817	10,690
Bank expenses	179	164
Cleaning	8,326	8,287
Rates and water	3,117	3,364
Light and heat	11,734	10,064
Repairs and maintenance	39,873	25,780
Insurance	2,359	2,255
Sundries	3,083	3,594
Travel expenses	1,855	1,245
Household provisions	18,587	18,541
Medical and care costs	6,766	8,296
Postage, telephone, books and stationery	2,687	2,725
	<u>127,412</u>	<u>115,267</u>
Emmaus retreat house		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Depreciation	784	784
Rates and water	2,067	1,877
Light and heat	2,308	1,441
Repairs and maintenance	449	537
Insurance	320	300
Sundries	1,889	1,074
Telephone	504	504
	<u>8,321</u>	<u>6,517</u>
Grants payable		
<i>Grant funding activities</i>		
Grant charitable activity - Grants paid	13,448	15,358
Support costs		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Independent examination and accountancy	2,168	2,032
	<u>2,168</u>	<u>2,032</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>151,349</u>	<u>139,174</u>

BENEDICTINE NUNS OF CURZON PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1049013

Accounts

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2022

UHY HACKER YOUNG

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The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

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The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Charity registration number 1049013

Principal office 10 Curzon Park South
Chester
CH48AB

The trustees

Dame SL Collins (Chairman)
Dame S Godden
Sister M R Maurer

Independent examiner Mr N S Jenkins

Structure, governance and management

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park is a charity (registered charity number 1049013) established and governed by a Trust Deed dated 22 August 1995. The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Trustees are appointed by the Abbess and are all members of the Abbess' Council.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

Objectives and activities

The Charity's principal object is the advancement of religion, especially the Roman Catholic faith. The Trustees primarily achieve this through the maintenance and support of a community of nuns resident at Curzon Park.

In addition it is engaged in prayer, almsgiving and hospitality, and regular donations are made on a monthly basis to other charities. Financial assistance is also given to individuals in need.

The Trustees have complied with their duty given in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 by having referred to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

In setting the objectives and planning the activities for the year the Trustees have given careful consideration to ensuring that the charity's activities are to the public benefit, having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. In particular the Trustees consider that public benefit is achieved by the following activities:

- Hospitality: for individual guests, for private retreatants, for Ecumenical groups, Christian prayer groups and Oblates at a cost lower than that charged by commercial facilities. This enables Old Age Pensioners to share these meetings, to mutual benefit.
- Addressing people's spiritual needs: through spiritual accompaniment, by responding to prayer requests, by providing opportunities for quiet days, providing retreat facilities to enable the deepening of spiritual perception, and through correspondence as well as through our website, and even through casual encounters in hospitals and with passers - by.
- Ethical investment policy
- Caring for our older nuns: thus providing a model of care highly approved by NHS contacts, and consequently reducing the cost to the State, and thus to the Public in these areas.
- Reducing carbon footprints through conscientious recycling
- Contribution to other Charities
- Indirect influence upon casual visitors. Some have never met nuns before and they are relieved to find us friendly and human.
- Our garden contains small uncultivated areas, including a small meadow, which attracts bees, moths and butterflies. There are frogs and newts in the ponds, and compost bins are full of red worms recycling the food unsuitable for birds or other creatures.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

Achievements and performance

In our monastic life we endeavour to live a life faithfully committed to God, and for the benefit of all created beings, both as a community and as individuals. Our chief guide-lines are the commands to love God above all else, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. The clause 'as ourselves' may be an obstacle if we lack in self-acceptance. It is this hindrance in our spirituality which the Rule of Saint Benedict helps us to correct, through the grace of God.

Our monastic activities are guided by a timetable calling us daily to communal activities, chiefly liturgical prayer and the celebration of Eucharist, and to meals together. We are expected to pray alone during the day, to meditate and reflect on spiritual reading, and to do our manual work as a service to each other, and the betterment of community life. Peaceful sharing in such tasks is a great blessing. We are called 'not to live by bread alone' but by every word which proceeds from God, through the mediation of others and their prayers.

We have had a reduced number of people coming for retreats during the pandemic. Those guests who choose to share our monastic life by attending community prayer and meals deeply appreciate this.

The Enevis Solar PV System continues to provide good service.

We have increased our donations to other needy charities especially during the pandemic. We have also supported local charity shops and, whenever possible have contributed a shop to the local food bank.

We sponsor the two local Church Primary Schools with books produced and published by the Police Community Club an organisation run by serving and retired police officers. The concept came from police officers' experience with working with young people, who realised that there are avenues to help develop youth initiatives, there were few resources that focused solely on developing life skills and citizenship values, with the aims of reducing crime and disorder.

Citizenship is recognised as a vital area of Personal, Social and Health education. The books we provide through our sponsorship twice a year, are specifically designed programmes to support teachers and parents in addressing bullying, vandalism, drugs alcohol, tobacco, knife crime and other sensitive subjects with key stage 1 & 2 children. The books are written to be fun with interactive support and are punctuated with activities which develop learning objectives for the children. The books are told in story form with the story line based around two woodland characters, Barney, and Echo and their friends. The two schools are most appreciative

The lay people who attend Mass here remain a kind and generous blessing. Their presence reminds us that we are part of the body of Christ, and that our vocation is one which encourages and supports those around us. We are grateful for their spiritual support too.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

Financial review

Results for the year show net expenditure of £358,448 (2021: Net income of £342,523).

Total income received excluding investment gains was £30,738 (2021: £58,140), this consists primarily of nuns income of £23,378 (2021: £48,139) and loan interest receivable of £4,101 (2021 - £7,027).

Expenditure totalled £139,174 (2021: £150,100).

The investments recorded net unrealised losses of £250,012 (2021: Net gains of £434,483).

Reserves Policy

The Charity has the following Reserves Policy -

'to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (excluding fixed assets) which equates to approximately eighteen month's unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time'.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual 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 and 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:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and- prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the (Charity Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the 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 Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

Properties held as custodian trustees

The two properties owned by the charity, namely 10 Curzon Park South, Chester and 2 The Paddocks, Chester, are registered in the names of the trustees named on page one of these accounts and held as trustees of the charity known as the Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 3 August 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Dame SL Collins (Chairman)
Trustee



Dame S Godden
Trustee

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Year ended 31 December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

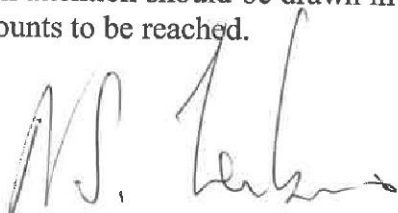
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



Mr N S Jenkins
Independent Examiner

c/o UHY Hacker Young
St Johns Chambers
Love Street
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The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2022

		2022		2021	
		Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	
	Note	£	£	£	
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	23,376	–	23,376	49,174
Charitable activities	5	1,897	–	1,897	210
Other trading activities	6	1,364	–	1,364	1,729
Investment income	7	4,101	–	4,101	7,027
Total income		<u>30,738</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>30,738</u>	<u>58,140</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	<u>138,390</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>139,174</u>	<u>150,100</u>
Total expenditure		<u>138,390</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>139,174</u>	<u>150,100</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	11	250,012	–	250,012	(434,483)
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		<u>(357,664)</u>	<u>(784)</u>	<u>(358,448)</u>	<u>342,523</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>4,309,119</u>	<u>24,302</u>	<u>4,333,421</u>	<u>3,990,898</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>3,951,455</u>	<u>23,518</u>	<u>3,974,973</u>	<u>4,333,421</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these financial statements.


