WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF BRITAIN

England & Wales · Charity number 1077961

Details

Other names	WATCH TOWER SOCIETY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03858051
Registered	1999-10-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	1 Kingdom Way West Hanningfield Chelmsford CM2 8FW
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS (?THE OBJECTS?) OF THE CHARITY ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION AS PRACTISED BY THE BODY OF CHRISTIAN PERSONS KNOWN AS JEHOVAH?S WITNESSES, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: 3.1 PRODUCING AUDIO AND VIDEO MATERIAL FOR BIBLE EDUCATION, PUBLISHING, IMPORTING, EXPORTING, RECORDING, TRANSLATING, PRODUCING, AND DISTRIBUTING BIBLE LITERATURE; 3.2 PROVIDING SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE WORLDWIDE ORDER OF SPECIAL FULL-TIME SERVANTS OF JEHOVAH?S WITNESSES (THE ORDER) AND SUCH OTHER SUPPORT AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE FROM TIME TO TIME; 3.3 PURCHASING, BUILDING, AND RENOVATING PROPERTIES FOR USE BY JEHOVAH?S WITNESSES AS PLACES OF WORSHIP, AS WELL AS FOR OTHER PURPOSES TO SUPPORT THE CHARITY?S OBJECTS; 3.4 ENGAGE IN ACTS OF CHARITY, MERCY, AND HUMANITARIAN AID; AND 3.5 DISTRIBUTING FUNDS AND GOODS TO OTHER ENTITIES THAT HAVE SIMILAR AIMS. NOTHING IN THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE CHARITY SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CHARITY FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005.

Activities: 1. Provision of facilities to assist full time ministers. 2. Producing material for Bible education, publishing, importing, exporting, recording, translating, producing Bible literature.3. Purchasing, building, and

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renovating properties for use by Jehovah's Witnesses as places of worship.4. Humanitarian aid. 5. Distributing funds and goods to other entities with similar aims.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£120,653,380	£111,075,601	£232,868,079	0
2023-08-31	£100,899,361	£133,846,050	£214,211,184	0
2022-08-31	£88,967,810	£82,014,411	£250,448,943	0
2021-08-31	£130,210,285	£61,423,632	£261,533,365	0
2020-08-31	£144,317,948	£99,584,773	£192,746,712	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Robert Li	Chair	2015-03-11
Andrew Jeffery Llewellyn		2015-03-11
Benjamin Scott Thompson		2025-02-28
Joel Bruce Fairall		2024-11-01
Liam Paul Trythall		2025-02-28
Luke Stephen Samuels		2024-08-16
Luke Thomas		2024-02-01

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Linked charities

- THE SOCIETY KINGDOM HALL FUND (1077961-1)

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WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF BRITAIN

England & Wales - Charity number 1077961

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03858051 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1077961
OSCR NUMBER: SC046952

Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

for

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

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for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

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Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the Society) for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31st August 2024, which have been prepared in accordance with the charity governing document as referenced on page 8. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

This report includes the Directors Report as required by company law.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Objectives and aims
The Memorandum and governing document states that the objectives of the Society are to advance the Christian religion as practiced by the body of Christian persons known as Jehovah's Witnesses. This is accomplished in particular but not exclusively:
a. producing audio and video material for Bible education, publishing, importing, exporting, recording, translating, producing, and distributing Bible literature;
b. providing services and facilities for members of the Worldwide Order of Special Full-Time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses (the Order) and such other support as deemed appropriate from time to time;
c. purchasing, building, and renovating properties for use by Jehovah's Witnesses as places of worship as well as for other purposes to support the Charity's objects;
d. engaging in acts of charity, mercy, and humanitarian aid; and
e. distributing funds and goods to other entities that have similar aims.

Significant activities
The major areas of activities for the year in question have been:

1. Supporting entities with similar aims and objectives abroad. These donations have been in the form of goods such as paper for printing and software licences. All such donations have promoted religious activity overseas. This activity also includes sending funds directly, primarily to such entities in developing countries, where funds are limited. These are used for activities such as construction of places of worship and disaster relief.
2. Refurbishment of Kingdom Halls of Jehovah's Witnesses (places of worship) and the construction of new Kingdom Halls.
3. Provision of facilities to assist members of the Order.

Public benefit
As evidenced in this report, much has been accomplished by the Society in the year to advance its objects for the public benefit.

The construction work facilitates the activity of Jehovah's Witnesses. It helps them, others who associate with them and the wider public to learn godly values, promote well-being and respect for others, and practice qualities such as honesty and kindness. The work of the Society ensures that individuals are not limited by their background or financial means to gain access to these provisions.

The work of the Society also benefits those who do not wish to access these provisions. For example, through its building work, the Society creates attractive and dignified buildings which are a pleasing gift to the community. Another benefit arises from the teaching that takes place in these buildings, a key aspect of which is being good neighbours.

Public benefit is also achieved in other countries, where entities with similar aims are helped to accomplish the objectives described above, as well as with disaster relief in affected areas. The Society has seen the results of its funding in new places of worship, and disaster relief efforts that greatly assist the individuals in need and their communities. More information is included in the achievements and performance section of this report.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Social investments

A social investment is also held by the Society. This is in line with the aims and objectives of the Society because the investment is charitable, helping Jehovah's Witnesses find places of worship in various parts of the world. The investment is socially, ethically and environmentally acceptable. It continues to perform positively.

Overseas Donations

The Society's policy for making donations to other entities with similar aims and objectives is as follows: each year the Society considers requests from such entities in countries that receive insufficient donations locally to meet their aims. The Society considers if its yearly budget for this activity is appropriate. It also ensures that the beneficiary of these funds are legal entities that care for the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses in that country. After due diligence is carried out, the funds are sent. Reports are obtained to confirm appropriate use of the funds.

All donations made support the Christian ministry of Jehovah's Witnesses. Donated funds are used for building places of worship, facilitation of religious worship, providing Bible-based literature and assisting with disaster relief. The entities assisted share and pursue the same aims as the Society. Individual donors to the Society are made aware of the worldwide nature of our work and activities.

Assistance was also provided to entities used by Jehovah's Witnesses in other countries by purchasing and sending the necessary goods where appropriate.

Members of the Worldwide Order of Special Full Time Servants

The Society is often assisted by religious ministers who are members of the Order.

These individuals are not employed and do not receive a remuneration or any benefit in kind for the activities or services they perform. Although such ones do at times help the Society, for instance, by assisting with building work, their service involves many other assignments as well, not connected to the Society. Members perform whatever the Order assigns them to do in support of the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Many who are not members of the Order, but who are Jehovah's Witnesses, also freely provide their time and resources to assist with needed work.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Achievement and performance
Charitable activities - Assisting Entities with Similar Aims Overseas
During the year the Society provided material and financial assistance to entities of Jehovah's Witnesses with similar aims and objectives in several countries.

The aid, £103 million (2023: 128 million) in total, was given to promote missionary activity, assist with disaster relief, and support the local entities.

Direct funding of £68 million (2023: £89 million) was sent to legal entities with similar aims and objectives, the majority of which were based in Africa. In addition, £35 million (2023: £39 million) was spent on goods and services for these entities. These include computer programs, equipment and paper for printing activities. Sourcing these items centrally and donating them allows for the best use of donated funds. It also provides such goods to entities that otherwise would struggle to access them.

Funding was received from entities with similar aims and objectives that had already met their local needs. The Society has access to excellent banking services in Britain and was able to pool and distribute these funds. Of course, such funds are also available for domestic needs if necessary.

The receiving entities with similar aims and objectives sent very satisfying reports regarding the activity supported, which resulted in physical, spiritual and emotional support for many beneficiaries.

For example, in Zambia, construction work was completed on a remote translation office, enabling the translation of Bible based publications into local languages. In addition, construction projects were completed on 156 Kingdom Halls and 6 Assembly Halls, allowing beneficiaries to meet together in a peaceful environment, and thus to benefit fully from the spiritual programme.

Zambia and Angola have been two countries where the simplified Assembly Hall designs have been implemented. This design program is tailored to local needs and circumstances, facilitating the rapid and cost-effective construction of modest, dignified venues for assemblies and conventions in remote areas.

In Mozambique and Ghana, the funds were used to upgrade and improve many properties that facilitate worship and Bible education. Additionally, funds were utilised for relief efforts, including the procurement and distribution of food provisions to individuals in need.

In Malawi, the receiving entity oversaw the reconstruction and major renovation of 185 homes that were destroyed or damaged by natural disasters such as Cyclone Freddy as well as distributing relief supplies. They also completed the construction of 40 new places of worship and 5 major renovations of Assembly Halls.

The above are just a few examples. Similar activities took place in many other countries which the Society assists.

Charitable activities - Building places of worship
The Society completed 6 new construction projects, 22 major renovation projects, 35 minor renovation projects and purchased 2 properties in the United Kingdom. One especially notable project was the construction of a Kingdom Hall in the Caithness area of Scotland which will provide a place of worship for a remote community.

Charitable activities - Providing services to full-time ministers
The Society has a long history of charitable business activity, therefore is well placed to carry out a variety of activities when a need arises. It cares for a small commissary and car garage at the headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in Britain.

The Society also has a history of shipping items around the globe and is able to use this to assist ministers and entities with similar objectives. Another major element of this activity comes from the transport experience and supplier network built up by the Society. This makes vehicles available which can be used by ministers for their religious activity.

All of the above activities have been carried out successfully during the year.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Achievement and performance
Internal controls
To assist the Society in achieving its objectives, appropriate internal controls have been established. These ensure that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions, provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose, and verify that proper controls and procedures are in place, and adhered to.

Section 172(1) statement
The board of trustees takes into account the likely consequences of long-term decisions; build relationships with stakeholders; understand the importance of engaging with our volunteers; understand the impact of our operations on the communities within which we operate; and attribute importance to behaving as a responsible organisation.

The board of trustees consider, both individually and together, that through their strategic planning and decision making, that they have acted in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the charity for the benefit of its stakeholders as a whole (having regard to the stakeholders and matters set out in s172(1)(a-f) of the Act) in the decisions taken during the year ended 31 August 2024.

Throughout the trustees' report examples are given where the trustees continue to exercise their duties with regard to matters related to Section 172. For instance, in the public benefit section, the trustees confirm that they have taken into regard the impact of the charity's operations on the community.

As the board of trustees, our intention is to behave responsibly and ensure that management operate the charity in a responsible manner, operating within the high standards of business conduct and good governance expected for a charity such as ours, and in doing so, will contribute to the delivery of our objectives and aims.

Financial review
Financial position
The Society showed a surplus of £19 million on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) at the 31st August 2024.

Further information is described in the Reserves Policy and 'Assisting Entities with Similar Aims and Objectives Overseas' section of this report.

The aims and objectives of the Society are in no way financial, therefore monitoring of specific financial targets is not paramount. The trustees are pleased that they have been able to hold funds effectively and respond to worldwide needs as they arise.

The Society's basic financial aims are to maintain a strong balance sheet, to preserve its purchasing power and to maintain its ability to respond quickly to worldwide and local needs that may arise.

Principal funding sources
The Society currently has two funding sources, one of them being the construction of new facilities or places of worship, which is invoiced at cost to other charities with similar aims and objectives.

The Society relies to a large extent on voluntary donations to support its work, and has a consistent income stream through regular donations and legacies received. To support the overseas donations paid out, the Society also has arrangements with other global entities with similar aims and objectives, to receive incoming donations. These funds arrive when said entities have met their local needs. This allows the Society to pool the funds in banking institutions in Britain, ready and able to respond to worldwide needs. The SOFA confirms that this spending occurred successfully during the year.

The trustees are confident that the Society is in a strong financial position as demonstrated by the attached financial statements.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Financial review

Investment policy and objectives

The memorandum and articles give power to invest funds in any lawful manner having full regard to the suitability of the investments, the need for diversification, and to be a socially responsible investor having due consideration for the beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses. The objective of our investment policy is to balance the following issues: preserve the purchasing power, provide adequate liquidity, and to give consistent long-term returns.

After adjusting for inflow/outflows, the portfolio performance was 5.10%, with an inflation rate of 1.7% in the year. The investment portfolio held 99.3% in diversified liquid assets.

The trustees continue to see the wisdom in holding to the current strategy favouring portfolio diversification both by asset class and currency exposure, having adequate liquidity in investment quality.

Reserves policy

At the year-end reserves, not including fixed assets, and social investments, stood at £221 million. All funds are unrestricted.

The reserves policy of the Society is to hold approximately 12 months running expenditure, as well as an appropriate amount for each country it assists. This would allow the Society to continue with regular expenditure, and to respond to disasters or other unexpected needs that could arise in multiple countries at one time. World events show this to be a very prudent step. The current reserves level meets our reserves policy.

These reserves represent amounts available for the Society's needs and any needs of the entities with similar aims and objectives in other countries. The Society has access to effective banking and investment services. The funds are therefore well utilised until they are called on. Worldwide needs can be responded to whenever necessary from this pool of funds. This assistance can be provided by sending funds, or acquiring and sending necessary items.

The trustees feel that such a policy is prudent, in light of the Society's plans and the current financial climate. They feel it makes best use of income and are confident that it does not adversely affect the Society's ability to both sustain and increase its activity. These reserves can therefore continue to be available for worldwide use as the need arises.

Going concern

The trustees are currently of the opinion that the Society is not exposed to a potential lack of going concern as they regularly monitor the financial position.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Environmental Performance

The Society gives close attention to the environmental impact of its construction and maintenance activities. Matters considered include: unused materials, construction waste management, renewable energy sources, water management and reduction of travel times for volunteers working on projects. Conservation surveys are commissioned as necessary.

The Society's Environmental Policy reflects the commitment to establish an Environmental Management System to monitor and control its environmental aspects; to assess and regularly re-assess the environmental effects of its activities; to conduct its activities in a manner that is sensitive to the needs and concerns of the surrounding inhabitants and environment; to integrate environmental issues into decision making; to reduce or eliminate pollution and nuisance; to minimise energy waste and materials; to protect biodiversity and ecosystems; to promote the use of sustainable, recyclable and renewable materials; and to educate and train volunteers in the use of environmentally conscious practices.

Notably during 2024 the standard Kingdom Hall Design has been adjusted to include options for solar PV installation, air source heat pumps and building management systems (BMS). These systems have been implemented on a number of projects.

