

**THE BREWERS' COMPANY GENERAL CHARITABLE TRUST  
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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# THE BREWERS' COMPANY GENERAL CHARITABLE TRUST

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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The Trustee presents their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the requirements of the Charity's Declaration of Trust.

#### Objectives and activities

The objects of the Charity, as laid out in the Declaration of Trust, state that the unrestricted income should be used for general charitable purposes as determined by the Court of the Brewers' Company.

The Trustee has paid due regard to public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake and delivers public benefit through its grant making activities.

#### Achievements and performance

During the year the Charity awarded grants of £85,577 (2019: £77,608) as detailed in note 2 to the accounts and other educational awards and prizes of £3,610 (2019: £3,393).

#### Financial review

Expendable Endowment:

On 9 October 2014 the Charity took over the assets and liabilities of the IBD Grant Fund and, in accordance with the deed of transfer, established an expendable endowment fund and a restricted fund named 'Brewers' Research and Education Fund' ('BREF').

The purpose of the fund is the advancement of education of benefit to the public or a section of the public, especially in the science of brewing, fermentation and distillation. In particular it is agreed that the BREF will be used to support the following areas of activity:

- To promote brewing education, training and research;
- To research and educate the public about beer consumption;
- To research the composition and nutritional value of beer in relation to diet and wellbeing;
- To promote research relating to the environmental and economic sustainability of the brewing sector.

An Advisory Committee has been established to:

- Report to the Trustee;
- Recommend and review the grant making policy;
- Recommend grants to be supported;
- Monitor grant funded projects.

The Charity received £4,656,543 on 9 October 2014. The fund is represented by a portfolio of investments. No accumulated unspent income (2019: £nil) was transferred from the restricted fund in the year and in addition the value of the fund decreased by £5,677 in the period to 31 December 2020 (2019: increased by £793,840). At 31 December 2020, the fund stood at £5,834,769 (2019: £5,840,446). The income generated by the fund is restricted to BREF.

The listed investments are managed by Newton Investment Management. In 2020 the Trustee reviewed the investment policy and defined the investment objective as "Principally, the maintenance of capital in real terms as measured by RPIX over a rolling 5-year period, and then an average annual nominal growth in income in the longer term". Performance is monitored by the Investment Committee of the Brewers' Company. In 2016 an independent review of performance was commissioned for all Brewers' Company listed investment assets which included the BREF assets. It was concluded that at the date of the report to June 2016, there was insufficient data to accurately measure the performance of the fund in real terms against the investment objective and therefore a review should be performed after a 5-year time frame. The Investment Committee of the Brewers' Company plan to undertake an independent this review in 2021.

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## TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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#### Restricted Fund – BREF:

The Charity received a total income of £114,445 (2019: £158,381) from investments. Grants of £61,052 (2019: £53,533) were awarded and administration and management fees of £59,140 (2019: £57,308) were paid, resulting in a deficit for the year of £5,747 before transfers (2019: surplus of £47,541). At 31 December 2020 the fund stood at £132,498 (2019: £138,245).

#### Unrestricted Funds:

The charity received donations totalling £29,125 (2019: £29,241) and interest of £nil (2019: £184).

Grants and awards totalling £28,135 (2019: £27,468) were made in the year. After taking account of other costs of £1,757 (2019: £1,752), this resulted in a deficit of £767 (2019: surplus of £205) for the year. At 31 December 2020 the charity had unrestricted reserves of £15,933 (2019: £16,700) to apply to future beneficiaries.

#### Reserves:

It is the policy of the Trustee to:

- Distribute the unrestricted funds in accordance with the beneficiary list approved by the Court of the Brewers' Company and for general charitable purposes;
- Distribute the net income on restricted funds in the following year. The net income of the BREF for 2020 will thus be distributed in 2021;
- Maintain the expendable endowment fund in real terms to protect the interests of future beneficiaries.

#### Structure, governance and management

The sole Trustee is the body corporate called The Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Brewers in the City of London, commonly known as the Brewers' Company.

The Charity's activities are overseen by the Master, Wardens and Court Assistants of the Brewers' Company who comprise the Court.

The Court meets five times a year to monitor investment performance and make decisions on charitable expenditure. The Court is advised by an Investment Committee who meet regularly with the investment advisors to monitor their performance against targets.

The day to day administration of the Charity is undertaken by staff of the Trustee.

#### Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustee and advisors

The Brewers' Company General Charitable Trust is a Charity registered in England and Wales no: 1059811.