The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

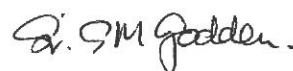
Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	582,680	603,148
Investments	16	3,180,050	3,530,062
		<u>3,762,730</u>	<u>4,133,210</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	17	20,827	12,392
Cash at bank and in hand		199,437	192,693
		<u>220,264</u>	<u>205,085</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	8,021	4,874
Net current assets		<u>212,243</u>	<u>200,211</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,974,973</u>	<u>4,333,421</u>
Net assets		<u>3,974,973</u>	<u>4,333,421</u>
Funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		23,518	24,302
Unrestricted funds		3,951,455	4,309,119
Total charity funds	19	<u>3,974,973</u>	<u>4,333,421</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 3 August 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:


Dame SL Collins (Chairman)
Trustee


Dame S Godden
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2022

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Benedictine Abbey, 10 Curzon Park South, Chester, Cheshire, CH4 8AB.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans are measured at the amount received or paid adjusted for any repayments and any accrued interest.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

a) The Charity's general funds consist of funds which the Charity may use for its charitable purposes at its discretion.

b) The Charity has designated certain funds for the acquisition, improvement, maintenance and furnishing of buildings. Similarly a separate fund has been designated to deal with investments required to ensure the future income and operation of the Charity. There is no legal force for the designations and further details of the funds can be found in Note 19.

c) The Charity holds an expendable endowment fund and further information is detailed in Note 19.

Incoming resources

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Nuns income represents pensions received by the nuns and are recognised on a receivable basis.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes irrecoverable VAT. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to charitable activities.

Costs of charitable activities include costs of support and maintenance of the community of nuns, costs of running the retreat house, grants made and governance costs.

Grants payable are recognised when payments are authorised.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Fixed assets are included in the accounts at their historical cost with the exception of tangible assets donated on the creation of the Trust, which have been valued in accordance with their insurance values at that time.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2-2.5% straight line
Furnishings and equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	-	20% straight line

Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations				
Nuns income	22,741	22,741	48,139	48,139
Donations	595	595	730	730
Miscellaneous	40	40	305	305
	<u>23,376</u>	<u>23,376</u>	<u>49,174</u>	<u>49,174</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from visitors to the Retreat House	<u>1,897</u>	<u>1,897</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>210</u>

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Wayleaves	45	45	45	45
Sundry income - solar	1,319	1,319	1,684	1,684
	<u>1,364</u>	<u>1,364</u>	<u>1,729</u>	<u>1,729</u>

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Other interest receivable	4,101	4,101	7,027	7,027
	<u>4,101</u>	<u>4,101</u>	<u>7,027</u>	<u>7,027</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Charitable activities	115,267	–	115,267
Emmaus retreat house	5,733	784	6,517
Grants payable	15,358	–	15,358
Support costs	2,032	–	2,032
	<u>138,390</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>139,174</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Charitable activities	121,817	–	121,817
Emmaus retreat house	8,909	784	9,693
Grants payable	14,201	–	14,201
Support costs	4,389	–	4,389
	<u>149,316</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>150,100</u>

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Charitable activities	115,267	–	115,267	121,817
Emmaus retreat house	6,517	–	6,517	9,693
Grants payable	–	15,358	15,358	14,201
Support costs	2,032	–	2,032	4,389
	<u>123,816</u>	<u>15,358</u>	<u>139,174</u>	<u>150,100</u>

10. Analysis of grants

	2022 £	2021 £
Grants to institutions		
Animal welfare	3,959	3,723
Elderly support	1,200	1,200
Overseas aid	3,495	2,521
Children	2,354	2,726
Medical	1,541	1,301
Other	2,809	2,730
	<u>15,358</u>	<u>14,201</u>
Total grants	<u>15,358</u>	<u>14,201</u>

11. Net (losses)/gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>(250,012)</u>	<u>(250,012)</u>	<u>434,483</u>	<u>434,483</u>

12. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>20,980</u>	<u>21,167</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

13. Independent examination fees

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>2,030</u>	<u>1,860</u>

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

All trustees are nuns of the Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park and do not receive any remuneration by virtue of their position as trustees.

The charity maintains and supports the trustees in the same way as nuns who are not trustees. As this is part of the charitable objects of the charity it is not seen to be remuneration for their services as trustees.

No expenses have been paid or reimbursed to the trustees by virtue of their position as trustees.

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	1,181,598	126,961	8,223	1,316,782
Additions	–	678	–	678
Disposals	–	(230)	–	(230)
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,181,598</u>	<u>127,409</u>	<u>8,223</u>	<u>1,317,230</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	585,609	120,047	7,978	713,634
Charge for the year	19,730	1,124	126	20,980
Disposals	–	(64)	–	(64)
At 31 December 2022	<u>605,339</u>	<u>121,107</u>	<u>8,104</u>	<u>734,550</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2022	<u>576,259</u>	<u>6,302</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>582,680</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>595,989</u>	<u>6,914</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>603,148</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

15. Tangible fixed assets *(continued)*

The following properties are included within Fixed Assets:

10 Curzon Park South, Chester
2 The Paddock, Chester (Emmaus)

Tangible assets donated on creation of the Trust have been valued in accordance with their insurance values at the time. All tangible assets are used in direct furtherance of the charity's objectives.