The above information enables the trustees to report strong environmental performance for the year. It is in harmony with its overall aims, that the Society has successfully cared for the environment wherever it is operating.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Principal risks and uncertainties

Formal reviews have taken place regarding the major risks to which the Society is exposed. Strategic safeguards are in place to reduce the impact of those risks as far as possible. The Risk Register was updated most recently in August 2023.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Society are: failure to comply with legal requirements on health and safety, fire, environment, waste; disaster in the construction or maintenance of places of worship.

The Society has limited exposure to price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk, due to the nature of its charitable activities.

Failure to comply with legal requirements.

The Trustees recognise the critical importance of adhering to all legal, planning, and building control requirements. To mitigate the risk of non-compliance, the following measures have been implemented:

- Regular Training and Updates: Volunteers who assist in the relevant areas of work, receive ongoing training on legal requirements and updates to ensure they are well-informed and compliant.
- Robust Monitoring Systems: Monitoring systems are in place to track compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- Expert Consultation: Legal and regulatory experts are consulted as required to review and advise on compliance matters.
- Clear Documentation: All procedures and compliance requirements are clearly documented and accessible to all relevant volunteers.

By implementing these measures, the Trustees are confident that the risk of non-compliance is effectively managed and minimised.

Disaster in construction activities.

A comprehensive health and safety file is prepared for each project and managed by an on-site management team. Site safety audit visits are made twice annually to the onsite teams. Additionally, each project mandates a weekly on-site safety audit. All reports are centrally reviewed by dedicated teams to identify and implement necessary adjustments. Incidents occurring on site are reviewed monthly to ensure that lessons learned are applied across all operational areas.

Construction sites are run consistent with Construction Industry Training Board Site Safety qualifications. Strict compliance with building regulations is ensured and experts are fully utilised to maintain the highest standards.

Construction volunteers attend safety and planning seminars. Daily health and safety meetings are conducted on-site for each project. Additionally, an accident and near-miss reporting system is operational on-site to ensure continuous safety monitoring and improvement.

Documented instructions are adhered to by the on-site management teams. Relevant written materials are provided to assist them in maintaining health and safety standards.

The Trustees are confident that the aforementioned safety procedures and controls effectively mitigate the likelihood of a serious risk materialising.

Statutory inquiry

The Trustees are pleased that the Charity Commission's final report was published in August 2023. With the statutory inquiry now fully concluded, the Trustees look forward to continuing with the important charitable activity of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain. The regulatory alert on the Charity Commission's website should be removed by August 4, 2025.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Future plans
The Society wishes to continue providing material and financial assistance to legal entities with similar aims and objectives in several countries.

Additionally, it intends to complete more building projects, ranging from minor renovations to major developments, as it continues to provide places of worship for beneficiaries.

We have invested in a new social investment which aims to provide access to investment and payment services for more than 150 charitable entities worldwide.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
Governing document
The charity, a UK company limited by guarantee, is controlled by its governing document, the memorandum and articles of the company dated 25th October 1999, as amended by special resolutions dated 19th April 2000, 21st November 2013, 13th April 2016, and 8th April 2022.

Organisational structure
The Society is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

Members Liability
Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amounts as may be required, not exceeding £1, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

Recruitment and appointment, induction and training of new trustees
The recruitment and induction of new trustees is arranged as follows: The trustees may at any time co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional trustee. Such a person must be a member of the Society and serve as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. New trustees are given training in both operational and financial matters with the aid of the existing trustees and relevant documentation and guidance provided by the Charity Commission. Trustees are given appropriate Charity Commission publications and training is arranged as part of the meetings of the trustees when the Society's policies are discussed. This is supplemented by periodic training provided by other professional bodies when new legislation affecting the Society is introduced.

The trustees meet together each month, and are in regular contact.

Wider network
The Society works closely with many entities with similar aims and objectives around the world. One example is the International Bible Students Association (IBSA). During the year IBSA provided the Society with serviced facilities for its charitable activities.

Cooperation with all of these entities facilitates an efficient and economic use of the Society's resources. This cooperation also helps the Society to meet its stated aims and objectives.

The charity also considers policies, procedures and guidelines used by entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives, and, where applicable, seeks to implement them.

Engagement with suppliers, customers and others
The trustees recognise the importance of good business relationships to facilitate the uninterrupted provision of charitable services to beneficiaries. Policies are followed to ensure strong relationships with key suppliers are maintained whilst still obtaining value for money and making the best use of donated funds.

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

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for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
03858051 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1077961

Registered office
1 Kingdom Way
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Trustees
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A J Llewellyn
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S J Morice
J Rastall (resigned 31.1.24)
S C Docherty (resigned 16.8.24)
L Thomas (appointed 1.2.24)
J B Fairall (appointed 1.11.24)
L S Samuels (appointed 16.8.24)

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STREAMLINED ENERGY AND CARBON REPORTING
Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy Consumption & Energy Efficiency

GHG emissions and energy use data for period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

	Current reporting year 2023-2024		Comparison reporting year 2022-2023	
	tCO_2e	kWh	tCO_2e	kWh
Quantity of energy consumed resulting from activities for which the company is responsible		539,525		468,439
Emissions from combustion of gas (Scope 1)	4		2	
Emissions from combustion of fuel for transport purposes (Scope 1) (standard diesel)	119		103	
Emissions from purchased electricity (Scope 2)	0.0		0.2	
Total gross tCO_2e based on above	123		105	

Intensity ratio:
The intensity measurement of tCO2e/M2 has been selected and is given for energy consumption from activity connected with its registered office and neighbouring properties in Chelmsford and separately for energy consumption in relation to construction or renovation projects.

	2024	2023
tCO_2e/m^2 in relation to Chelmsford properties	0.0028	0.0019
tCO_2e/m^2 in relation to construction or renovation projects completed in the period	0.0029	0.0034

Methodology:

This report has been prepared in line with the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) March 2019 'Environmental Reporting Guidelines: Including streamlined energy and carbon reporting guidance'.

The carbon figures have been calculated using the BEIS 2024 and 2023 carbon conversion factors for all fuels, other than the market-based electricity which has been taken from utility bills.

Emissions are reported as metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent.

We have taken an operational control approach, meaning that 100% of emissions from operations over which the Society has operational control have been reported.

Energy Efficiency Action Taken:

There were no additional measures taken to increase the Society's energy efficiency during the period covered by this report.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on ...27 February 2025... and signed on the board's behalf by:

.....
R Li - Trustee

.....
A J Llewellyn - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 44 (1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

- Gaining an understanding of the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and the charity's activities,
- Understanding the entity's current activities, assets and liabilities and comparing these to the entity's charitable objectives and aims.
- Reviewing any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to risk management.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity and how the entity is complying with that framework, along with any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Assessing the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, and related disclosures made by the trustees, whilst challenging assumptions made by those charged with governance in the course of accounting estimates;
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and evaluating the business rationale for any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.
- Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Hume

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Date: 28 FEBRUARY 2025

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	114,043,000	96,298,179
Charitable activities	4		
Design and build of places of worship		3,079,231	324,654
Investment income	3	3,325,096	3,003,746
Other income	5	206,053	1,272,781
Total		120,653,380	100,899,360
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	6		
Assisting Other Entities with similar aims and objectives		103,171,645	128,457,573
Design and build of places of worship		7,370,419	4,675,203
Providing services for full-time ministers		533,537	713,273
Total		111,075,601	133,846,049
Net gains/(losses) on investments		9,079,116	(3,291,070)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		18,656,895	(36,237,759)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		214,211,184	250,448,943
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		232,868,079	214,211,184

The notes form part of these financial statements

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Balance Sheet
31st August 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	11,883,686	1,687,914
Investments			
Investments	11	221,615,605	207,082,252
Social investments	12	460,215	460,215
		233,959,506	209,230,381
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	13	2,843,767	3,877,877
Debtors	14	4,250,414	1,453,204
Cash at bank and in hand		621,390	8,777,478
		7,715,571	14,108,559
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(1,816,442)	(1,346,193)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		5,899,129	12,762,366
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		239,858,635	221,992,747
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(3,916,244)	(4,445,130)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	18	(3,074,312)	(3,336,433)
NET ASSETS		232,868,079	214,211,184

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet - continued
31st August 2024

FUNDS	19		
Unrestricted funds:			
General Fund		232,868,079	214,211,184
TOTAL FUNDS		232,868,079	214,211,184

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ....27 February 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

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R Li - Trustee

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A J Llewellyn - Trustee

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	21	6,382,746	(44,623,941)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		6,382,746	(44,623,941)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(10,280,011)	(84,617)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(161,549,860)	(94,822,481)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		97,126	302,324
Sale of fixed asset investments		154,622,012	137,261,660
Interest received		3,096,104	2,802,987
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(14,014,629)	45,459,873
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loans advanced by depositors		51,062	69,906
Loans repaid to depositors on		(575,267)	(462,548)
Net cash used in financing activities		(524,205)	(392,642)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(8,156,088)	443,290
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		8,777,478	8,334,188
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		621,390	8,777,478

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and in Scotland, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity and company law, namely the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102' The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (effective 1 January 2019), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value, unless stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimations and assumptions to be made that affect the reported value of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The nature of estimation and judgement means that actual outcomes could differ from expectation. A significant area of estimation and judgement is when support costs have been allocated to activity on a basis consistent with their use of resources. Further estimations and judgement are investment valuations at market value as described in note 11 and conditional donations provision as described at note 18.

Another key estimate is the rate of depreciation. The trustees are of the opinion that the rates applied to the financial statements are appropriate.

Income
All income, whether in the form of donations or legacies is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Society has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations in the form of assets are included at the net book value on the date of the gift.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either; the Society is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Society has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Income from charitable activities also includes the value of services, excluding Value Added Tax, provided at cost to other charitable bodies during the period. The completion stage of building work performed over long-term contracts is verified by qualified individuals and invoiced accordingly at appropriate intervals.

Grants are recognised when the charity is entitled to receipt.

Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Society to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated as described later regarding cost allocation.

Raising funds
These are comprised of investment management costs incurred during the year. The Society does not engage in fund raising.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Governance costs
Governance costs comprise costs involved in the running and administration of the Society. These are allocated across activities in the same manner as all other support costs.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
Where a cost is incurred for the purpose of directly achieving one of the charitable aims it is allocated to that particular aim.

Some costs do not relate to one particular aim, but support all of the aims of the Society. Where this is the case, the support cost is apportioned to the activity based on the proportion of direct costs it incurs.

Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets are valued at cost less depreciation and impairment charges. Assets costing less than £3,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write each asset down to its residual value over its estimated useful life:

Freehold land	-	Not depreciated
Buildings	-	2% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	10% or 6.7% on cost,
Motor vehicles	-	33%, 20% or 14% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	-	33% or 10% on cost

Impairment reviews are carried out on individual assets when there is some indication that the recoverable amount of a fixed asset is below its net book value.

Social investments
The Society classifies its social investments as programme related. The investment is to further charitable aims, and any financial return is incidental. The investment is held at cost less impairment, as fair value cannot be measured reliably.

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

The majority of fixed asset investments are bonds, held in UK sterling or other traded currencies. They have been valued at the appropriate exchange rate at the year-end. Although they are liquid investments, the nature of the portfolio is long term.

A far smaller portion of the investments consists of various funds and derivatives managed by professional firms and banks. The valuations are based on the external fund managers' estimates of the underlying assets of the investment vehicle.

Financial Instruments

In addition to the fixed asset investments the Society also has basic financial instruments initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value if there is any variance. If any are for a period longer than twelve months these are amortised when appropriate.

Stocks and long-term contracts
Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Stocks and long-term contracts
Long term contracts are assessed on a contract by contract basis and reflected in the statement of financial activities by recording turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses. Turnover is ascertained in a manner appropriate to the stage of completion of the contract.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Foreign exchange gains and losses
Foreign currency balances have been translated at the prevailing rate on the balance sheet date. Income and expenditures during the year have been translated at the prevailing rate on the day of the transaction. Gains and losses arise when foreign currency assets change in value between their purchase and the balance sheet date.

Donated goods
Donated goods are recognised as income when the Society has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Society of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. These would be measured at fair value unless impractical to do so. In such cases donated goods are recognised at cost.

Deposits
The Society had an arrangement whereby individuals could deposit funds so that the Society could benefit, on the understanding that these funds could be requested back whenever the depositor wishes. Deposits repayable on demand are classified as falling due within one year. This arrangement was closed to new deposits in 2015. Experience shows that only a small percentage of deposits (approximately 10%) will be called upon in any one year. Therefore, 90% of these amounts held are recognised as falling due after one year. Deposits are still accepted from congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Conditional donations
The Society receives some donations where the donor reserves the right to receive the funds back in case of unexpected need. Experience has shown that only a small percentage is returned, but prudently the charity provides for twenty-five percent.

Other recognised gains and losses
These comprise unrealised and realised gains and losses on investments. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the market value brought forward (or cost, for assets bought within this financial year) and the market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between sales proceeds and market value brought forward (or cost, for assets bought within this financial year.) Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Irrecoverable VAT
Irrecoverable VAT is included in the relevant cost headings on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities and is not shown as a separate item.

Interest receivable
Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Society, which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Debtors
Debtors are recognised at the total amount due to the Society. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand include current and deposit accounts as well as trivial amounts of petty cash.

Creditors
Creditors are recognised where the Society has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Going Concern
The Trustees consider the Society a going concern and have no material uncertainties in this regard. A strong balance sheet position and consistent income base contribute to this conclusion.