The principal address of the Charity is Brewers' Hall, Aldermanbury Square, London EC2V 7HR.

The Trustee is the Brewers' Company of the City of London.

The principal advisors to the Charity are:

Independent Examiner  
Paul Windmill FCA

Bankers  
Lloyds Bank plc

Solicitors  
Farrer & Co LLP

Investment Managers  
Newton Investment Management Limited

#### Plans for future periods

The aim of the Trustee is to maximise the amount available for distribution to beneficiaries.

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## TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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#### **Statement of trustee's responsibilities**

Charity law requires the Trustee 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 net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustee is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **By order of the Trustee**

**M G C O'Dwyer**

Clerk

22 April 2021

# THE BREWERS' COMPANY GENERAL CHARITABLE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE BREWERS' COMPANY GENERAL CHARITABLE TRUST

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I report to the trustee on my examination of the financial statements of The Brewers' Company General Charitable Trust (charity no. 1059811) for the year ended 31 December 2020 as set out on pages 5 to 11.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 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 financial statements to be reached.

#### **Paul Windmill FCA**

Myers Clark  
Statutory Auditor and Chartered Accountants  
Egale 1, 80 St Albans Road  
Watford  
Hertfordshire  
WD17 1DL

Dated: 22 April 2021

# THE BREWERS' COMPANY GENERAL CHARITABLE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations from the Brewer's Company		29,125	-	-	29,125	29,100
Other donations received		-	-	-	-	141
Investment income		-	114,445	-	114,445	158,565
<b>Total income</b>		29,125	114,445	-	143,570	187,806
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Grants	2	24,525	61,052	-	85,577	77,608
Educational awards and prizes		3,610	-	-	3,610	3,393
Investment manager's fees		-	27,429	-	27,429	29,352
Other management fees		-	24,862	-	24,862	21,686
Accountancy and bank cost		1,472	1,572	-	3,044	3,109
Irrecoverable VAT		285	5,277	-	5,562	4,912
<b>Total expenditure</b>		29,892	120,192	-	150,084	140,060
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	(5,677)	(5,677)	793,840
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(767)	(5,747)	(5,677)	(12,191)	841,586
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		16,700	138,245	5,840,446	5,995,391	5,153,805
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2020</b>		15,933	132,498	5,834,769	5,983,200	5,995,391

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

### PRIOR YEAR

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2019 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations from the Brewer's Company		29,100	-	-	29,100
Other donations received		141	-	-	141
Investment income		184	158,381	-	158,565
<b>Total income</b>		29,425	158,381	-	187,806
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Grants	2	24,075	53,533	-	77,608
Educational awards and prizes		3,393	-	-	3,393
Investment manager's fees		-	29,352	-	29,352
Other management fees		-	21,686	-	21,686
Accountancy and bank cost		1,479	1,630	-	3,109
Irrecoverable VAT		273	4,639	-	4,912
<b>Total expenditure</b>		29,220	110,840	-	140,060
Net gains on investments		-	-	793,840	793,840
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		205	47,541	793,840	841,586
Fund balances at 1 January 2019		16,495	90,704	5,046,606	5,153,805
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2019</b>		16,700	138,245	5,840,446	5,995,391



# THE BREWERS' COMPANY GENERAL CHARITABLE TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	3	5,834,769		5,840,446	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		175,654		178,964	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	4	(27,223)		(24,019)	
Net current assets			148,431		154,945
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			5,983,200		5,995,391
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>					
Expendable endowment	5	5,834,769		5,840,446	
Restricted funds		132,498		138,245	
Unrestricted funds		15,933		16,700	
			5,983,200		5,995,391

The financial statements were approved by the Trustee on 22 April 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

R H F Fuller  
**Master**

D Coyne  
**Deputy Clerk**

# THE BREWERS' COMPANY GENERAL CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **1.1 Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost of transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective 1 January 2019.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2019) rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity.

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

#### **1.2 Investments**

Investments are quoted on recognised stock exchanges and are stated at mid-market value.

#### **1.3 Resources expended**

Resources expended are recognised when a legal or constructive obligation to pay arises.

Grants are accounted for when the Trustee has approved the grant and the recipients are advised of the grant.

Educational awards and prizes are accounted for when the amounts have been agreed by the Trustee.

#### **1.4 Funds**

Expendable endowment funds represent funds received where the intention is to maintain the capital but where the donor has agreed that the Trustee may, if necessary to maintain grant giving, expend the capital.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as determined by the donor.