16. Investments

	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2022	3,330,062	200,000	3,530,062
Additions	–	–	–
Disposals	–	(100,000)	(100,000)
Net unrealised gains on investments	(250,012)	–	(250,012)
At 31 December 2022	<u>3,080,050</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>3,180,050</u>
Impairment			
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022		–	–
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2022	<u>3,080,050</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>3,180,050</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,330,062</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>3,530,062</u>

The above carrying amounts are recognised as follows:

	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total £
At 31 December 2022			
Held at fair value	3,080,050	–	3,080,050
Held at historical cost less impairment	–	100,000	100,000
At 31 December 2021			
Held at fair value	3,330,062	–	3,330,062
Held at historical cost less impairment	–	200,000	200,000

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

16. Investments *(continued)*

Financial assets held at fair value

The cost of the listed investments held at the year end, at fair value was £1,711,234 (2021: £1,711,234). Other investments of £100,000 (2021 - £200,000) is a concessionary loan to Stanbrook Abbey, Wass, Yorkshire, for the building of their church. Interest on this loan is charged at 3.5% per annum. The trustees previously agreed that interest would no longer be charged on this loan, however, Stanbrook Abbey decided that they wished to pay the interest. This has been received up to October 2020 and the balance has been accrued in the accounts.

17. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	2,284	2,073
Other debtors	18,543	10,319
	<u>20,827</u>	<u>12,392</u>

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	8,021	4,874
	<u>8,021</u>	<u>4,874</u>

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

19. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2022 £
General funds	275,455	30,738	(118,831)	–	187,362
Capital fund	3,330,062	–	–	(250,012)	3,080,050
Building fund	326,418	–	(11,910)	–	314,508
Other designated fund	377,184	–	(7,649)	–	369,535
	<u>4,309,119</u>	<u>30,738</u>	<u>(138,390)</u>	<u>(250,012)</u>	<u>3,951,455</u>

	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2021 £
General funds	346,440	58,140	(129,125)	–	275,455
Capital fund	2,895,579	–	–	434,483	3,330,062
Building fund	338,960	–	(12,542)	–	326,418
Other designated fund	384,833	–	(7,649)	–	377,184
	<u>3,965,812</u>	<u>58,140</u>	<u>(149,316)</u>	<u>434,483</u>	<u>4,309,119</u>

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Year ended 31 December 2022

19. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Building Fund

This fund represents the net book value of the Charity's land and buildings, excluding the new Annex and the retreat centre (see note 20). A transfer is made to or from unrestricted reserves each year to ensure that the fund continues to reflect the net book value of these assets.

Capital Fund

This fund represents the market value of the Charity's Investment portfolio. A transfer is made from unrestricted reserves each year to ensure that the fund continues to reflect the market value of these assets.

Other Designated Funds

These funds represent a donation from St Mary's Priory that has been designated towards helping finance future building projects of the Charity, and the Annex fund which represents the net book value of the charity's annex building.

Unrestricted General Fund

This fund represents unrestricted funds that have not been designated for any particular purpose.

Endowment funds

	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2022 £
Expendable Endowment Fund	<u>24,302</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(784)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>23,518</u>

	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2021 £
Expendable Endowment Fund	<u>25,086</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(784)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>24,302</u>

In 1997, the Emmaus retreat centre was transferred to the Charity with the expectation that it would continue to be used by the Charity as a retreat centre. The direct charitable expenditure charged to this fund is in respect of the depreciation of the building which is charged at the rate of two percent on a straight line basis.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	559,162	23,518	582,680
Investments	3,180,050	–	3,180,050
Current assets	220,264	–	220,264
Creditors less than 1 year	(8,021)	–	(8,021)
Net assets	3,951,455	23,518	3,974,973

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	578,846	24,302	603,148
Investments	3,530,062	–	3,530,062
Current assets	205,085	–	205,085
Creditors less than 1 year	(4,874)	–	(4,874)
Net assets	4,309,119	24,302	4,333,421

21. Transactions with trustees

During the year the Trustees donated their pensions amounting to £8,821 (2021 - £12,747) to the charity, in the same way as nuns who are not trustees. There were no conditions attached to these donations.

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Management Information

Year ended 31 December 2022

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Nuns income	22,741	48,139
Donations	595	730
Miscellaneous	40	305
	<u>23,376</u>	<u>49,174</u>
Charitable activities		
Income from visitors to the Retreat House	1,897	210
	<u>1,897</u>	<u>210</u>
Other trading activities		
Wayleaves	45	45
Sundry income - solar	1,319	1,684
	<u>1,364</u>	<u>1,729</u>
Investment income		
Other interest receivable	4,101	7,027
	<u>4,101</u>	<u>7,027</u>
Total income	<u>30,738</u>	<u>58,140</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Legal and professional fees	–	2,529
Depreciation	20,980	21,167
Impairment	66	–
Grants paid	15,358	14,201
Church expenses	10,690	10,837
Bank expenses	164	183
Cleaning	8,287	8,337
Rates and water	5,241	5,327
Light and heat	11,505	10,694
Repairs and maintenance	26,317	40,038
Insurance	2,555	2,485
Sundries	4,668	7,581
Travel expenses	1,749	944
Household provisions	18,541	19,271
Medical and care costs	8,296	2,087
Postage, telephone, books and stationery	2,725	2,559
Independent examination and accountancy	2,032	1,860
	<u>139,174</u>	<u>150,100</u>
Total expenditure	<u>139,174</u>	<u>150,100</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investments		
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>250,012</u>	<u>434,483</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>358,448</u>	<u>342,523</u>

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Brought forward	6,517	9,693
	<u>6,517</u>	<u>9,693</u>
Grants payable		
<i>Grant funding activities</i>		
Grant charitable activity - Grants paid	15,358	14,201
	<u>15,358</u>	<u>14,201</u>
Support costs		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Legal and professional fees	–	2,529
Independent examination and accountancy	2,032	1,860
	<u>2,032</u>	<u>4,389</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>139,174</u>	<u>150,100</u>

BENEDICTINE NUNS OF CURZON PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1049013

Accounts

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2021

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The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2021

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The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Charity registration number 1049013

Principal office 10 Curzon Park South
Chester
CH4 8AB

The trustees

Dame N Fairlie OSB (Abbess) (Resigned 21 January 2021)
Dame SL Collins (Prioress/Chairman)
Dame S Godden
Dame J Mead (Resigned 21 January 2021)
Dame M R Maurer (Appointed 21 January 2021)

Independent examiner UHY Hacker Young Chartered Accountants
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Structure, governance and management

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park is a charity (registered charity number 1049013) established and governed by a Trust Deed dated 22 August 1995. The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The Trustees are appointed by the Abbess and are all members of the Abbess' Council.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

Objectives and activities

The Charity's principal object is the advancement of religion, especially the Roman Catholic faith. The Trustees primarily achieve this through the maintenance and support of a community of nuns resident at Curzon Park.

In addition it is engaged in prayer, almsgiving and hospitality, and regular donations are made on a monthly basis to other charities. Financial assistance is also given to individuals in need.