Volunteers
Individuals voluntarily assist with all of the activities of the Society. The role of these individuals is fundamental to the Society carrying out its work, as the Society does not have a salaried workforce.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations of cash and goods	112,471,793	92,957,674
Gift aid	160,508	171,531
Legacies	1,410,699	3,168,974
	114,043,000	96,298,179

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rents received	120,903	-
Deposit account interest	131,580	84,045
Interest receivable	3,072,613	2,919,701
	3,325,096	3,003,746

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	Design and build of places of worship	Total activities
	£	£
Income from construction of places of worship	3,079,231	324,654

5. OTHER INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	87,839	54,814
Foreign currency gains	67,667	1,116,813
Other income	50,547	101,154
	206,053	1,272,781

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Assisting Other Entities with similar aims and objectives	102,986,250	185,395	103,171,645
Design and build of places of worship	7,364,368	6,051	7,370,419
Providing services for full-time ministers	533,099	438	533,537
	110,883,717	191,884	111,075,601

Comparatives for 2023

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Assisting Other Entities with similar aims and objectives	128,212,366	245,207	128,457,573
Design and build of places of worship	4,670,461	4,742	4,675,203
Providing services for full-time ministers	712,484	789	713,273
	133,595,311	250,738	133,846,049

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Assisting Other Entities with similar aims and objectives	59,025	126,370	185,395
Design and build of places of worship	856	5,195	6,051
Providing services for full-time ministers	62	376	438
	59,943	131,941	191,884

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

7. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Support costs have been allocated to the appropriate activity, as shown above, in line with the charity's accounting policies.

Comparatives for 2023

	Finance	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Assisting Other Entities with similar aims and objectives	69,343	3,455	172,409	245,207
Design and build of places of worship	751	115	3,876	4,742
Providing services for full-time ministers	125	19	645	789
	70,219	3,589	176,930	250,738

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	57,600	69,240
Depreciation - owned assets	73,535	64,306
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(86,422)	(46,405)

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The trustees do not receive any remuneration or benefits for their role as trustees of the Society.

All are members of the Worldwide Order of Special full-time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses.

The conditional donation provision contains an amount of £3,500 relating to a trustee.

Trustees' expenses

No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year.

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
At 1st September 2023	1,632,789	338,247	29,286	440,132	2,440,454
Additions	10,136,426	14,996	-	128,589	10,280,011
Disposals	-	(22,985)	(6,755)	(37,712)	(67,452)
At 31st August 2024	11,769,215	330,258	22,531	531,009	12,653,013
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st September 2023	249,312	163,471	28,877	310,880	752,540
Charge for year	37,211	20,097	-	16,227	73,535
Eliminated on disposal	-	(20,687)	(6,755)	(29,306)	(56,748)
At 31st August 2024	286,523	162,881	22,122	297,801	769,327
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st August 2024	11,482,692	167,377	409	233,208	11,883,686
At 31st August 2023	1,383,477	174,776	409	129,252	1,687,914

Included in freehold property is land which is not depreciated with a value of 2024: £9,692,634 (2023: £466,711).

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Other Investments £	Listed debt securities £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1st September 2023	1,715,438	205,366,814	207,082,252
Additions	18,395	161,874,081	161,892,476
Disposals	(60,566)	(154,761,877)	(154,822,443)
Exchange differences and realised/unrealised gain/loss	(64,306)	7,527,626	7,463,320
At 31st August 2024	1,608,961	220,006,644	221,615,605
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st August 2024	1,608,961	220,006,644	221,615,605
At 31st August 2023	1,715,438	205,366,814	207,082,252

Approximately £9 million is shown on the SOFA as a net gain on investments.

12. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024	460,215
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2024	460,215
At 31st August 2023	460,215

This represents an investment in a project which helps Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. The trustees are very confident in its performance and that it will continue to advance the charitable aims of the Society.

13. STOCKS

	2024 £	2023 £
Raw materials	48,949	29,268
Work-in-progress	2,794,818	3,848,609
	2,843,767	3,877,877

14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	2,127,009	11,654
Other debtors	1,282,927	58,384
Prepayments and accrued income	840,478	1,383,166
	4,250,414	1,453,204

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposits (see note 17)	435,138	493,903
Trade creditors	1,268,895	756,840
Other creditors	-	1,896
Accrued expenses	112,409	93,554
	1,816,442	1,346,193

Deposits comprise monies received from individuals, circuits and congregations and held with the Society until they are requested back.

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposits (see note 17)	3,916,244	4,445,130

17. DEPOSITS

No maturity analysis is provided for these deposits due to their nature, as described in the above notes.

18. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Conditional donations	3,074,312	3,336,433

	£
Provision at 1st September 2023	3,336,433
Provision released on conditional donations converted into donations	(123,996)
Provision released on conditional donations repaid	(138,125)
Provision at 31st August 2024	3,074,312

Conditional donations are donations made by individuals on the understanding that they may be recalled should the donor require such funds in the future. The donor retains an option over their donation until they die or write to convert it into an outright donation or request repayment. While it is considered probable that some of these conditional donations will need to be repaid, it is unknown when this liability will crystallize or how large it will be. The trustees have therefore prudently made a provision for 25% of the balance of conditional donations as shown above. The remaining £9,222,935 is a contingent liability.

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	214,211,184	18,656,895	232,868,079
TOTAL FUNDS	214,211,184	18,656,895	232,868,079

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	120,653,380	(111,075,601)	9,079,116	18,656,895
TOTAL FUNDS	120,653,380	(111,075,601)	9,079,116	18,656,895

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	250,448,943	(36,237,759)	214,211,184
TOTAL FUNDS	250,448,943	(36,237,759)	214,211,184

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	100,899,360	(133,846,049)	(3,291,070)	(36,237,759)
TOTAL FUNDS	100,899,360	(133,846,049)	(3,291,070)	(36,237,759)

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	250,448,943	(17,580,864)	232,868,079
TOTAL FUNDS	250,448,943	(17,580,864)	232,868,079

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	221,552,740	(244,921,650)	5,788,046	(17,580,864)
TOTAL FUNDS	221,552,740	(244,921,650)	5,788,046	(17,580,864)

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st August 2024.

21. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	18,656,895	(36,237,759)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	73,535	64,306
(Gain)/losses on investments	(7,368,488)	2,912,973
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(86,422)	(46,405)
Interest received	(3,096,104)	(2,802,987)
Other non-cash donations received	(63,445)	(82,705)
(Decrease)/increase in provisions	(262,121)	(9,692)
Accrued interest movement	(237,018)	(200,759)
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	1,034,110	(1,551,175)
Increase in debtors	(2,797,210)	(694,537)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	529,014	(5,975,201)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	6,382,746	(44,623,941)

22. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS/(DEBT) - continued

	At 1.9.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	8,777,478	(8,156,088)	621,390
	8,777,478	(8,156,088)	621,390
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(493,903)	58,765	(435,138)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(4,445,130)	528,886	(3,916,244)
	(4,939,033)	587,651	(4,351,382)
Total	3,838,445	(7,568,437)	(3,729,992)

23. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2024	2023
Debt instruments at fair value		
Listed debt securities	220,006,644	205,366,814
Other Investments	1,608,961	1,715,438
Total	221,615,605	207,082,252

24. EMPLOYEES

The Society does not have any employees (2023: nil).

WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF BRITAIN

England & Wales - Charity number 1077961

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03858051 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1077961
OSCR NUMBER: SC046952

Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

for

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

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Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the Society) for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31st August 2023, which have been prepared in accordance with the charity governing document as referenced on page 8. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

This report includes the Directors Report as required by company law.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Objectives and aims
The Memorandum and governing document states that the objectives of the Society are to advance the Christian religion as practiced by the body of Christian persons known as Jehovah's Witnesses. This is accomplished in particular but not exclusively:
a. producing audio and video material for Bible education, publishing, importing, exporting, recording, translating, producing, and distributing Bible literature;
b. providing services and facilities for members of the Worldwide Order of Special Full-Time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses (the Order) and such other support as deemed appropriate from time to time;
c. purchasing, building, and renovating properties for use by Jehovah's Witnesses as places of worship as well as for other purposes to support the Charity's objects;
d. engaging in acts of charity, mercy, and humanitarian aid; and
e. distributing funds and goods to other entities that have similar aims.

Significant activities
The major areas of activities for the year in question have been:

1. Supporting entities of Jehovah's Witnesses with similar aims and objectives abroad. These donations have been in the form of goods such as paper for printing and software licences. All such donations have promoted religious activity overseas. This activity also includes sending funds directly, primarily to such entities in developing countries, where funds are limited. These are used for activities such as construction of places of worship and disaster relief.
2. Refurbishment of Kingdom Halls of Jehovah's Witnesses (places of worship) and the construction of new Kingdom Halls.
3. Provision of facilities to assist members of the Order.

Public benefit
As evidenced in this report, much has been accomplished by the Society in the year to advance its objects for the public benefit.

The construction work facilitates the activity of Jehovah's Witnesses. It helps them, others who associate with them and the wider public to learn godly values, promote well-being and respect for others, and practice qualities such as honesty and kindness. The work of the Society ensures that individuals are not limited by their background or financial means to gain access to these provisions.

The work of the Society also benefits those who do not wish to access these provisions. For example, through its building work, the Society creates attractive and dignified buildings which are a pleasing gift to the community. Another benefit arises from the teaching that takes place in these buildings, a key aspect of which is being good neighbours.

Public benefit is also achieved in other countries, where entities with similar aims are helped to accomplish the objectives described above, as well as with disaster relief in affected areas. The Society has seen the results of its funding in new places of worship, and disaster relief efforts that greatly assist the individuals in need and their communities. More information is included in the achievements and performance section of this report.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Overseas Donations

The Society's policy for making donations to other entities with similar aims and objectives is as follows: each year the Society considers requests from such entities in countries that receive insufficient donations locally to meet their aims. The Society considers if its yearly budget for this activity is appropriate. It also ensures that the beneficiary of these funds are legal entities that care for the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses in that country. After due diligence is carried out, the funds are sent. Reports are obtained to confirm appropriate use of the funds.

All donations made support the Christian ministry of Jehovah's Witnesses. Donated funds are used for building places of worship, facilitation of religious worship, providing Bible-based literature and assisting with disaster relief. The entities assisted share and pursue the same aims as the Society. Individual donors to the Society are made aware of the worldwide nature of our work and activities.

Assistance was also provided to entities used by Jehovah's Witnesses in other countries by purchasing and sending the necessary goods where appropriate.

Members of the Worldwide Order of Special Full Time Servants

The Society is often assisted by religious ministers who are members of the Order.

These individuals are not employed and do not receive a remuneration or any benefit in kind for the activities or services they perform. Although such ones do at times help the Society, for instance, by assisting with building work, their service involves many other assignments as well, not connected to the Society. Members perform whatever the Order assigns them to do in support of the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Many who are not members of the Order, but who are Jehovah's Witnesses, also freely provide their time and resources to assist with needed work.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Achievement and performance

Charitable activities - Assisting Entities with Similar Aims Overseas

During the year the Society provided material and financial assistance to entities of Jehovah's Witnesses with similar aims and objectives in several countries.

The aid, £128 million in total, was given to promote missionary activity, assist with disaster relief, and support the local entities.

Direct funding of £89 million was sent to legal entities with similar aims and objectives, the majority of which were based in Africa. In addition, £39 million was spent on goods and services for these entities. These include computer programs, equipment and paper for printing activities. Sourcing these items centrally and donating them allows for the best use of donated funds. It also provides such goods to entities that otherwise would struggle to access them.

Funding was received from entities with similar aims and objectives that had already met their local needs. The Society has access to excellent banking services in Britain and was able to pool and distribute these funds. Of course, such funds are also available for domestic needs if necessary.

The receiving entities with similar aims and objectives sent very satisfying reports regarding the activity supported, which resulted in physical, spiritual and emotional support for many beneficiaries.

For example, in early 2023, Zambia experienced some of the most severe flooding of its recent history. The Society's funds helped to provide relief from this disaster. For example, they were used to procure and distribute food provisions to individuals in need. Construction projects were carried out on many Kingdom Halls. Major renovation was completed on two Assembly Halls, allowing beneficiaries to meet together in a peaceful environment, and thus to benefit fully from the spiritual food received.

In Mozambique, the funds were used to facilitate the translation of different books of the Bible into local languages.

In Angola, funds were used to upgrade and improve many properties that facilitate worship and Bible education.

In Malawi, the receiving entity oversaw the reconstruction of 37 homes that were destroyed by natural disasters such as Cyclone Freddy and Cyclone Anna in addition to distributing relief supplies. They also completed the construction of 23 new places of worship.

The above are just a few examples. Similar activities took place in many other countries which the Society assists.

A social investment is also held by the Society. This is in line with the aims and objectives of the Society because the investment is charitable, helping Jehovah's Witnesses find places of worship in various parts of the world. The investment is socially, ethically and environmentally acceptable. It continues to perform positively.

Charitable activities - Building places of worship

The charity completed 4 new construction projects, 17 major renovation projects, 71 minor maintenance projects and 1 property purchase. This is despite the increasingly challenging logistical and economic circumstances as the charity operates in a post-Brexit, post-pandemic environment. Of note was the provision of a new place of worship in Buxton, England, that had previously been destroyed by storm damage prior to the pandemic, and the provision of a new place of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses in Brecon, Wales, where they had previously relied on intermittent rented facilities.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Achievement and performance
Charitable activities - Providing services to full-time ministers
The Society has a long history of charitable business activity, therefore is well placed to carry out a variety of activities when a need arises. It cares for a small commissary and car garage at the headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in Britain.

The Society also has a history of shipping items around the globe and is able to use this to assist ministers and entities with similar objectives. Another major element of this activity comes from the transport experience and supplier network built up by the Society. This makes vehicles available which can be used by ministers for their religious activity.

All of the above activities have been carried out successfully during the year.

Internal controls
To assist the Society in achieving its objectives, appropriate internal controls have been established. These ensure that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions, provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose, and verify that proper controls and procedures are in place, and adhered to.

Section 172(1) statement
The board of trustees consider that through their strategic planning and decision making in the year ended 31 August 2023 they have acted in a way that is most likely to promote the success of the charity for the benefit of its stakeholders as a whole.

Throughout the trustees' report examples are given where the trustees continue to exercise their duties with regard to matters related to Section 172.

For instance, in the public benefit section, the trustees confirm that they have taken into regard the impact of the Society's operations on the community.

In accordance with Section 172(2), the significant activities section shows how activities, previously restricted due to the pandemic, have now been resumed. The risk is deemed low enough, especially compared to the good impact for beneficiaries, to design and build places of worship and assist other charities with similar aims and objectives.

Financial review
Financial position
The Society showed a deficit of £36 million on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) at the 31st August 2023.