Unrestricted funds represent funds received that can be applied at the Trustee's discretion within the general objects of the charity.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 2 Charitable grants and donations awarded/(withdrawn)

	2020 £	2019 £
Brewers' Research and Education Fund - Institutions:		
Wye Hops Limited	15,000	-
Nottingham University	14,625	-
Social Issues Research Centre	14,033	14,033
Heriot-Watt University	9,750	-
National Brewery Heritage Trust	-	9,600
Digitisation	-	5,500
Club Soda	-	3,000
Oxford Brookes	2,450	2,400
University of York	(1,956)	-
British Beer and Pub Association	(850)	15,000
 Brewer's Research and Education Funds - Individuals	 8,000	 4,000
	<u>61,052</u>	<u>53,533</u>
 Other charitable purposes:		
Aldenham School	18,000	18,000
Clerk's minor	3,000	2,700
Other amounts less than £1,000 each	3,525	3,375
	<u>24,525</u>	<u>24,075</u>
 <b>Total</b>	 <b><u>85,577</u></b>	 <b><u>77,608</u></b>

#### 3 Fixed asset investments

	2020 £	2019 £
At 1 January 2020	5,840,446	5,046,606
Increase/(decrease) in market value	(5,677)	793,840
	<u>5,834,769</u>	<u>5,840,446</u>
At 31 December 2020	<b><u>5,834,769</u></b>	<b><u>5,840,446</u></b>
	<b>2020 £</b>	<b>2019 £</b>
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Held within the UK	5,834,769	5,840,446
	<u>5,834,769</u>	<u>5,840,446</u>

The entire investment portfolio is held in the Newton Growth & Income for Charities X Inc.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Grant commitments	8,379	9,888
Accruals and deferred income	18,844	14,131
	<u>27,223</u>	<u>24,019</u>

#### 5 Funds of the charity

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2020 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Revaluations gains and losses £	
Expendable endowment	5,840,446	-	-	(5,677)	5,834,769
Restricted - Brewers' Research and Education Fund	138,245	114,445	(120,192)	-	132,498
Unrestricted	16,700	29,125	(29,892)	-	15,933
	<u>5,995,391</u>	<u>143,570</u>	<u>(150,084)</u>	<u>(5,677)</u>	<u>5,983,200</u>

#### PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2019 £	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2019 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Revaluations gains and losses £	
Expendable endowment	5,046,606	-	-	793,840	5,840,446
Restricted - Brewers' Research and Education Fund	90,704	158,381	(110,840)	-	138,245
Unrestricted	16,495	29,425	(29,220)	-	16,700
	<u>5,153,805</u>	<u>187,806</u>	<u>(140,060)</u>	<u>793,840</u>	<u>5,995,391</u>

# THE BREWERS' COMPANY GENERAL CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 6 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Expendable endowment	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:				
Investments	5,834,769	-	-	5,834,769
Current assets/(liabilities)	-	132,498	15,933	148,431
	<u>5,834,769</u>	<u>132,498</u>	<u>15,933</u>	<u>5,983,200</u>

#### PRIOR YEAR

	Expendable endowment	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2019 are represented by:				
Investments	5,840,446	-	-	5,840,446
Current assets/(liabilities)	-	138,245	16,700	154,945
	<u>5,840,446</u>	<u>138,245</u>	<u>16,700</u>	<u>5,995,391</u>

#### 7 Trustee's remuneration and expenses

The charity is charged for administration costs by the Brewers' Company, which is the Trustee of the charity, in respect of the management of the permanent endowment and grant making in accordance with the terms of the Deed relating to the Establishment of the BREF dated 9 October 2014. Included in other management fees charged in 2020 was £23,362 (2019: £20,186).

#### 8 Management fees

The charity is charged for administration costs by the British Beer and Pub Association, in respect of the Secretariat of the Advisory Committee, in accordance with the terms of the Deed relating to the Establishment of the BREF dated 9 October 2014. Included in other management fees charged in 2020 was £1,500 (2019: £1,500).

#### 9 Employees

The charity has no employees.

#### 10 Future commitments

At the balance sheet date the charity had made future commitments in respect of grants made from the BREF restricted fund over a term of years, subject to conditions and subsequent charity approval:

	2020 £	2019 £
Within one year	14,625	24,250
Between one and two years	-	-
	<u>14,625</u>	<u>24,250</u>