The Trustees have complied with their duty given in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 by having referred to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

In setting the objectives and planning the activities for the year the Trustees have given careful consideration to ensuring that the charity's activities are to the public benefit, having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. In particular the Trustees consider that public benefit is achieved by the following activities:

- Hospitality: for individual guests, for private retreatants, for Ecumenical groups, Christian prayer groups and Oblates at a cost lower than that charged by commercial facilities. This enables Old Age Pensioners to share these meetings, to mutual benefit.
- Addressing people's spiritual needs: through spiritual accompaniment, by responding to prayer requests, by providing opportunities for quiet days, providing retreat facilities to enable the deepening of spiritual perception, and through correspondence as well as through our website, and even through casual encounters in hospitals and with passers - by.
- Ethical investment policy
- Caring for our older nuns: thus providing a model of care highly approved by NHS contacts, and consequently reducing the cost to the State, and thus to the Public in these areas.
- Reducing carbon footprints through conscientious recycling
- Contribution to other Charities
- Indirect influence upon casual visitors. Some have never met nuns before and they are relieved to find us friendly and human.
- Our garden contains small uncultivated areas, including a small meadow, which attracts bees, moths and butterflies. There are frogs and newts in the ponds, and compost bins are full of red worms recycling the food unsuitable for birds or other creatures.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

Achievements and performance

In our monastic life we endeavour to live a life faithfully committed to God, and for the benefit of all created beings, both as a community and as individuals. Our chief guide-lines are the commands to love God above all else, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. The clause 'as ourselves' may be an obstacle if we lack in self-acceptance. It is this hindrance in our spirituality which the Rule of Saint Benedict helps us to correct, through the grace of God.

Our monastic activities are guided by a timetable calling us daily to communal activities, chiefly liturgical prayer and the celebration of Eucharist, and to meals together. We are expected to pray alone during the day, to meditate and reflect on spiritual reading, and to do our manual work as a service to each other, and the betterment of community life. Peaceful sharing in such tasks is a great blessing. We are called 'not to live by bread alone' but by every word which proceeds from God, through the mediation of others and their prayers.

We have had a reduced number of people coming for retreats during the pandemic. Those guests who choose to share our monastic life by attending community prayer and meals deeply appreciate this.

The Enevis Solar PV System continues to provide good service.

We have increased our donations to other needy charities especially during the pandemic. We have also supported local charity shops and, whenever possible have contributed a shop to the local food bank.

The lay people who attend Mass here remain a kind and generous blessing. Their presence reminds us that we are part of the body of Christ, and that our vocation is one which encourages and supports those around us. We are grateful for their spiritual support too.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

Financial review

Results for the year show net income of £342,523 (2020: £173,970).

Total income received excluding investment gains was £58,140 (2020: £83,351), this consists primarily of nuns income of £48,139 (2020: £26,849) and loan interest receivable of £7,027 (2020 - £52,107).

Expenditure totalled £150,100 (2020: £127,617).

The investments recorded net gains of £434,483 (2020: £218,236).

Reserves Policy

The Charity has the following Reserves Policy -

'to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (excluding fixed assets) which equates to approximately eighteen month's unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time'.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual 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 and 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:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and- prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the (Charity Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the 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.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

Properties held as custodian trustees

The two properties owned by the charity, namely 10 Curzon Park South, Chester and 2 The Paddocks, Chester, are registered in the names of the trustees named on page one of these accounts and held as trustees of the charity known as the Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 26 May 2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Dame SL Collins (Chairman)
Trustee

Dame S Godden
Trustee

Dame SL Collins

Dame S Godden.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Year ended 31 December 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

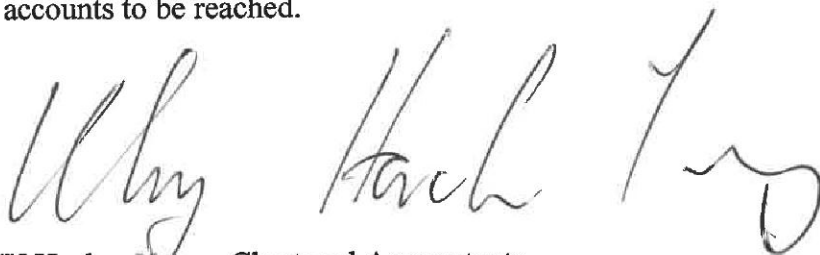
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



UHY Hacker Young Chartered Accountants
Independent Examiner

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26 May 2022

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2021

		2021			2020
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	49,174	–	49,174	28,403
Charitable activities	5	210	–	210	1,028
Other trading activities	6	1,729	–	1,729	1,813
Investment income	7	7,027	–	7,027	52,107
Total income		<u>58,140</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>58,140</u>	<u>83,351</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	149,316	784	150,100	127,617
Total expenditure		<u>149,316</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>150,100</u>	<u>127,617</u>
Net gains on investments	11	(434,483)	–	(434,483)	(218,236)
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>343,307</u>	<u>(784)</u>	<u>342,523</u>	<u>173,970</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		3,965,812	25,086	3,990,898	3,816,928
Total funds carried forward		<u>4,309,119</u>	<u>24,302</u>	<u>4,333,421</u>	<u>3,990,898</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	603,148	624,315
Investments	16	3,530,062	3,095,579
		<u>4,133,210</u>	<u>3,719,894</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	17	12,392	3,406
Cash at bank and in hand		192,693	275,417
		<u>205,085</u>	<u>278,823</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>4,874</u>	<u>7,819</u>
Net current assets		<u>200,211</u>	<u>271,004</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>4,333,421</u>	<u>3,990,898</u>
Net assets		<u>4,333,421</u>	<u>3,990,898</u>
Funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		24,302	25,086
Unrestricted funds		4,309,119	3,965,812
Total charity funds	19	<u>4,333,421</u>	<u>3,990,898</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 26 May 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Dame SL Collins (Chairman)
Trustee

Dame SL Collins

Dame S Godden
Trustee

Dame S Godden

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2021

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Benedictine Abbey, 10 Curzon Park South, Chester, Cheshire, CH4 8AB.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans are measured at the amount received or paid adjusted for any repayments and any accrued interest.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

a) The Charity's general funds consist of funds which the Charity may use for its charitable purposes at its discretion.

b) The Charity has designated certain funds for the acquisition, improvement, maintenance and furnishing of buildings. Similarly a separate fund has been designated to deal with investments required to ensure the future income and operation of the Charity. There is no legal force for the designations and further details of the funds can be found in Note 19.

c) The Charity holds an expendable endowment fund and further information is detailed in Note 19.

Incoming resources

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Nuns income represents pensions received by the nuns and are recognised on a receivable basis.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes irrecoverable VAT. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to charitable activities.

Costs of charitable activities include costs of support and maintenance of the community of nuns, costs of running the retreat house, grants made and governance costs.