This came about due to an increase in activity of the entities with similar aims and objectives assisted by the Society. Their activities only started to resume, post-pandemic during the previous year. This is the first year of fully resumed activity. Along with this there have been increasing prices and disasters to deal with. Further information is described in the Reserves Policy and 'Assisting Entities with Similar Aims and Objectives Overseas' section of this report.

The aims and objectives of the Society are in no way financial, therefore monitoring of specific financial targets is not paramount. The trustees are pleased that they have been able to hold funds effectively and respond to worldwide needs as they arise.

The Society's basic financial aims are to maintain a strong balance sheet, to preserve its purchasing power and to maintain its ability to respond quickly to worldwide and local needs that may arise.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Financial review
Principal funding sources
The Society currently has two funding sources, one of them being the construction of new facilities or places of worship, which is invoiced at cost to other charities with similar aims and objectives.

The Society relies to a large extent on voluntary donations to support its work, and has a consistent income stream through regular donations and legacies received. To support the overseas donations paid out, the Society also has arrangements with other global entities with similar aims and objectives, to receive incoming donations. These funds arrive when said entities have met their local needs. This allows the Society to pool the funds in banking institutions in Britain, ready and able to respond to worldwide needs. The SOFA confirms that this spending occurred successfully during the year.

The trustees are confident that the Society is in a strong financial position as demonstrated by the attached financial statements.

Investment policy and objectives
The memorandum and articles give power to invest funds in any lawful manner having full regard to the suitability of the investments, the need for diversification, and to be a socially responsible investor having due consideration for the beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses. The objective of our investment policy is to balance the following issues: preserve the purchasing power, provide adequate liquidity, and to give consistent long-term returns.

After adjusting for inflow/outflows, the portfolio stayed flat over the past year, with an inflation rate of 6.7% in the year. The investment portfolio held 99.2% in diversified liquid assets. The financial statements show an unrealised loss has been incurred due to the increase in interest rates. However, the Society does not expect to realise this loss, because it intends to hold these investment assets to maturity.

The trustees continue to see the wisdom in holding to the current strategy favouring portfolio diversification both by asset class and currency exposure, having adequate liquidity in investment quality.

Reserves policy
At the year-end reserves, not including fixed assets, and social investments, stood at £213 million. All funds are unrestricted.

The reserves policy of the Society is to hold approximately 12 months running expenditure, as well as an appropriate amount for each country it assists. This would allow the Society to continue with regular expenditure, and to respond to disasters or other unexpected needs that could arise in multiple countries at one time. World events show this to be a very prudent step. The current reserves level meets our reserves policy.

These reserves represent amounts available for the Society's needs and any needs of the entities with similar aims and objectives in other countries. The Society has access to effective banking and investment services. The funds are therefore well utilised until they are called on. Worldwide needs can be responded to whenever necessary from this pool of funds. This assistance can be provided by sending funds, or acquiring and sending necessary items.

The trustees feel that such a policy is prudent, in light of the Society's plans and the current financial climate. They feel it makes best use of income and are confident that it does not adversely affect the Society's ability to both sustain and increase its activity. These reserves can therefore continue to be available for worldwide use as the need arises.

Going concern
The trustees are currently of the opinion that the Society is not exposed to a potential lack of going concern as they regularly monitor the financial position.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Financial review
Environmental Performance

Especially with its building projects, the Society gives close attention to its environmental impact. Matters considered include: unused materials, construction waste management, renewable energy sources and water management. Conservation surveys are commissioned as necessary. Projects are registered with sustainability monitoring agencies such as BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) when this is required by local authorities.

The Society recognises the importance of environmental protection, especially with significant undertakings, and works in harmony with our Environmental Policy. This policy reflects the commitment to establish an Environmental Management System to monitor and control its environmental aspects; to assess and regularly re-assess the environmental effects of its activities; to conduct its activities in a manner that is sensitive to the needs and concerns of the surrounding inhabitants and environment; to integrate environmental issues into decision making; to reduce or eliminate pollution and nuisance; to minimise energy waste and materials; to protect biodiversity and ecosystems; to promote the use of sustainable, recyclable and renewable materials; and to educate and train volunteers in the use of environmentally conscious practices.

During 2023, the Society has planned trials of renewable energy systems for construction in 2024. These systems include solar PV energy generation & battery storage to reduce reliance on grid based energy. Additionally, trials are underway to evaluate efficient electrical heating systems that use heat pump technology. If successful, these systems will help move further away from fossil fuels, in favour of clean renewable energy sources.

The above information enables the trustees to report strong environmental performance for the year. It is in harmony with its overall aims, that the Society has successfully cared for the environment wherever it is operating.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Principal risks and uncertainties
Formal reviews have taken place regarding the major risks to which the Society is exposed. Strategic safeguards are in place to reduce the impact of those risks as far as possible. The Risk Register was updated most recently in August 2023.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Society are: failure to comply with legal requirements on health and safety, fire, environment, waste; disaster in the construction or maintenance of places of worship.

The Society has limited exposure to price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk, due to the nature of its charitable activities.

Failure to comply with legal requirements.

All building projects are compliant with any and all applicable legal, planning and building control requirements.

Regulatory authorities also inspect and advise on vehicle safety and standards.

Weekly maintenance and production meetings ensure standards are being followed and any suggestions are followed through.

We maintain a good working relationship with any authorities which oversee such requirements.

All of the above continue to ensure that the Society complies with relevant legal requirements.

Disaster in construction activities.

A comprehensive health and safety file is prepared for each project and managed by an onsite management team. Site safety audit visits are made twice annually to the groups of individuals overseeing construction in a given geographic area. Reports are reviewed by teams working centrally to see where any adjustments are needed. Incidents that occur on site are reviewed on a monthly basis, so that lessons learned can be applied across all areas of our operations.

Building sites are run consistent with Construction Industry Training Board Site Safety qualifications. Strict compliance with building regulations is ensured and experts fully utilised.

Workers attend safety and planning seminars. Daily meetings on health and safety are held on site for each project. An accident and near miss reporting system is also operational on site.

Documented instructions are followed by those in oversight. Written materials are provided to the relevant persons to assist them in maintaining health and safety.

The Trustees are confident that the hard work described above mitigates the possibility that a serious risk will be realised.

Statutory inquiry
The Trustees are pleased that the Charity Commission's final report was published in August 2023. With the statutory inquiry now fully concluded, the Trustees look forward to continuing with the important charitable activity of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain.

Future plans
The Society wishes to continue to be able to provide material and financial assistance to entities of Jehovah's Witnesses with similar aims and objectives in several countries.

It also aims to complete more building projects, from minor renovations to major developments, as it continues to provide places of worship for beneficiaries.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity, a UK company limited by guarantee, is controlled by its governing document, the memorandum and articles of the company dated 25th October 1999, as amended by special resolutions dated 19th April 2000, 21st November 2013, 13th April 2016, and 8th April 2022.

Organisational structure

The Society is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

Members Liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amounts as may be required, not exceeding £1, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

Recruitment and appointment, induction and training of new trustees

The recruitment and induction of new trustees is arranged as follows: The trustees may at any time co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional trustee. Such a person must be a member of the Society and serve as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. New trustees are given training in both operational and financial matters with the aid of the existing trustees and relevant documentation and guidance provided by the Charity Commission. Trustees are given appropriate Charity Commission publications and training is arranged as part of the meetings of the trustees when the Society's policies are discussed. This is supplemented by periodic training provided by other professional bodies when new legislation affecting the Society is introduced.

The trustees meet together each month, and are in regular contact.

Wider network

The Society works closely with many entities with similar aims and objectives around the world. One example is the International Bible Students Association (IBSA). During the year IBSA provided the Society with serviced facilities for its charitable activities.

Cooperation with all of these entities facilitates an efficient and economic use of the Society's resources. This cooperation also helps the Society to meet its stated aims and objectives.

The charity also considers policies, procedures and guidelines used by entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives, and, where applicable, seeks to implement them.

Engagement with suppliers, customers and others

The trustees recognise the importance of good business relationships to facilitate the uninterrupted provision of charitable services to beneficiaries. Policies are followed to ensure strong relationships with key suppliers are maintained whilst still obtaining value for money and making the best use of donated funds.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03858051 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1077961

Registered office

1 Kingdom Way
West Hanningfield
Chelmsford
CM2 8FW

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

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G Maraia
S J Morice
J Rastall (resigned 31.01.24)
S C Docherty
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STREAMLINED ENERGY AND CARBON REPORTING
Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy Consumption & Energy Efficiency

GHG emissions and energy use data for period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

	Current reporting year 2022-2023		Comparison reporting year 2021-2022	
	tCO_2e	kWh	tCO_2e	kWh
Quantity of energy consumed resulting from activities for which the company is responsible		468,439		531,827
Emissions from combustion of gas (Scope 1)	2		16	
Emissions from combustion of fuel for transport purposes (Scope 1) (standard diesel)	103		100	
Emissions from purchased electricity (Scope 2)	0.2		3	
Total gross tCO2e based on above	105		119	

Intensity ratio:
The intensity measurement of tCO_2e/M^2 has been selected and is given for energy consumption from activity connected with its registered office and neighbouring properties in Chelmsford and separately for energy consumption in relation to construction or renovation projects.

	2023	2022
tCO_2e/M^2 in relation to Chelmsford properties	0.0019	0.0151
tCO_2e/M^2 in relation to construction or renovation projects completed in the period	0.0034	0.0048

Methodology:

This report has been prepared in line with the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) March 2019 'Environmental Reporting Guidelines: Including streamlined energy and carbon reporting guidance'.

The carbon figures have been calculated using the BEIS 2023 and 2022 carbon conversion factors for all fuels, other than the market-based electricity which has been taken from utility bills.

Emissions are reported as metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent.

We have taken an operational control approach, meaning that 100% of emissions from operations over which the Society has operational control have been reported.

Energy Efficiency Action Taken:

There were no additional measures taken to increase the Society's energy efficiency during the period covered by this report.

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on ....March 20.....2024..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

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R Li - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 44 (1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:
Our objectives in performing the audit are to identify and asses the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements due to fraud or error and to obtain sufficient audit evidence to support this. We also evaluate and respond to the risk of material misstatements.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:
- Understanding the entity's current activities, assets and liabilities and comparing these to the entity's charitable objectives and aims.
- Discussing with management and those charged with governance as to any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud.
- Gaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity and how the entity is complying with that framework.
- Evaluating the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur.
- Confirmations from management and those charged with governance as regards related parties.
- Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Assessing the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees, whilst challenging assumptions made by those charged with governance in the course of accounting estimates.
- Identifying and testing manual journal entries.
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with regulatory bodies.
- Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Hume FCA

Nicholas Hume FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Becket House
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Date: 20 March 2024

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	96,298,180	77,065,506
Charitable activities	4		
Design and build of places of worship		324,654	1,105,797
Investment income	3	3,003,746	2,868,666
Other income	5	1,272,781	7,927,841
Total		100,899,361	88,967,810
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds			
Investment management costs	6	103,210	124,056
		103,210	124,056
Charitable activities	7		
Assisting Other Entities with similar aims and objectives		128,354,364	75,268,588
Design and build of places of worship		4,675,203	6,047,951
Providing services for full-time ministers		713,273	573,816
Total		133,846,050	82,014,411
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(3,291,070)	(18,037,821)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(36,237,759)	(11,084,422)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		250,448,943	261,533,365
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		214,211,184	250,448,943

The notes form part of these financial statements

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Balance Sheet
31st August 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Unrestricted fund £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	1,687,914	1,923,522
Investments			
Investments	12	207,082,252	252,233,645
Social investments	13	460,215	460,215
		209,230,381	254,617,382
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	14	3,877,877	2,326,702
Debtors	15	1,453,204	758,667
Cash at bank and in hand		8,777,478	8,334,188
		14,108,559	11,419,557
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(1,346,193)	(7,368,929)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		12,762,366	4,050,628
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		221,992,747	258,668,010
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(4,445,130)	(4,872,942)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	19	(3,336,433)	(3,346,125)
NET ASSETS		214,211,184	250,448,943

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet - continued
31st August 2023

FUNDS	20		
Unrestricted funds:			
General Fund		214,211,184	250,448,943
TOTAL FUNDS		214,211,184	250,448,943

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ....March 20....2024..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
R Li - Trustee

.....
A J Llewellyn - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	22	(44,623,941)	13,454,730
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(44,623,941)	13,454,730
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(84,617)	(27,999)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(94,822,481)	(226,099,936)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		302,324	3,223,679
Sale of fixed asset investments		137,261,660	208,735,549
Interest received		2,802,987	3,030,767
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		45,459,873	(11,137,940)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loans advanced by depositors		69,906	29,017
Loans repaid to depositors on		(462,548)	(589,150)
Net cash used in financing activities		(392,642)	(560,133)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		443,290	1,756,657
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		8,334,188	6,577,531
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		8,777,478	8,334,188

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and in Scotland, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity and company law, namely the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102' The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (effective 1 January 2019), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value, unless stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimations and assumptions to be made that affect the reported value of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The nature of estimation and judgement means that actual outcomes could differ from expectation. A significant area of estimation and judgement is when support costs have been allocated to activity on a basis consistent with their use of resources. Further estimations and judgement are investment valuations at market value as described in note 13 and conditional donations provision as described at note 19.

Another key estimate is the rate of depreciation. The trustees are of the opinion that the rates applied to the financial statements are appropriate.

Income
All income, whether in the form of donations or legacies is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Society has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations in the form of assets are included at the net book value on the date of the gift.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either; the Society is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Society has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Income from charitable activities also includes the value of services, excluding Value Added Tax, provided at cost to other charitable bodies during the period. The completion stage of building work performed over long-term contracts is verified by qualified individuals and invoiced accordingly at appropriate intervals.

Grants are recognised when the charity is entitled to receipt.

Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Society to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated as described later regarding cost allocation.

Raising funds
These are comprised of investment management costs incurred during the year. The Society does not engage in fund raising.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Governance costs
Governance costs comprise costs involved in the running and administration of the Society. These are allocated across activities in the same manner as all other support costs.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
Where a cost is incurred for the purpose of directly achieving one of the charitable aims it is allocated to that particular aim.

Some costs do not relate to one particular aim, but support all of the aims of the Society. Where this is the case, the support cost is apportioned to the activity based on the proportion of direct costs it incurs.

Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets are valued at cost less depreciation and impairment charges. Assets costing less than £3,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write each asset down to its residual value over its estimated useful life:

Freehold land	-	Not depreciated
Buildings	-	2% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	10% or 6.7% on cost,
Motor vehicles	-	33%, 20% or 14% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	-	33% or 10% on cost

Impairment reviews are carried out on individual assets when there is some indication that the recoverable amount of a fixed asset is below its net book value.

Social investments
The Society classifies its social investments as programme related. The investment is to further charitable aims, and any financial return is incidental. The investment is held at cost less impairment, as fair value cannot be measured reliably.

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

The majority of fixed asset investments are bonds, held in UK sterling or other traded currencies. They have been valued at the appropriate exchange rate at the year-end. Although they are liquid investments, the nature of the portfolio is long term.

A far smaller portion of the investments consists of various funds and derivatives managed by professional firms and banks. The valuations are based on the external fund managers' estimates of the underlying assets of the investment vehicle.

Financial Instruments

In addition to the fixed asset investments the Society also has basic financial instruments initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value if there is any variance. If any are for a period longer than twelve months these are amortised when appropriate.

Stocks and long-term contracts
Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Stocks and long-term contracts
Long term contracts are assessed on a contract by contract basis and reflected in the statement of financial activities by recording turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses. Turnover is ascertained in a manner appropriate to the stage of completion of the contract.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Foreign exchange gains and losses
Foreign currency balances have been translated at the prevailing rate on the balance sheet date. Income and expenditures during the year have been translated at the prevailing rate on the day of the transaction. Gains and losses arise when foreign currency assets change in value between their purchase and the balance sheet date.

Donated goods
Donated goods are recognised as income when the Society has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Society of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. These would be measured at fair value unless impractical to do so. In such cases donated goods are recognised at cost.

Deposits
The Society had an arrangement whereby individuals could deposit funds so that the Society could benefit, on the understanding that these funds could be requested back whenever the depositor wishes. Deposits repayable on demand are classified as falling due within one year. This arrangement was closed to new deposits in 2015. Experience shows that only a small percentage of deposits (approximately 10%) will be called upon in any one year. Therefore, 90% of these amounts held are recognised as falling due after one year. Deposits are still accepted from congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Conditional donations
The Society receives some donations where the donor reserves the right to receive the funds back in case of unexpected need. Experience has shown that only a small percentage is returned, but prudently the charity provides for twenty-five percent.

Other recognised gains and losses
These comprise unrealised and realised gains and losses on investments. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the market value brought forward (or cost, for assets bought within this financial year) and the market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between sales proceeds and market value brought forward (or cost, for assets bought within this financial year.) Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Irrecoverable VAT
Irrecoverable VAT is included in the relevant cost headings on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities and is not shown as a separate item.

Interest receivable
Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Society, which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Debtors
Debtors are recognised at the total amount due to the Society. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand include current and deposit accounts as well as trivial amounts of petty cash.

Creditors
Creditors are recognised where the Society has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Going Concern
The Trustees consider the Society a going concern and have no material uncertainties in this regard. A strong balance sheet position and consistent income base contribute to this conclusion.

Volunteers
Individuals voluntarily assist with all of the activities of the Society. The role of these individuals is fundamental to the Society carrying out its work, as the Society does not have a salaried workforce.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations of cash and goods	92,957,675	74,395,626
Gift aid	171,531	220,975
Legacies	3,168,974	2,448,905
	96,298,180	77,065,506

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rents received	-	9,582
Deposit account interest	84,045	4,408
Interest receivable	2,919,701	2,854,676
	3,003,746	2,868,666

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023 Design and build of places of worship £	2022 Total activities £
Income from construction of places of worship	324,654	1,105,797

5. OTHER INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	54,814	543,846
Foreign currency gains	1,116,813	7,358,884
Other income	101,154	25,111
	1,272,781	7,927,841

6. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Portfolio management	103,210	124,056

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Assisting Other Entities with similar aims and objectives	128,212,366	141,998	128,354,364
Design and build of places of worship	4,670,461	4,742	4,675,203
Providing services for full-time ministers	712,484	789	713,273
	133,595,311	147,529	133,742,840

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Assisting Other Entities with similar aims and objectives	22,497	3,455	116,046	141,998
Design and build of places of worship	751	115	3,876	4,742
Providing services for full-time ministers	125	19	645	789
	23,373	3,589	120,567	147,529

Support costs have been allocated to the appropriate activity, as shown above, in line with the charity's accounting policies.

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	69,240	34,080
Depreciation - owned assets	64,306	109,845
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(46,405)	(536,446)

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The trustees do not receive any remuneration or benefits for their role as trustees of the Society.

All are members of the Worldwide Order of Special full-time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses.

The trustees and their spouses donated in total £500 to the charity.

The conditional donation provision contains an amount of £3,500 relating to a trustee.

Trustees' expenses

No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
At 1st September 2022	2,058,303	332,646	37,361	399,173	2,827,483
Additions	-	27,546	-	57,071	84,617
Disposals	(425,514)	(21,945)	(8,075)	(16,112)	(471,646)
At 31st August 2023	1,632,789	338,247	29,286	440,132	2,440,454
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st September 2022	414,001	149,742	34,615	305,603	903,961
Charge for year	24,149	20,461	1,529	18,167	64,306
Eliminated on disposal	(188,838)	(6,732)	(7,267)	(12,890)	(215,727)
At 31st August 2023	249,312	163,471	28,877	310,880	752,540
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st August 2023	1,383,477	174,776	409	129,252	1,687,914
At 31st August 2022	1,644,302	182,904	2,746	93,570	1,923,522

Included in freehold property is land which is not depreciated with a value of £466,711.

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Other Investments £	Listed debt securities £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1st September 2022	2,220,843	250,012,802	252,233,645
Additions	16,446	94,806,035	94,822,481
Disposals	(176,842)	(137,084,818)	(137,261,660)
Exchange differences and realised/unrealised gain/loss	(345,009)	(2,367,205)	(2,712,214)
At 31st August 2023	1,715,438	205,366,814	207,082,252
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st August 2023	1,715,438	205,366,814	207,082,252
At 31st August 2022	2,220,843	250,012,802	252,233,645

Approximately £3 million is shown on the SOFA as a net loss on investments.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

13. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023	460,215
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2023	460,215
At 31st August 2022	460,215

This represents an investment in a project which helps Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. The trustees are very confident in its performance and that it will continue to advance the charitable aims of the Society.

14. STOCKS

	2023 £	2022 £
Raw materials	29,268	24,777
Work-in-progress	3,848,609	2,301,925
	3,877,877	2,326,702

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	11,654	7,592
Other debtors	58,384	59,007
Prepayments and accrued income	1,383,166	692,068
	1,453,204	758,667

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposits (see note 18)	493,903	541,438
Trade creditors	756,840	1,444,885
Other creditors	1,896	5,284,939
Accrued expenses	93,554	97,667
	1,346,193	7,368,929

Deposits comprise monies received from individuals, circuits and congregations and held with the Society until they are requested back.

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposits (see note 18)	4,445,130	4,872,942

18. DEPOSITS

No maturity analysis is provided for these deposits due to their nature, as described in the above notes.

19. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Conditional donations	3,336,433	3,346,125

	£
Provision at 1st September 2022	3,346,125
Provision on new conditional donations received	206,945
Provision released on conditional donations converted into donations	(203,860)
Provision released on conditional donations repaid	(12,777)
Provision at 31st August 2023	3,336,433

Conditional donations are donations made by individuals on the understanding that they may be recalled should the donor require such funds in the future. The donor retains an option over their donation until they die or write to convert it into an outright donation or request repayment. While it is considered probable that some of these conditional donations will need to be repaid, it is unknown when this liability will crystallize or how large it will be. The trustees have therefore prudently made a provision for 25% of the balance of conditional donations as shown above. The remaining £10,009,299 is a contingent liability.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	250,448,943	(36,237,759)	214,211,184
TOTAL FUNDS	250,448,943	(36,237,759)	214,211,184

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	100,899,361	(133,846,050)	(3,291,070)	(36,237,759)
TOTAL FUNDS	100,899,361	(133,846,050)	(3,291,070)	(36,237,759)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	261,533,365	(11,084,422)	250,448,943
TOTAL FUNDS	261,533,365	(11,084,422)	250,448,943

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	88,967,810	(82,014,411)	(18,037,821)	(11,084,422)
TOTAL FUNDS	88,967,810	(82,014,411)	(18,037,821)	(11,084,422)

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	261,533,365	(47,322,181)	214,211,184
TOTAL FUNDS	261,533,365	(47,322,181)	214,211,184

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	189,867,171	(215,860,461)	(21,328,891)	(47,322,181)
TOTAL FUNDS	189,867,171	(215,860,461)	(21,328,891)	(47,322,181)

21. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st August 2023.

22. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(36,237,759)	(11,084,422)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	64,306	109,845
Losses on investments	2,912,973	11,145,385
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(46,405)	(536,446)
Interest received	(2,802,987)	(3,030,767)
Other non-cash donations received	(82,705)	(109,007)
(Decrease)/increase in provisions	(9,692)	152,213
Donated assets	-	10,251,557
Accrued interest movement	(200,759)	171,683
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(1,551,175)	528,642
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(694,537)	633,849
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(5,975,201)	5,222,198
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	(44,623,941)	13,454,730

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

23. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	8,334,188	443,290	8,777,478
	8,334,188	443,290	8,777,478
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(541,438)	47,535	(493,903)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(4,872,942)	427,812	(4,445,130)
	(5,414,380)	475,347	(4,939,033)
Total	2,919,808	918,637	3,838,445

24. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2023	2022
Debt instruments at fair value		
Listed debt securities	205,366,814	250,012,802
Other Investments	1,715,438	2,220,843
Total	207,082,252	252,233,645

25. EMPLOYEES

The Society does not have any employees (2022: nil).

WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF BRITAIN

England & Wales - Charity number 1077961

Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

for

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

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Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the Society) for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31st August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

This report includes the Directors Report as required by company law.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Objectives and aims
The Memorandum and governing document states that the objectives of the Society are to advance the Christian religion as practiced by the body of Christian persons known as Jehovah's Witnesses. This is accomplished in particular but not exclusively:
a. producing audio and video material for Bible education, publishing, importing, exporting, recording, translating, producing, and distributing Bible literature;
b. providing services and facilities for members of the Worldwide Order of Special Full-Time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses (the Order) and such other support as deemed appropriate from time to time;
c. purchasing, building, and renovating properties for use by Jehovah's Witnesses as places of worship as well as for other purposes to support the Charity's objects;
d. engaging in acts of charity, mercy, and humanitarian aid; and
e. distributing funds and goods to other entities that have similar aims.

Significant activities
The major areas of activities for the year in question have been:

1. Supporting entities of Jehovah's Witnesses with similar aims and objectives abroad. These donations have been in the form of goods such as paper for printing and software licences. All such donations have promoted religious activity overseas. This activity also includes sending funds directly, primarily to such entities in developing countries, where funds are limited. These are used for activities such as construction of places of worship and disaster relief.
2. Refurbishment of Kingdom Halls of Jehovah's Witnesses (places of worship) and the construction of new Kingdom Halls.
3. Provision of facilities to assist members of the Order.

The pandemic had been a significant negative factor which has limited the Society's ability to build and refurbish places of worship. During the year, the Society was able to gradually resume its activities in a safe manner.

Public benefit
As evidenced in this report, much has been accomplished by the Society in the year to advance its objects for the public benefit.

The construction work facilitates the activity of Jehovah's Witnesses. It helps them, others who associate with them and the wider public to learn godly values, promote well-being and respect for others, and practice qualities such as honesty and kindness. The work of the Society ensures that individuals are not limited by their background or financial means to gain access to these provisions.

The work of the Society also benefits those who do not wish to access these provisions. For example, through its building work, the Society creates attractive and dignified buildings which are a pleasing gift to the community. Another benefit arises from the teaching that takes place in these buildings, a key aspect of which is being good neighbours.

Public benefit is also achieved in other countries, where entities with similar aims are helped to accomplish the objectives described above, as well as with disaster relief in affected areas. The Society has seen the results of its funding in new places of worship, and disaster relief efforts that greatly assist the individuals in need and their communities. More information is included in the achievements and performance section of this report.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Overseas Donations
The Society's policy for making donations to other entities with similar aims and objectives is as follows: each year the Society considers requests from such entities in countries that receive insufficient donations locally to meet their aims. The Society considers if its yearly budget for this activity is appropriate. It also ensures that the beneficiary of these funds are legal entities that care for the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses in that country. After due diligence is carried out, the funds are sent. Reports are obtained to confirm appropriate use of the funds.

All donations made support the Christian ministry of Jehovah's Witnesses. Donated funds are used for building places of worship, facilitation of religious worship, providing Bible-based literature and assisting with disaster relief. The entities assisted share and pursue the same aims as the Society. Individual donors to the Society are made aware of the worldwide nature of our work and activities.

Assistance was also provided to entities used by Jehovah's Witnesses in other countries by purchasing and sending the necessary goods where appropriate.

Members of the Worldwide Order of Special Full Time Servants
The Society is often assisted by religious ministers who are members of the Order.

These individuals are not employed and do not receive a remuneration or any benefit in kind for the activities or services they perform. Although such ones do at times help the Society, for instance, by assisting with building work, their service involves many other assignments as well, not connected to the Society. Members perform whatever the Order assigns them to do in support of the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Many who are not members of the Order, but who are Jehovah's Witnesses, also freely provide their time and resources to assist with needed work.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Achievement and performance
Charitable activities - Assisting Entities with Similar Aims Overseas
During the year the Society provided material and financial assistance to entities of Jehovah's Witnesses with similar aims and objectives in several countries.

The aid, £74 million in total, was given to promote missionary activity, assist with disaster relief, and support the local entities. This is an increase on the previous year because the activity of the assisted entities increased due to the reduction of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Direct funding of £59 million was sent to legal entities with similar aims and objectives, the majority of which were based in Africa. In addition, £15 million was spent on goods and services for these entities. These include computer programs, equipment and paper for printing activities. Sourcing these items centrally and donating them allows for the best use of donated funds. It also provides such goods to entities that otherwise would struggle to access them.