Grants payable are recognised when payments are authorised.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Fixed assets are included in the accounts at their historical cost with the exception of tangible assets donated on the creation of the Trust, which have been valued in accordance with their insurance values at that time.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2-2.5% straight line
Furnishings and equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	-	20% straight line

Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations				
Nuns income	48,139	48,139	26,849	26,849
Donations	730	730	1,554	1,554
Miscellaneous	305	305	–	–
	<u>49,174</u>	<u>49,174</u>	<u>28,403</u>	<u>28,403</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income from visitors to the Retreat House	<u>210</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>1,028</u>	<u>1,028</u>

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Wayleaves	45	45	45	45
Sundry income - solar	1,684	1,684	1,706	1,706
Industries income	–	–	62	62
	<u>1,729</u>	<u>1,729</u>	<u>1,813</u>	<u>1,813</u>

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Other interest receivable	<u>7,027</u>	<u>7,027</u>	<u>52,107</u>	<u>52,107</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Charitable activities	121,817	–	121,817
Emmaus retreat house	8,909	784	9,693
Grants payable	14,201	–	14,201
Support costs	4,389	–	4,389
	<u>149,316</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>150,100</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Charitable activities	106,644	–	106,644
Emmaus retreat house	6,296	784	7,080
Grants payable	11,543	–	11,543
Support costs	2,350	–	2,350
	<u>126,833</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>127,617</u>

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Year ended 31 December 2021

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Total funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Charitable activities	121,817	–	121,817	106,644
Emmaus retreat house	9,693	–	9,693	7,080
Grants payable	–	14,201	14,201	11,543
Support costs	4,389	–	4,389	2,350
	<u>135,899</u>	<u>14,201</u>	<u>150,100</u>	<u>127,617</u>

10. Analysis of grants

	2021 £	2020 £
Grants to institutions		
Animal welfare	3,723	2,996
Elderly support	1,200	1,200
Overseas aid	2,521	2,220
Children	2,726	1,584
Medical	1,301	1,140
Other	2,730	2,403
	<u>14,201</u>	<u>11,543</u>
Total grants	<u>14,201</u>	<u>11,543</u>

11. Net gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>434,483</u>	<u>434,483</u>	<u>218,236</u>	<u>218,236</u>

12. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>21,167</u>	<u>21,370</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

13. Independent examination fees

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,860</u>	<u>1,900</u>

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

All trustees are nuns of the Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park and do not receive any remuneration by virtue of their position as trustees.

The charity maintains and supports the trustees in the same way as nuns who are not trustees. As this is part of the charitable objects of the charity it is not seen to be remuneration for their services as trustees.

No expenses have been paid or reimbursed to the trustees by virtue of their position as trustees.

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	<u>1,181,598</u>	<u>126,961</u>	<u>8,223</u>	<u>1,316,782</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2021	565,879	118,802	7,786	692,467
Charge for the year	19,730	1,245	192	21,167
At 31 December 2021	<u>585,609</u>	<u>120,047</u>	<u>7,978</u>	<u>713,634</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2021	<u>595,989</u>	<u>6,914</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>603,148</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>615,719</u>	<u>8,159</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>624,315</u>

The following properties are included within Fixed Assets:

10 Curzon Park South, Chester
2 The Paddock, Chester (Emmaus)

Tangible assets donated on creation of the Trust have been valued in accordance with their insurance values at the time. All tangible assets are used in direct furtherance of the charity's objectives.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

16. Investments

	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2021	2,895,579	200,000	3,095,579
Additions	–	–	–
Net unrealised gains on investments	434,483	–	434,483
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,330,062</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>3,530,062</u>
Impairment			
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021		–	–
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,330,062</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>3,530,062</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,895,579</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>3,095,579</u>

The above carrying amounts are recognised as follows:

	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total £
At 31 December 2021			
Held at fair value	3,330,062	–	3,330,062
Held at historical cost less impairment	–	200,000	200,000
At 31 December 2020			
Held at fair value	2,895,579	–	2,895,579
Held at historical cost less impairment	–	200,000	200,000

Financial assets held at fair value

The cost of the listed investments held at the year end, at fair value was £1,711,234 (2020: £1,751,451). Other investments is a concessionary loan to Stanbrook Abbey, Wass, Yorkshire, for the building of their church. Interest on this loan is charged at 3.5% per annum. The trustees previously agreed that interest would no longer be charged on this loan, however, Stanbrook Abbey decided that they wished to pay the interest. This has been received up to October 2020 and the balance has been accrued in the accounts.

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Year ended 31 December 2021

17. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	2,073	2,009
Other debtors	10,319	1,397
	<u>12,392</u>	<u>3,406</u>

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	4,874	7,819

19. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2021
General funds	346,440	58,140	(129,125)	–	–	275,455
Capital fund	2,895,579	–	–	–	434,483	3,330,062
Building fund	338,960	–	(12,542)	–	–	326,418
Other designated fund	384,833	–	(7,649)	–	–	377,184
	<u>3,965,812</u>	<u>58,140</u>	<u>(149,316)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>434,483</u>	<u>4,309,119</u>

	At 1 Jan 2020	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2020
General funds	311,759	83,351	(106,427)	57,757	–	346,440
Capital fund	2,737,343	–	–	(60,000)	218,236	2,895,579
Building fund	349,474	–	(12,757)	2,243	–	338,960
Other designated fund	392,482	–	(7,649)	–	–	384,833
	<u>3,791,058</u>	<u>83,351</u>	<u>(126,833)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>218,236</u>	<u>3,965,812</u>

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19. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Building Fund

This fund represents the net book value of the Charity's land and buildings, excluding the new Annex and the retreat centre (see note 20). A transfer is made to or from unrestricted reserves each year to ensure that the fund continues to reflect the net book value of these assets.

Capital Fund

This fund represents the market value of the Charity's Investment portfolio. A transfer is made from unrestricted reserves each year to ensure that the fund continues to reflect the market value of these assets.

Other Designated Funds

These funds represent a donation from St Mary's Priory that has been designated towards helping finance future building projects of the Charity, and the Annex fund which represents the net book value of the charity's annex building.

Unrestricted General Fund

This fund represents unrestricted funds that have not been designated for any particular purpose.

Endowment funds

	At 1 Jan 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2021 £
Expendable Endowment Fund	<u>25,086</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(784)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>24,302</u>
	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2020 £
Expendable Endowment Fund	<u>25,870</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(784)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>25,086</u>

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19. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

In 1997, the Emmaus retreat centre was transferred to the Charity with the expectation that it would continue to be used by the Charity as a retreat centre. The direct charitable expenditure charged to this fund is in respect of the depreciation of the building which is charged at the rate of two percent on a straight line basis.

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	578,846	24,302	603,148
Investments	3,530,062	–	3,530,062
Current assets	205,085	–	205,085
Creditors less than 1 year	(4,874)	–	(4,874)
Net assets	4,309,119	24,302	4,333,421

	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	599,229	25,086	624,315
Investments	3,095,579	–	3,095,579
Current assets	278,823	–	278,823
Creditors less than 1 year	(7,819)	–	(7,819)
Net assets	3,965,812	25,086	3,990,898

21. Transactions with trustees

During the year the Trustees donated their pensions amounting to £12,747 (2020 - £12,087) to the charity, in the same way as nuns who are not trustees. There were no conditions attached to these donations.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Management Information

Year ended 31 December 2021

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Nuns income	48,139	26,849
Donations	730	1,554
Miscellaneous	305	–
	<u>49,174</u>	<u>28,403</u>
Charitable activities		
Income from visitors to the Retreat House	210	1,028
	<u>210</u>	<u>1,028</u>
Other trading activities		
Wayleaves	45	45
Sundry income - solar	1,684	1,706
Industries income	–	62
	<u>1,729</u>	<u>1,813</u>
Investment income		
Other interest receivable	7,027	52,107
	<u>7,027</u>	<u>52,107</u>
Total income	<u>58,140</u>	<u>83,351</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Legal and professional fees	2,529	450
Depreciation	21,167	21,370
Impairment	–	13
Grants paid	14,201	11,543
Church expenses	10,837	10,504
Bank expenses	183	195
Cleaning	8,337	8,489
Rates and water	5,327	4,886
Light and heat	10,694	12,732
Repairs and maintenance	40,038	27,404
Insurance	2,485	1,546
Sundries	7,581	3,762
Travel expenses	944	620
Household provisions	19,271	17,430
Medical costs	2,087	2,052
Postage, telephone, books and stationery	2,559	2,721
Independent examination and accountancy	1,860	1,900
	<u>150,100</u>	<u>127,617</u>
Total expenditure	<u>150,100</u>	<u>127,617</u>
Net gains on investments		
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>434,483</u>	<u>218,236</u>
Net income	<u>342,523</u>	<u>173,970</u>

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Charitable activities		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Depreciation	20,383	20,586
Loss on asset	—	13
Church expenses	10,837	10,504
Bank expenses	183	195
Cleaning	8,337	8,489
Rates and water	3,515	3,051
Light and heat	9,204	11,145
Repairs and maintenance	36,044	25,516
Insurance	2,189	1,318
Sundries	6,768	3,344
Travel expenses	944	620
Household provisions	19,271	17,430
Medical costs	2,087	2,052
Postage, telephone, books and stationery	2,055	2,381
	<u>121,817</u>	<u>106,644</u>
Emmaus retreat house		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Depreciation	784	784
Rates and water	1,812	1,835
Light and heat	1,490	1,587
Repairs and maintenance	3,994	1,888
Insurance	296	228
Sundries	813	418
Telephone	504	340
	<u>9,693</u>	<u>7,080</u>

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants payable		
<i>Grant funding activities</i>		
Grant charitable activity - Grants paid	<u>14,201</u>	<u>11,543</u>
Support costs		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Legal and professional fees	2,529	450
Independent examination and accountancy	<u>1,860</u>	<u>1,900</u>
	<u>4,389</u>	<u>2,350</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u><u>150,100</u></u>	<u><u>127,617</u></u>

BENEDICTINE NUNS OF CURZON PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1049013

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1049013

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2020

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The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Financial Statements

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2020

Objectives and activities

The Charity's principal object is the advancement of religion, especially the Roman Catholic faith. The Trustees primarily achieve this through the maintenance and support of a community of nuns resident at Curzon Park.

In addition it is engaged in prayer, almsgiving and hospitality, and regular donations are made on a monthly basis to other charities. Financial assistance is also given to individuals in need.

The Trustees have complied with their duty given in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 by having referred to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

In setting the objectives and planning the activities for the year the Trustees have given careful consideration to ensuring that the charity's activities are to the public benefit, having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. In particular the Trustees consider that public benefit is achieved by the following activities:

- Hospitality: for individual guests, for private retreatants, for Ecumenical groups, Christian prayer groups and Oblates at a cost lower than that charged by commercial facilities. This enables Old Age Pensioners to share these meetings, to mutual benefit.
- Addressing people's spiritual needs: through spiritual accompaniment, by responding to prayer requests, by providing opportunities for quiet days, providing retreat facilities to enable the deepening of spiritual perception, and through correspondence as well as through our website, and even through casual encounters in hospitals and with passers - by.
- Ethical investment policy
- Caring for our older nuns: thus providing a model of care highly approved by NHS contacts, and consequently reducing the cost to the State, and thus to the Public in these areas.
- Reducing carbon footprints through conscientious recycling
- Contribution to other Charities
- Indirect influence upon casual visitors. Some have never met nuns before and they are relieved to find us friendly and human.
- Our garden contains small uncultivated areas, including a small meadow, which attracts bees, moths and butterflies. There are frogs and newts in the ponds, and compost bins are full of red worms recycling the food unsuitable for birds or other creatures.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2020

Achievements and performance

In our monastic life we endeavour to live a life faithfully committed to God, and for the benefit of all created beings, both as a community and as individuals. Our chief guide-lines are the commands to love God above all else, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. The clause 'as ourselves' may be an obstacle if we lack in self-acceptance. It is this hindrance in our spirituality which the Rule of Saint Benedict helps us to correct, through the grace of God.

Our monastic activities are guided by a timetable calling us daily to communal activities, chiefly liturgical prayer and the celebration of Eucharist, and to meals together. We are expected to pray alone during the day, to meditate and reflect on spiritual reading, and to do our manual work as a service to each other, and the betterment of community life. Peaceful sharing in such tasks is a great blessing. We are called 'not to live by bread alone' but by every word which proceeds from God, through the mediation of others and their prayers.

Those guests who choose to share our monastic life by attending community prayer and meals deeply appreciate this.

The Enevis Solar PV System continues to provide good service.

We continue to receive orders from the Monastic Shop at Buckfast Abbey, Devon for our beautifully designed and embroidered lavender bags.

The lay people who attend Mass here remain a kind and generous blessing. Their presence reminds us that we are part of the body of Christ, and that our vocation is one which encourages and supports those around us. We are grateful for their spiritual support too.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2020

Financial review

Results for the year show net income of £174,754 (2019: £354,985).

Total income received excluding investment gains was £83,351 (2019: £31,476), this consists primarily of nuns income of £26,849 (2019: £25,300) and loan interest received of £52,107 (2019 - £nil).

Expenditure totalled £127,617 (2019: £121,095).

The investments recorded net gains of £218,236 (2019: £444,064).