Funding was received from entities with similar aims and objectives that had already met their local needs. The Society has access to excellent banking services in Britain and was able to pool and distribute these funds. Of course, such funds are also available for domestic needs if necessary.

The receiving entities with similar aims and objectives sent very satisfying reports regarding the activity supported, which resulted in physical, spiritual and emotional support for many beneficiaries.

For example, In Zambia, refugees were assisted at the Mantapala refugee site through the provision of food items. Construction projects were carried out on many Kingdom Halls. A translation office was also completed, allowing beneficiaries access to spiritual support in their own language. The translation of the Bible into one local language was also facilitated.

In Liberia, the funds were used to renovate, upgrade and improve many properties that facilitate worship.

In Malawi, many homes and places of worship were damaged due to Cyclone Ana. Funding was used to help individuals recover from this disaster, as well as rebuilding and renovating properties.

The above are just a few examples. Similar activities took place in many other countries which the Society assists.

A social investment is also held by the Society. This is in line with the aims and objectives of the Society because the investment is charitable, helping Jehovah's Witnesses find places of worship in various parts of the world. The investment is socially, ethically and environmentally acceptable. It continues to perform positively.

Charitable activities - Building places of worship
During 2022, there was a significant resumption of construction work as COVID-19 pandemic restrictions eased. Challenges in the supply chain, increased costs of raw materials and ongoing cases of COVID-19 amongst volunteers resulted in extended project schedules and budgets. Nevertheless, by the spring of 2022, the majority of the Society's active projects had resumed and plans were in place to commence scheduled projects that had been delayed. During the year, the Society completed 1 new construction project, 7 major renovation projects and 23 minor maintenance projects.

Charitable activities - Providing services to full-time ministers
The Society has a long history of charitable business activity, therefore is well placed to carry out a variety of activities when a need arises. It cares for a small commissary and car garage at the headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in Britain. This was an important provision for ministers whose movements have been restricted during the year due to the pandemic.

The Society also has a history of shipping items around the globe and is able to use this to assist ministers and entities with similar objectives. Another major element of this activity comes from the transport experience and supplier network built up by the Society. This makes vehicles available which can be used by ministers for their religious activity.

All of the above activities have been carried out successfully during the year, adapting as necessary to ensure safety during the pandemic.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Achievement and performance
Internal controls
To assist the Society in achieving its objectives, appropriate internal controls have been established. These ensure that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions, provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose, and verify that proper controls and procedures are in place, and adhered to.

The internal audit programme has been achieved. The internal auditor and his assistant have a set agenda to pursue through the year and reported again in writing to the trustees in November 2021. No significant findings were reported. Advice for improving the systems of the Society has been considered and implemented where appropriate.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy Consumption & Energy Efficiency

UK annual quantity of emissions in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent resulting from activities for which the company is responsible involving:	Litres	kWh	Carbon Tonnes
i) combustion of gas			16
ii) consumption of fuel for the purposes of transport.	39,047		105
UK Annual quantity of emissions in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent resulting from the purchase of electricity for its own use, including for the purposes of transport.			3
Aggregated figure in kWh of:			
i) the UK annual quantity of energy consumed from activities for which the company is responsible involving a combustion of gas		87,072	
ii) the UK annual quantity of energy consumed resulting from the purchase of electricity by the company for its own use, including for the purposes of transport.		16,800	
TOTAL	39,047	103,872	124

		kWh/m²
Ratio which expresses the company's annual emissions in relation to a quantifiable factor associated with the company's activities.	*Power*	43.9
Ratio which expresses the company's annual emissions in relation to a quantifiable factor associated with the company's activities.	*Heating*	183.27

This information was gathered from utility bills received by the Society during the year.

Section 172(1) statement
The trustees have met the Section 172 requirement of the Companies Act by considering wider stakeholder impacts of their decision-making.

The report of the trustees outlines many areas of activity which benefit a variety of groups. The public benefit statement outlines the wide scope of the Society's activities.

For example, the Society did not rush to resume its building activity during the COVID-19 pandemic, doing so this year only when it was deemed safe to do so. The needs of beneficiaries to have meeting places, was being weighed against the safety of those working on the projects and the general public. This decision-making process led to a safe return to activity, with beneficiaries receiving the buildings they need, without negative consequences for those involved in the projects.

The Society also was happy to fund many entities with similar aims and objectives during the year. These entities are well known to the Society and enjoy strong relationships based on trust. However, the Society is alert to the needs of its donors, the importance of having high operational standards, and the individual communities to whom its funding would impact. Therefore, strong controls have always been in place to verify the recipients of funding and to confirm proper use of its funds. The work created for receiving entities is balanced against the need to maintain high operational standards and ensure that local communities directly benefit from the funds provided. Unsurprisingly, this continued to confirm that the Society's funding is reaching communities where needed and is providing excellent benefits.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Financial review
Financial position
The Society showed a deficit of £11 million on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) at the 31st August 2022.

This came about due to a combination of lower donations received from other entities with similar aims and objectives, and an increase in activity of the entities with similar aims and objectives assisted by the Society. Further information is described in the Reserves Policy and 'Assisting Entities with Similar Aims and Objectives Overseas' section of this report.

It was further increased due to an £18 million net loss on investments. This was caused due to the increase in interest rates, which decreased the value of the investments, principally bonds, held by the Society. However, the assets affected will mostly be held to maturity, meaning unrealised losses will not become realised in future years. The trustees review of this matter led them to reclassify the assets from short to long term in the financial statements.

The aims and objectives of the Society are in no way financial, therefore monitoring of specific financial targets is not paramount. The trustees are pleased that they have been able to hold funds effectively and respond to worldwide needs as they arise.

The Society's basic financial aims are to maintain a strong balance sheet, to preserve its purchasing power and to maintain its ability to respond quickly to worldwide and local needs that may arise.

Principal funding sources
The Society currently has two funding sources, one of them being the construction of new facilities or places of worship, which is invoiced at cost to other charities with similar aims and objectives.

The Society relies to a large extent on voluntary donations to support its work, and has a consistent income stream through regular donations and legacies received. To support the overseas donations paid out, the Society also has arrangements with other global entities with similar aims and objectives, to receive incoming donations. These funds arrive when said entities have met their local needs. This allows the Society to pool the funds in banking institutions in Britain, ready and able to respond to worldwide needs. The SOFA confirms that this spending occurred successfully during the year.

The trustees are confident that the Society is in a strong financial position as demonstrated by the attached financial statements.

Investment policy and objectives
The memorandum and articles give power to invest funds in any lawful manner having full regard to the suitability of the investments, the need for diversification, and to be a socially responsible investor having due consideration for the beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses. The objective of our investment policy is to balance the following issues: preserve the purchasing power, provide adequate liquidity, and to give consistent long-term returns.

After adjusting for inflow/outflows, the portfolio decreased by 3.2% over the past year, with an inflation rate of 9.9% in the year. The investment portfolio held 99.1% in diversified liquid assets. The financial statements show an unrealised loss has been incurred due to the increase in interest rates. However, the Society does not expect to realise this loss, because it intends to hold these investment assets to maturity.

The trustees continue to see the wisdom in holding to the current strategy favouring portfolio diversification both by asset class and currency exposure, having adequate liquidity in investment quality.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Financial review
Reserves policy
At the year-end unrestricted reserves, not including fixed assets, stood at £246 million, maintaining a similar level to the previous year.

The reserves policy of the Society is to hold approximately 12 months running expenditure, as well as an appropriate amount for each country it assists. This would allow the Society to continue with regular expenditure, and to respond to disasters or other unexpected needs that could arise in multiple countries at one time. World events show this to be a very prudent step. The current reserves level meets our reserves policy.

These reserves represent amounts available for the Society's needs and any needs of the entities with similar aims and objectives in other countries. The Society has access to effective banking and investment services. The funds are therefore well utilised until they are called on. Worldwide needs can be responded to whenever necessary from this pool of funds. This assistance can be provided by sending funds, or acquiring and sending necessary items.

The trustees feel that such a policy is prudent, in light of the Society's plans and the current financial climate. They feel it makes best use of income and are confident that it does not adversely affect the Society's ability to both sustain and increase its activity. These reserves can therefore continue to be available for worldwide use as the need arises.

Environmental Performance
Especially with its building projects, the Society gives close attention to its environmental impact. Matters considered include: unused materials, construction waste management, renewable energy sources and water management. Conservation surveys are commissioned as necessary. Projects are registered with sustainability monitoring agencies such as BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) when this is required by local authorities.

The Society recognises the importance of environmental protection, especially with significant undertakings, and works in harmony with our Environmental Policy. This policy reflects the commitment to establish an Environmental Management System to monitor and control its environmental aspects; to assess and regularly re-assess the environmental effects of its activities; to conduct its activities in a manner that is sensitive to the needs and concerns of the surrounding inhabitants and environment; to integrate environmental issues into decision making; to reduce or eliminate pollution and nuisance; to minimise energy waste and materials; to protect biodiversity and ecosystems; to promote the use of sustainable, recyclable and renewable materials; and to educate and train volunteers in the use of environmentally conscious practices.

The above information enables the trustees to report strong environmental performance for the year. It is in harmony with its overall aims, that the Society has successfully cared for the environment wherever it is operating.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Principal risks and uncertainties
Formal reviews have taken place regarding the major risks to which the Society is exposed. Strategic safeguards are in place to reduce the impact of those risks as far as possible. The Risk Register was updated most recently in July 2022.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Society are: failure to comply with legal requirements on health and safety, fire, environment, waste; disaster in the construction or maintenance of places of worship.

Failure to comply with legal requirements.

All building projects are compliant with any and all applicable legal, planning and building control requirements.

Regulatory authorities also inspect and advise on vehicle safety and standards.

Weekly maintenance and production meetings ensure standards are being followed and any suggestions are followed through.

We maintain a good working relationship with any authorities which oversee such requirements.

All of the above continue to ensure that the Society complies with relevant legal requirements.

Disaster in construction activities.

A comprehensive health and safety file is prepared for each project and managed by an onsite management team. Site safety audit visits are made twice annually to the groups of individuals overseeing construction in a given geographic area. Reports are reviewed by teams working centrally to see where any adjustments are needed. Incidents that occur on site are reviewed on a monthly basis, so that lessons learned can be applied across all areas of our operations.

Building sites are run consistent with Construction Industry Training Board Site Safety qualifications. Strict compliance with building regulations is ensured and experts fully utilised.

Workers attend safety and planning seminars. Daily meetings on health and safety are held on site for each project. An accident and near miss reporting system is also operational on site.

Documented instructions are followed by those in oversight. Written materials are provided to the relevant persons to assist them in maintaining health and safety.

The Trustees are confident that the hard work described above mitigates the possibility that a serious risk will be realised.

Statutory inquiry
On 31 December 2021, the trustees were informed by the Charity Commission that they have now closed the substantive investigative phase of the statutory inquiry into Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain. The trustees are working with the Commission on its final report which, it is anticipated, will be published soon.

Future plans
As the COVID-19 pandemic and other difficulties continue around the world, the Society wishes to continue to be able to provide quick and consistent charitable support as needed.

The Society also aims to complete more building projects, from minor renovations to major developments, as it continues to provide places of worship for beneficiaries.

The trustees are currently of the opinion that the Society is not exposed to a potential lack of going concern and that it is in a strong financial position.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
Governing document
The charity, a UK company limited by guarantee, is controlled by its governing document, the memorandum and articles of the company dated 25th October 1999, as amended by special resolutions dated 19th April 2000, 21st November 2013, 13th April 2016, and 8th April 2022.

Organisational structure
The Society is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Members Liability
Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amounts as may be required, not exceeding £1, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

Recruitment and appointment, induction and training of new trustees
The recruitment and induction of new trustees is arranged as follows: The trustees may at any time co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional trustee. Such a person must be a member of the Society and serve as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. New trustees are given training in both operational and financial matters with the aid of the existing trustees and relevant documentation and guidance provided by the Charity Commission. Trustees are given appropriate Charity Commission publications and training is arranged as part of the meetings of the trustees when the Society's policies are discussed. This is supplemented by periodic training provided by other professional bodies when new legislation affecting the Society is introduced.

The trustees meet together each month, and are in regular contact.

Wider network
The Society works closely with many entities with similar aims and objectives around the world. One example is the International Bible Students Association (IBSA). During the year IBSA provided the Society with serviced facilities for its charitable activities.

Cooperation with all of these entities facilitates an efficient and economic use of the Society's resources. This cooperation also helps the Society to meet its stated aims and objectives.

The charity also considers policies, procedures and guidelines used by entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives, and, where applicable, seeks to implement them.