Reserves Policy

The Charity has the following Reserves Policy -

'to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (excluding fixed assets) which equates to approximately eighteen month's unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time'.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual 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 and 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:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and- prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the (Charity Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the 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.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2020

Properties held as custodian trustees

The two properties owned by the charity, namely 10 Curzon Park South, Chester and 2 The Paddocks, Chester, are registered in the names of the trustees named on page one of these accounts and held as trustees of the charity known as the Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 24 June 2021 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Dame SL Collins (Chairman)
Trustee

Dame S Godden
Trustee

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Year ended 31 December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.

UHY Hacker Young Chartered Accountants
Independent Examiner

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24 June 2021

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2020

		2020		2019	
		Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	
	Note	£	£	£	
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	28,403	–	28,403	26,880
Charitable activities	5	1,028	–	1,028	2,230
Other trading activities	6	1,813	–	1,813	2,366
Investment income	7	52,107	–	52,107	–
Total income		<u>83,351</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>83,351</u>	<u>31,476</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	126,833	784	127,617	121,095
Total expenditure		<u>126,833</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>127,617</u>	<u>121,095</u>
Net gains on investments	11	(218,236)	–	(218,236)	(444,604)
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>174,754</u>	<u>(784)</u>	<u>173,970</u>	<u>354,985</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		3,791,058	25,870	3,816,928	3,461,943
Total funds carried forward		<u>3,965,812</u>	<u>25,086</u>	<u>3,990,898</u>	<u>3,816,928</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	624,315	644,834
Investments	16	3,095,579	3,137,343
		<u>3,719,894</u>	<u>3,782,177</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	17	3,406	2,288
Cash at bank and in hand		275,417	37,380
		<u>278,823</u>	<u>39,668</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	7,819	4,917
Net current assets		<u>271,004</u>	<u>34,751</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,990,898</u>	<u>3,816,928</u>
Net assets		<u>3,990,898</u>	<u>3,816,928</u>
Funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		25,086	25,870
Unrestricted funds		3,965,812	3,791,058
Total charity funds	19	<u>3,990,898</u>	<u>3,816,928</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 24 June 2021, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Dame SL Collins (Chairman)
Trustee

Dame S Godden
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2020

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Benedictine Abbey, 10 Curzon Park South, Chester, Cheshire, CH4 8AB.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans are measured at the amount received or paid adjusted for any repayments and any accrued interest.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2020

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

- a) The Charity's general funds consist of funds which the Charity may use for its charitable purposes at its discretion.
- b) The Charity has designated certain funds for the acquisition, improvement, maintenance and furnishing of buildings. Similarly a separate fund has been designated to deal with investments required to ensure the future income and operation of the Charity. There is no legal force for the designations and further details of the funds can be found in Note 19.
- c) The Charity holds an expendable endowment fund and further information is detailed in Note 19.

Incoming resources

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Nuns income represents pensions received by the nuns and are recognised on a receivable basis.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes irrecoverable VAT. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to charitable activities.

Costs of charitable activities include costs of support and maintenance of the community of nuns, costs of running the retreat house, grants made and governance costs.

Grants payable are recognised when payments are authorised.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Fixed assets are included in the accounts at their historical cost with the exception of tangible assets donated on the creation of the Trust, which have been valued in accordance with their insurance values at that time.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2-2.5% straight line
Furnishings and equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	-	20% straight line

Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Donations				
Nuns income	26,849	26,849	25,300	25,300
Donations	1,554	1,554	1,380	1,380
Miscellaneous	—	—	200	200
	<u>28,403</u>	<u>28,403</u>	<u>26,880</u>	<u>26,880</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income from visitors to the Retreat House	1,028	1,028	2,230	2,230
	<u>1,028</u>	<u>1,028</u>	<u>2,230</u>	<u>2,230</u>

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6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Wayleaves	45	45	45	45
Sundry income - solar	1,706	1,706	1,707	1,707
Industries income	62	62	614	614
	<u>1,813</u>	<u>1,813</u>	<u>2,366</u>	<u>2,366</u>

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Other interest receivable	52,107	52,107	–	–

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Charitable activities	106,644	–	106,644
Emmaus retreat house	6,296	784	7,080
Grants payable	11,543	–	11,543
Support costs	2,350	–	2,350
	<u>126,833</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>127,617</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Charitable activities	100,587	–	100,587
Emmaus retreat house	5,764	784	6,548
Grants payable	12,038	–	12,038
Support costs	1,922	–	1,922
	<u>120,311</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>121,095</u>

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9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Total funds 2020 £	Total fund 2019 £
Charitable activities	106,644	–	106,644	100,587
Emmaus retreat house	7,080	–	7,080	6,548
Grants payable	–	11,543	11,543	12,038
Support costs	2,350	–	2,350	1,922
	<u>116,074</u>	<u>11,543</u>	<u>127,617</u>	<u>121,095</u>

10. Analysis of grants

	2020 £	2019 £
Grants to institutions		
Animal welfare	2,996	2,994
Elderly support	1,200	1,200
Overseas aid	2,220	2,720
Children	1,584	1,584
Medical	1,140	1,140
Other	2,403	2,400
	<u>11,543</u>	<u>12,038</u>
Total grants	<u>11,543</u>	<u>12,038</u>

11. Net gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>218,236</u>	<u>218,236</u>	<u>444,604</u>	<u>444,604</u>

12. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020 £	2019 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>21,370</u>	<u>21,199</u>

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13. Independent examination fees

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,920</u>

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

All trustees are nuns of the Benedictine Nuns of Curzon Park and do not receive any remuneration by virtue of their position as trustees.

The charity maintains and supports the trustees in the same way as nuns who are not trustees. As this is part of the charitable objects of the charity it is not seen to be remuneration for their services as trustees.

No expenses have been paid or reimbursed to the trustees by virtue of their position as trustees.

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2020	1,181,598	126,846	7,924	1,316,368
Additions	–	565	299	864
Disposals	–	(450)	–	(450)
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,181,598</u>	<u>126,961</u>	<u>8,223</u>	<u>1,316,782</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2020	546,149	117,792	7,593	671,534
Charge for the year	19,730	1,447	193	21,370
Disposals	–	(437)	–	(437)
At 31 December 2020	<u>565,879</u>	<u>118,802</u>	<u>7,786</u>	<u>692,467</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2020	<u>615,719</u>	<u>8,159</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>624,315</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>635,449</u>	<u>9,054</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>644,834</u>

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15. Tangible fixed assets *(continued)*

The following properties are included within Fixed Assets:

10 Curzon Park South, Chester
2 The Paddock, Chester (Emmaus)

Tangible assets donated on creation of the Trust have been valued in accordance with their insurance values at the time. All tangible assets are used in direct furtherance of the charity's objectives.

16. Investments

	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2020	2,737,343	400,000	3,137,343
Additions	–	–	–
Disposals	(60,000)	(200,000)	(260,000)
Net unrealised gains on investments	218,236	–	218,236
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,895,579</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>3,095,579</u>
Impairment			
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020		–	–
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,895,579</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>3,095,579</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>2,737,343</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>3,137,343</u>

The above carrying amounts are recognised as follows:

	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total £
At 31 December 2020			
Held at fair value	2,895,579	–	2,895,579
Held at historical cost less impairment	–	200,000	200,000
At 31 December 2019			
Held at fair value	2,737,343	–	2,737,343
Held at historical cost less impairment	–	400,000	400,000

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16. Investments *(continued)*

Financial assets held at fair value

The cost of the listed investments held at the year end, at fair value was £1,711,234 (2019: £1,751,451). Other investments is a concessionary loan to Stanbrook Abbey, Wass, Yorkshire, for the building of their church. Interest on this loan is charged at 3.5% per annum. The trustees previously agreed that interest would no longer be charged on this loan, however, Stanbrook Abbey decided that they wished to pay the interest back-dated to May 2017 and this has been received in the year.

17. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	2,009	1,570
Other debtors	1,397	718
	<u>3,406</u>	<u>2,288</u>

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	7,819	4,917
	<u>7,819</u>	<u>4,917</u>

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19. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2020 £
General funds	311,759	83,351	(106,427)	57,757	–	346,440
Capital fund	2,737,343	–	–	(60,000)	218,236	2,895,579
Building fund	349,474	–	(12,757)	2,243	–	338,960
Other designated fund	392,482	–	(7,649)	–	–	384,833
	<u>3,791,058</u>	<u>83,351</u>	<u>(126,833)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>218,236</u>	<u>3,965,812</u>

	At 1 Jan 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2019 £
General funds	374,312	31,476	(100,029)	6,000	–	311,759
Capital fund	2,298,739	–	–	(6,000)	444,604	2,737,343
Building fund	362,107	–	(12,633)	–	–	349,474
Other designated fund	400,131	–	(7,649)	–	–	392,482
	<u>3,435,289</u>	<u>31,476</u>	<u>(120,311)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>444,604</u>	<u>3,791,058</u>

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19. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Building Fund

This fund represents the net book value of the Charity's land and buildings, excluding the new Annex and the retreat centre (see note 20). A transfer is made to or from unrestricted reserves each year to ensure that the fund continues to reflect the net book value of these assets.

Capital Fund

This fund represents the market value of the Charity's Investment portfolio. A transfer is made from unrestricted reserves each year to ensure that the fund continues to reflect the market value of these assets.

Other Designated Funds

These funds represent a donation from St Mary's Priory that has been designated towards helping finance future building projects of the Charity, and the Annex fund which represents the net book value of the charity's annex building.

Unrestricted General Fund

This fund represents unrestricted funds that have not been designated for any particular purpose.

Endowment funds

	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2020 £
Expendable Endowment Fund	25,870	—	(784)	—	—	25,086

	At 1 Jan 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2019 £
Expendable Endowment Fund	26,654	—	(784)	—	—	25,870

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19. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

In 1997, the Emmaus retreat centre was transferred to the Charity with the expectation that it would continue to be used by the Charity as a retreat centre. The direct charitable expenditure charged to this fund is in respect of the depreciation of the building which is charged at the rate of two percent on a straight line basis.

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	599,229	25,086	624,315
Investments	3,095,579	–	3,095,579
Current assets	278,823	–	278,823
Creditors less than 1 year	(7,819)	–	(7,819)
Net assets	<u>3,965,812</u>	<u>25,086</u>	<u>3,990,898</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	618,964	25,870	644,834
Investments	3,137,343	–	3,137,343
Current assets	39,668	–	39,668
Creditors less than 1 year	(4,917)	–	(4,917)
Net assets	<u>3,791,058</u>	<u>25,870</u>	<u>3,816,928</u>

21. Transactions with trustees

During the year the Trustees donated their pensions amounting to £12,087 (2019 - £11,981) to the charity, in the same way as nuns who are not trustees. There were no conditions attached to these donations.

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Management Information

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The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Nuns income	26,849	25,300
Donations	1,554	1,380
Miscellaneous	–	200
	<u>28,403</u>	<u>26,880</u>
Charitable activities		
Income from visitors to the Retreat House	<u>1,028</u>	<u>2,230</u>
Other trading activities		
Wayleaves	45	45
Sundry income - solar	1,706	1,707
Industries income	62	614
	<u>1,813</u>	<u>2,366</u>
Investment income		
Other interest receivable	<u>52,107</u>	<u>–</u>
Total income	<u><u>83,351</u></u>	<u><u>31,476</u></u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Legal and professional fees	450	–
Depreciation	21,370	21,199
Loss on asset	13	–
Grants paid	11,543	12,038
Church expenses	10,504	9,955
Bank expenses	195	189
Cleaning	8,489	8,448
Rates and water	4,886	4,510
Light and heat	12,732	9,179
Repairs and maintenance	27,404	23,460
Insurance	1,546	2,542
Sundries	3,762	3,141
Travel expenses	620	917
Household provisions	17,430	17,799
Medical costs	2,052	2,158
Postage, telephone, books and stationery	2,721	3,638
Independent examination and accountancy	1,900	1,922
	<u>127,617</u>	<u>121,095</u>
Total expenditure	<u>127,617</u>	<u>121,095</u>
Net gains on investments		
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>218,236</u>	<u>444,604</u>
Net income	<u>173,970</u>	<u>354,985</u>

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Charitable activities		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Depreciation	20,586	20,415
Loss on asset	13	–
Church expenses	10,504	9,955
Bank expenses	195	189
Cleaning	8,489	8,448
Rates and water	3,051	2,876
Light and heat	11,145	7,629
Repairs and maintenance	25,516	21,847
Insurance	1,318	2,230
Sundries	3,344	2,846
Travel expenses	620	917
Household provisions	17,430	17,799
Medical costs	2,052	2,158
Postage, telephone, books and stationery	2,381	3,278
	<u>106,644</u>	<u>100,587</u>
Emmaus retreat house		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Depreciation	784	784
Rates and water	1,835	1,634
Light and heat	1,587	1,550
Repairs and maintenance	1,888	1,613
Insurance	228	312
Sundries	418	295
Telephone	340	360
	<u>7,080</u>	<u>6,548</u>

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Grants payable		
<i>Grant funding activities</i>		
Grant charitable activity - Grants paid	11,543	12,038
Support costs		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Legal and professional fees	450	–
Independent examination and accountancy	1,900	1,922
	<u>2,350</u>	<u>1,922</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>127,617</u>	<u>121,095</u>