Engagement with suppliers, customers and others
The trustees recognise the importance of good business relationships to facilitate the uninterrupted provision of charitable services to beneficiaries. Policies are followed to ensure strong relationships with key suppliers are maintained whilst still obtaining value for money and making the best use of donated funds.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
03858051 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1077961

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A J Llewellyn
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S C Docherty (appointed 1.3.22)

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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
The trustees (who are also the directors of the Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on ...12 May 2023..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

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R Li - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st August 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 44 (1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:
Our objectives in performing the audit are to identify and asses the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements due to fraud or error and to obtain sufficient audit evidence to support this. We also evaluate and respond to the risk of material misstatements.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity and how the entity is complying with that framework.
- Assessing the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur.
- Discussing with management and those charged with governance as to any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud
- Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Hume FCA

Nicholas Hume FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Ltd
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Date: 12 May 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Total funds as restated £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	77,065,506	129,234,487
Charitable activities	4		
Design and build of places of worship		1,105,797	-
Investment income	3	2,868,666	2,527,298
Other income	5	7,927,841	30,485
Total		88,967,810	131,792,270
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds			
Investment management costs	6	124,056	132,243
		124,056	132,243
Charitable activities	7		
Assisting Other Entities with similar aims and objectives		75,268,588	58,926,022
Design and build of places of worship		6,047,951	1,764,974
Providing services for full-time ministers		573,816	600,393
Total		82,014,411	61,423,632
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(18,037,821)	(1,581,985)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(11,084,422)	68,786,653
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		261,533,365	192,746,712
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		250,448,943	261,533,365

The notes form part of these financial statements

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Balance Sheet
31st August 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Total funds as restated £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	1,923,522	14,944,158
Investments			
Investments	13	252,233,645	246,186,326
Social investments	14	460,215	460,215
		254,617,382	261,590,699
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	15	2,326,702	2,855,344
Debtors	16	758,667	1,392,516
Cash at bank and in hand		8,334,188	6,577,531
		11,419,557	10,825,391
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(7,368,929)	(2,213,645)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		4,050,628	8,611,746
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		258,668,010	270,202,445
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(4,872,942)	(5,475,168)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	20	(3,346,125)	(3,193,912)
NET ASSETS		250,448,943	261,533,365
FUNDS	21		
Unrestricted funds:			
General Fund		250,448,943	261,533,365
TOTAL FUNDS		250,448,943	261,533,365

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

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R Li - Trustee

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S C Docherty - Trustee

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Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 as restated £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	23	13,454,730	66,830,641
Net cash provided by operating activities		13,454,730	66,830,641
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(27,999)	(68,068)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(226,099,936)	(169,182,858)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		3,223,679	2,974,046
Sale of fixed asset investments		208,735,549	90,570,995
Interest received		3,030,767	2,698,945
Net cash used in investing activities		(11,137,940)	(73,006,940)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loans advanced by depositors		29,017	106,907
Loans repaid to depositors on		(589,150)	(198,610)
Net cash used in financing activities		(560,133)	(91,703)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		1,756,657	(6,268,002)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		6,577,531	12,845,533
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		8,334,188	6,577,531

The notes form part of these financial statements

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and in Scotland, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity and company law, namely the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102' The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (effective 1 January 2019), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value, unless stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimations and assumptions to be made that affect the reported value of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The nature of estimation and judgement means that actual outcomes could differ from expectation. A significant area of estimation and judgement is when support costs have been allocated to activity on a basis consistent with their use of resources. Further estimations and judgement are investment valuations at market value as described in note 13 and conditional donations provision as described at note 20.

Another key estimate is the rate of depreciation. The trustees are of the opinion that the rates applied to the financial statements are appropriate.

Income
All income, whether in the form of donations or legacies is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Society has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations in the form of assets are included at the net book value on the date of the gift.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Society is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Society has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Income from charitable activities also includes the value of services, excluding Value Added Tax, provided at cost to other charitable bodies during the period. The completion stage of building work performed over long-term contracts is verified by qualified individuals and invoiced accordingly at appropriate intervals.

Grants are recognised when the charity is entitled to receipt.

Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Society to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated as described later regarding cost allocation.

Raising funds
These are comprised of investment management costs incurred during the year. The Society does not engage in fund raising.

Governance costs
Governance costs comprise costs involved in the running and administration of the Society. These are allocated across activities in the same manner as all other support costs.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
Where a cost is incurred for the purpose of directly achieving one of the charitable aims it is allocated to that particular aim.

Some costs do not relate to one particular aim, but support all of the aims of the Society. Where this is the case, the support cost is apportioned to the activity based on the proportion of direct costs it incurs.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets are valued at cost less depreciation and impairment charges. Assets costing less than £3,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write each asset down to its residual value over its estimated useful life:

Freehold land	-	Not depreciated
Buildings	-	2% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	10% or 6.7% on cost,
Motor vehicles	-	33%, 20% or 14% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	-	33% or 10% on cost

Impairment reviews are carried out on individual assets when there is some indication that the recoverable amount of a fixed asset is below its net book value.

Social investments
The Society classifies its social investments as programme related. The investment is to further charitable aims, and any financial return is incidental. The investment is held at cost less impairment, as fair value cannot be measured reliably.

Stocks and long-term contracts
Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Long term contracts are assessed on a contract by contract basis and reflected in the statement of financial activities by recording turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses. Turnover is ascertained in a manner appropriate to the stage of completion of the contract.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Society. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Where a restricted fund has fulfilled its purpose and excess funds remain, the balance will be transferred to unrestricted funds, provided that this was understood by the donors at the time of their donation.

Foreign exchange gains and losses
Foreign currency balances have been translated at the prevailing rate on the balance sheet date. Income and expenditures during the year have been translated at the prevailing rate on the day of the transaction. Gains and losses arise when foreign currency assets change in value between their purchase and the balance sheet date.

Donated goods
Donated goods are recognised as income when the Society has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Society of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. These would be measured at fair value.

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

The majority of fixed asset investments are bonds, held in UK sterling or other traded currencies. They have been valued at the appropriate exchange rate at the year-end. Although they are liquid investments, the nature of the portfolio is long term. Presenting these investments as fixed assets represents a change in accounting policy, as explained in note 11.

A far smaller portion of the investments consists of various funds and derivatives managed by professional firms and banks. The valuations are based on the external fund managers' estimates of the underlying assets of the investment vehicle.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Deposits
The Society had an arrangement whereby individuals could deposit funds so that the Society could benefit, on the understanding that these funds could be requested back whenever the depositor wishes. Deposits repayable on demand are classified as falling due within one year. This arrangement was closed to new deposits in 2015. Experience shows that only a small percentage of deposits (approximately 10%) will be called upon in any one year. Therefore, 90% of these amounts held are recognised as falling due after one year. Deposits are still accepted from congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Conditional donations
The Society receives some donations where the donor reserves the right to receive the funds back in case of unexpected need. Experience has shown that only a small percentage is returned, but prudently the charity provides for twenty-five percent.

Other recognised gains and losses
These comprise unrealised and realised gains and losses on investments. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the market value brought forward (or cost, for assets bought within this financial year) and the market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between sales proceeds and market value brought forward (or cost, for assets bought within this financial year.) Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Irrecoverable VAT
Irrecoverable VAT is included in the relevant cost headings on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities and is not shown as a separate item.

Interest receivable
Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Society, which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Debtors
Debtors are recognised at the total amount due to the Society. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand include current and deposit accounts as well as trivial amounts of petty cash.

Creditors
Creditors are recognised where the Society has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Going Concern
The Trustees consider the Society a going concern and have no material uncertainties in this regard. A strong balance sheet position and consistent income base contribute to this conclusion.

Volunteers
Individuals voluntarily assist with all of the activities of the Society. The role of these individuals is fundamental to the Society carrying out its work, as the Society does not have a salaried workforce.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Legacies	2,448,905	4,074,820
Donations of cash and goods	74,616,601	125,159,667
	77,065,506	129,234,487

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021 as restated
	£	£
Rents received	9,582	23,753
Deposit account interest	4,408	3,599
Interest receivable	2,854,676	2,499,946
	2,868,666	2,527,298

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	Design and build of places of worship	Total activities
	£	£
Income from construction of places of worship	1,105,797	-

5. OTHER INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	543,846	-
Foreign currency gains	7,358,884	-
Income from recycling	25,111	30,485
	7,927,841	30,485

6. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Portfolio management	124,056	132,243

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Assisting Other Entities with similar aims and objectives	75,080,540	188,048	75,268,588
Design and build of places of worship	6,032,676	15,275	6,047,951
Providing services for full-time ministers	572,368	1,448	573,816
	81,685,584	204,771	81,890,355

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Assisting Other Entities with similar aims and objectives	156,751	31,297	188,048
Design and build of places of worship	12,733	2,542	15,275
Providing services for full-time ministers	1,207	241	1,448
	170,691	34,080	204,771

Support costs have been allocated to the appropriate activity, as shown above, in line with the charity's accounting policies.

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Auditors' remuneration	34,080	39,913
Depreciation - owned assets	109,845	297,496
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(536,446)	(336,887)

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The trustees do not receive any remuneration or benefits for their role as trustees of the Society.

All are members of the Worldwide Order of Special full-time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses.

The trustees and their spouses donated in total £700 to the charity.

The conditional donation provision contains an amount of £3,500 relating to a trustee.

Trustees' expenses

No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

11. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

The trustees reviewed the presentation of investments in the financial statements. Although previously held as current assets due to their liquidity, it was deemed more accurate to present them as fixed asset investments. This is because the portfolio as a whole is held as part of on-going investment activities for more than one year from the reporting date. This allows for more accurate reporting. For example, the portfolio had high unrealised losses this year. Whereas previously this would have been included within the current year's income, this is now shown separately on the Statement of Financial Activities. It can now be clearly shown that, because the assets are held long term, these losses should not be realised, because the assets can be held to maturity.

As a result of this change, 2 items have been reclassified in the 2021 figures. A net loss of £1.5 million has been moved from investment income to net gains/losses on investments and £244 million was moved from Current to Fixed Assets.

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
At 1st September 2021	15,138,969	397,809	37,361	1,530,884	17,105,023
Additions	-	27,999	-	-	27,999
Disposals	(13,080,666)	(93,162)	-	(1,131,711)	(14,305,539)
At 31st August 2022	2,058,303	332,646	37,361	399,173	2,827,483
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st September 2021	964,090	196,183	32,576	968,016	2,160,865
Charge for year	37,091	22,449	2,039	48,266	109,845
Eliminated on disposal	(587,180)	(68,890)	-	(710,679)	(1,366,749)
At 31st August 2022	414,001	149,742	34,615	305,603	903,961
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st August 2022	1,644,302	182,904	2,746	93,570	1,923,522
At 31st August 2021	14,174,879	201,626	4,785	562,868	14,944,158

Included in freehold property is land which is not depreciated with a value of £594,082.

13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Other Investments £	Listed debt securities £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1st September 2021 (as restated)	2,153,954	244,032,372	246,186,326
Additions	14,585	226,085,350	226,099,935
Disposals	(218,752)	(208,516,358)	(208,735,110)
Exchange differences and realised/unrealised gain/loss	271,056	(11,588,562)	(11,317,506)
At 31st August 2022	2,220,843	250,012,802	252,233,645
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st August 2022	2,220,843	250,012,802	252,233,645
At 31st August 2021 (as restated)	2,153,954	244,032,372	246,186,326

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

The exchange difference was an approximately £7 million gain included as part of other income in the SOFA. The remaining amount of £18 million is shown on the SOFA as a net loss on investments.

14. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022	460,215
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2022	460,215
At 31st August 2021	460,215

This represents an investment in a project which helps Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. The trustees are very confident in its performance and that it will continue to advance the charitable aims of the Society.

15. STOCKS

	2022 £	2021 £
Raw materials	24,777	37,376
Work-in-progress	2,301,925	2,817,968
	2,326,702	2,855,344

16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	7,592	16,612
Other debtors	59,007	54,123
Prepayments and accrued income	692,068	1,321,781
	758,667	1,392,516

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposits (see note 19)	541,438	608,352
Trade creditors	1,444,885	1,525,919
Other creditors	5,284,939	24,913
Accrued expenses	97,667	54,461
	7,368,929	2,213,645

Deposits comprise monies received from individuals, circuits and congregations and held with the Society until they are requested back.

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposits (see note 19)	4,872,942	5,475,168

19. DEPOSITS

No maturity analysis is provided for these deposits due to their nature, as described in the above notes.

20. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Conditional donations	3,346,125	3,193,912

	£
Provision at 1st September 2021	3,193,912
Provision on new conditional donations received	251,851
Provision released on conditional donations converted into donations	(43,750)
Provision released on conditional donations repaid	(55,888)
Provision at 31st August 2022	3,346,125

Conditional donations are donations made by individuals on the understanding that they may be recalled should the donor require such funds in the future. The donor retains an option over their donation until they die or write to convert it into an outright donation or request repayment. While it is considered probable that some of these conditional donations will need to be repaid, it is unknown when this liability will crystallize or how large it will be. The trustees have therefore prudently made a provision for 25% of the balance of conditional donations as shown above. The remaining £10,038,376 is a contingent liability.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	261,533,365	(11,084,422)	250,448,943
TOTAL FUNDS	261,533,365	(11,084,422)	250,448,943

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	88,967,810	(82,014,411)	(18,037,821)	(11,084,422)
TOTAL FUNDS	88,967,810	(82,014,411)	(18,037,821)	(11,084,422)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	192,746,712	68,786,653	261,533,365
TOTAL FUNDS	192,746,712	68,786,653	261,533,365

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	131,792,270	(61,423,632)	(1,581,985)	68,786,653
TOTAL FUNDS	131,792,270	(61,423,632)	(1,581,985)	68,786,653

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	192,746,712	57,702,231	250,448,943
TOTAL FUNDS	192,746,712	57,702,231	250,448,943

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	220,760,080	(143,438,043)	(19,619,806)	57,702,231
TOTAL FUNDS	220,760,080	(143,438,043)	(19,619,806)	57,702,231

22. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st August 2022.

23. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 as restated £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(11,084,422)	68,786,653
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	109,845	297,497
Losses on investments	11,145,385	2,508,002
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(536,446)	(336,887)
Interest received	(3,030,767)	(2,698,945)
Other non-cash donations received	(109,007)	(1,477,285)
Movement in assets held for sale	-	80,000
(Decrease)/increase in provisions	152,213	27,119
Donated asses	10,251,557	-
Accrued interest movement	171,683	195,400
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	528,642	(685,554)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	633,849	(674,972)
Increase in creditors	5,222,198	809,613
Net cash provided by operations	13,454,730	66,830,641

24.. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.21 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.22 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	6,577,531	1,756,657	8,334,188
	6,577,531	1,756,657	8,334,188
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(608,352)	66,914	(541,438)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(5,475,168)	602,226	(4,872,942)
	(6,083,520)	669,140	(5,414,380)
Total	494,011	2,425,797	2,919,808

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

25. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2022	2021
Debt instruments at fair value		
Listed debt securities	250,012,802	244,032,372
Other Investments	2,220,843	2,153,954
Trade debtors	7,592	16,612
Other debtors	671,074	54,123
Total	252,912,311	246,257,061
Financial Liabilities at fair value		
Deposits	541,438	608,352
Trade creditors	1,244,008	1,525,919
Other creditors	5,284,939	24,913
Accrued expenses	97,667	47,141
Deposits >1 year	4,872,942	5,475,168
Conditional donations	3,346,126	3,193,912
Total	15,387,119	10,875,405

WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF BRITAIN

England & Wales - Charity number 1077961

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Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

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Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

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Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

The trustees, who are also directors of the Society for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31st August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

This report includes the Directors Report as required by company law.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Objectives and aims
The Memorandum and governing document states that the objectives of the Society are to advance the Christian religion as practiced by the body of Christian persons known as Jehovah's Witnesses. This is accomplished in particular but not exclusively:
a. producing audio and video material for Bible education, publishing, importing, exporting, recording, translating, producing, and distributing Bible literature;
b. providing services and facilities for members of the Worldwide Order of Special Full-Time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses;
c. purchasing, building, and renovating properties for use by Jehovah's Witnesses as places of worship;
d. engaging in acts of charity, mercy, and humanitarian aid;
e. distributing funds and goods to other entities that have similar aims.

Significant activities
The major areas of activities for the year in question have been:
1. Supporting entities of Jehovah's Witnesses with similar aims and objectives abroad. These donations have been in the form of goods such as paper for printing and software licences. All such donations have promoted religious activity overseas. This activity also includes sending funds directly, primarily to such entities in developing countries, where funds are limited. These are used for activities such as construction of places of worship and disaster relief.
2. Refurbishment of Kingdom Halls of Jehovah's Witnesses and construction of new Kingdom Halls.
3. Provision of facilities to assist full-time ministers.

The pandemic continues to be a significant negative factor which has limited the Society's ability to build and refurbish places of worship. The Society does plan to increase building work wherever it is safe to do so. This has already started to a limited extent.

Public benefit
As evidenced in this report, much has been accomplished by the Society in the year to advance its objects for the public benefit.

The work on places of worship has been severely limited due to the pandemic, although some works were carried out during the year.

The construction work facilitates the activity of Jehovah's Witnesses. It helps them, others who associate with them and the wider public to learn godly values, promote well-being and respect for others, and practice qualities such as honesty and kindness. The work of the Society ensures that individuals are not limited by their background or financial means to gain access to these provisions.

The work of the Society also benefits those who do not wish to access these provisions. For example, through its building work, the Society creates attractive and dignified buildings which are a pleasing gift to the community. Another benefit arises from the teaching that takes place in these buildings, a key aspect of which is being good neighbours.

Public benefit is also achieved in other countries, where entities with similar aims are helped to accomplish the objectives described above, as well as with disaster relief in affected areas. The Society has seen the results of its funding in new places of worship, and disaster relief efforts that greatly assist the individuals in need. More information is included in the achievements and performance section of this report.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Overseas Donations

The Society's policy for making donations to other entities is as follows: Each year the Society considers countries that receive insufficient donations locally to meet their aims. The Society considers if its yearly budget for this activity is appropriate. It also ensures that the beneficiary of these funds are legal entities that care for the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses in that country. After due diligence is carried out, the funds are sent. Reports are obtained to confirm appropriate use of the funds.

All donations made support the Christian ministry of Jehovah's Witnesses. Donated funds are used for building places of worship, facilitation of religious worship, literature and assisting with disaster relief. The organisations assisted share and pursue the same aims as the Society. Individual donors to the Society are made aware of the worldwide nature of our work and activities.

Assistance to entities used by Jehovah's Witnesses in other countries was also provided by purchasing and sending the necessary goods where appropriate.

Members of the Worldwide Order of Special Full Time Servants

The Society is often assisted by religious ministers who are members of the Worldwide Order of Special Full-Time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses (the Order).

These individuals are not employed and do not receive a remuneration or any benefit in kind for the activities or services they perform. Although such ones do at times help the Society, for instance by assisting with the building work, their service involves many other assignments as well, not connected to the Society. Members perform whatever the Order assigns them to do in support of the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Many who are not Members of the Worldwide Order, but who are Jehovah's Witnesses, also freely provide their time and resources to assist with needed work.

STRATEGIC REPORT
Achievement and performance

Charitable activities - Assisting Entities Overseas

During the year the Society provided material and financial assistance to associations of Jehovah's Witnesses with similar aims and objectives in several countries.

The aid, £58 million in total, was given to promote missionary activity, to assist with disaster relief, to support general costs of the local associations, and to assist in the operation of local congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses. Direct funding of £51 million was sent to cooperating legal entities. £23 million of this was sent to entities based in Africa. In addition, £7 million was spent on goods and services for these entities These include computer programs, equipment and paper for printing activities. Sourcing these items centrally and donating allows for the best use of donated funds. It also provides access to entities which otherwise would struggle to access such goods.

Funding was received from entities with similar aims that had already met their local needs. The Society has access to excellent banking services in Britain and was able to pool and distribute these funds. Of course, such funds are also available for domestic needs if necessary.

The receiving entities sent very satisfying reports regarding the activity supported, which resulted in physical, spiritual and emotional support for many beneficiaries.

Entities continue to use funding for disaster relief, including to assist individuals to cope with the pandemic. Funding helped people in Liberia, Angola and many other countries in this way.

The funding also allowed for crucial spiritual and emotional support to be provided. For example, entities in Malawi and Mozambique spent funds on television and radio broadcasts, satellites and other hardware. All of this allowed many thousands to access a global convention and regular, upbuilding spiritual programs, free of charge.

The Society also helped an entity in Ghana to facilitate the release of the New World Translation of the Bible in the Twi (Akuapem) language. This was then made available free of charge.

The above are just a few examples, similar activities took place in many other countries which the Society assists.

A social investment is also held by the Society. This is in line with the aims and objectives of the Society because the investment is charitable, helping Jehovah's Witnesses find places to worship in various parts of the world. The investment is socially, ethically and environmentally acceptable. It continues to perform positively.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Achievement and performance
Charitable activities - Building places of worship and administrative facilities
Due to the pandemic, a very limited amount of work was carried out on Kingdom Hall projects during the year.

Although the main work of building new headquarters for Jehovah's Witnesses in Britain, in Chelmsford, Essex, was completed last year, there were some further costs incurred in October 2020 as small refinements were made to the site.

Charitable activities - Providing services to full-time ministers
The Society has a long history of charitable business activity, therefore is well placed to carry out a variety of activities when a need arises. It cares for a small commissary and car garage at the headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in Britain. This was an important provision for ministers whose movements have been restricted during the year due to the pandemic.

The Society also has a history of shipping items around the globe and is able to use this to assist ministers and entities with similar objectives. Another major element of this activity comes from the transport experience and supplier network built up by the Society. This makes vehicles available which can be used by ministers for their religious activity.

All of the above activities have been carried out successfully during the year, adapting as necessary to ensure safety during the pandemic.

Internal controls
To assist the Society in achieving its objectives, appropriate internal controls have been established. These ensure that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions, provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose, and verify that proper controls and procedures are in place, and adhered to.

The internal audit programme has been achieved. The internal auditor and his assistant have a set agenda to pursue through the year and reported again in writing to the trustees in November 2021. No significant findings were reported. Advice for improving the systems of the Society has been considered and implemented where appropriate.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy Consumption & Energy Efficiency

	Carbon Tonnes	KwH
Quantity of emissions in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent resulting from activities for which the company is responsible	147,047	
Quantity of energy consumed resulting from activities for which the company is responsible		30

This information was gathered from utility bills received by the Society during the year.

Financial review
Financial position
The Society showed a surplus of £69 million on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) at the 31st August 2021.

This came about due to a combination of high donations received from some entities, and the pandemic causing reduced activity in receiving entities. Further information is described in the Reserves Policy and 'Assisting Entities Overseas' section of this report.

The aims of the Society are in no way financial, therefore monitoring of specific financial targets is not paramount. The trustees are pleased that they have been able to hold funds effectively and respond to worldwide needs as they arise. This continued into 2022.

The Society's basic financial aims are to maintain a strong balance sheet, to preserve its purchasing power and to maintain its ability to respond quickly to worldwide and local needs that may arise.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Financial review
Principal funding sources
The Society currently has two funding sources, one of them being the construction of new facilities or places of worship, which is invoiced at cost to other charities with similar aims.

The Society relies to a large extent on voluntary donations to support its work, and has a consistent income stream through regular donations and legacies received. To support the overseas donations paid out, the Society also has arrangements with other entities globally with shared objectives, to receive incoming donations. These funds arrive when said entities have met their local needs. This allows the Society to pool the funds in banking institutions in Britain, ready and able to respond to worldwide needs. The SOFA confirms that this spending occurred successfully during the year.

The trustees are confident that the Society is in a strong financial position as demonstrated by the attached financial statements.

Investment policy and objectives
The memorandum and articles give power to invest funds in any lawful manner having full regard to the suitability of the investments, the need for diversification, and to be a socially responsible investor having due consideration for the beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses. The objective of our investment policy is to balance the following issues: Preserve the purchasing power, provide adequate liquidity, and give consistent long-term returns.
After adjusting for inflow/outflows, the portfolio decreased by 0.4% over the past year, with an inflation rate of 3.2% in the year. The investment portfolio held 99.1% in diversified liquid assets.

The trustees continue to see the wisdom in holding to the current strategy favouring portfolio diversification both by asset class and currency exposure, having adequate liquidity in investment quality.

Reserves policy
At the year-end unrestricted reserves, not including fixed assets, stood at £244 million.

This is a significant increase from the previous year due to significant funds being donated by entities which had excess funds for their current needs, combined with the fact that entities required less assistance during the year due to reduced activity.

The reserves policy of the Society is to hold approximately 12 months running expenditure, as well as an appropriate amount for each country it assists. This would allow the Society to continue with regular expenditure, and respond to disasters or other unexpected needs that could arise in multiple countries at one time. World events show this to be a very prudent step. Current reserves, excluding fixed assets, were approximately £244 million at the end of August 2021. This meets our reserve policy.

These reserves represent amounts available for the Society's needs and any needs of the entities in other countries as needed. The Society has access to effective banking and investment services. The funds are therefore well utilised until they are called on. Worldwide needs can be responded to whenever necessary from this pool of funds. This assistance can be provided by sending funds, or acquiring and sending necessary items.

The trustees feel that such a policy is prudent, in light of the Society's plans and the current financial climate. They feel it makes best use of income and are confident that it does not adversely affect the Society's ability to both sustain and increase its activity. These reserves can therefore continue to be available for worldwide use as the need arises.

Environmental Performance
Especially with its building projects, the Society gives close attention to its environmental impact. Matters considered include: unused materials, construction waste management, renewable energy sources and water management. Conservation surveys are commissioned as necessary. Projects are registered with sustainability monitoring agencies such as BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) when this is required by local authorities.

The Society recognises the importance of environmental protection, especially with significant undertakings, and works in harmony with our Environmental Policy. This policy reflects the commitment to establish an Environmental Management System to monitor and control its environmental aspects; to assess and regularly re-assess the environmental effects of its activities; to conduct its activities in a manner that is sensitive to the needs and concerns of the surrounding inhabitants and environment; to integrate environmental issues into decision making; to reduce or eliminate pollution and nuisance; to minimise energy waste and materials; to protect biodiversity and ecosystems; to promote the use of sustainable, recyclable and renewable materials; and to educate and train volunteers in the use of environmentally conscious practices.

The above information enables the trustees to report strong environmental performance for the year. It is in harmony with its overall aims, that the Society has successfully cared for the environment wherever it is operating.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Principal risks and uncertainties
Formal reviews have taken place regarding the major risks to which the Society is exposed. Strategic safeguards are in place to reduce the impact of those risks as far as possible. The Risk Register was updated most recently in June 2021.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Society are: failure to comply with legal requirements on health and safety, fire, environment, waste; disaster in Kingdom Hall construction or maintenance.

Failure to comply with legal requirements.

All building projects are compliant with any and all applicable legal, planning and building control requirements.

Regulatory authorities also inspect and advise on vehicle safety and standards.

Weekly maintenance and production meetings ensure standards are being followed and any suggestions are followed through.

We maintain a good working relationship with any authorities which oversee such requirements.

All of the above continue to ensure that the Society complies with relevant legal requirements.

Disaster in construction activities.

A comprehensive health and safety file is prepared for each project and managed by an onsite management team. Site safety audit visits are made twice annually to the groups of individuals overseeing construction in a given area. Reports are reviewed by teams working centrally to see where any adjustments are needed. Incidents that occur on site are reviewed on a monthly basis, so that lessons learned can be applied across all areas of our operations.

Building sites are run consistent with Construction Industry Training Board Site Safety qualifications. Strict compliance with building regulations is ensured and experts fully utilised.

Workers attend safety and planning seminars. Daily meetings on health and safety are held on site for each project. An accident and near miss reporting system is also operational on site.

Documented instructions are followed by those in oversight. Written materials are provided to the workers to assist them in maintaining health and safety.

The Trustees are confident that the hard work described above mitigates the possibility that a serious risk will be realised.

Statutory inquiry
On 31 December 2021, the trustees were informed by the Charity Commission that they have now closed the substantive investigative phase of the statutory inquiry into Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain.

Future plans
As the pandemic and other difficulties continue around the world, the Society wishes to continue to be able to provide quick and consistent charitable support as needed.

Building activity is gradually recommencing. The trustees will continue to carefully monitor the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that work is only carried out if it is safe to do so.

The trustees have assessed the likely impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to going concern. They are currently of the opinion that the Society is not exposed to a potential lack of going concern and that it is in a strong financial position.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
Governing document
The charity, a UK company limited by guarantee, is controlled by its governing document, the memorandum and articles of the company dated 25th October 1999, as amended by special resolutions dated 19th April 2000, 21st November 2013, 13th April 2016, and 8th April 2022.

Organisational structure
The Society is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Members Liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amounts as may be required, not exceeding £1, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

Recruitment and appointment, induction and training of new trustees

The recruitment and induction of new trustees is arranged as follows: The trustees may at any time co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional trustee. Such a person must be a member of the Society and serve as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. New trustees are given training in both operational and financial matters with the aid of the existing trustees and relevant documentation and guidance provided by the Charity Commission. Trustees are given appropriate Charity Commission publications and training is arranged as part of the meetings of the trustees when the Society's policies are discussed. This is supplemented by periodic training provided by other professional bodies when new legislation affecting the Society is introduced.

The trustees meet together each month, and are in regular contact.

Wider network

The Society works closely with many entities with similar objectives around the world. One example is the International Bible Students Association (IBSA). During the year IBSA provided the Society with serviced facilities for its charitable activities.
Cooperation with all of these entities facilitates an efficient and economic use of the Society's resources. This cooperation also helps the Society to meet its stated objectives.

The charity also considers policies, procedures and guidelines used by entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives, and, where applicable, seeks to implement them.

Engagement with suppliers, customers and others

The trustees recognise the importance of good business relationships to facilitate the uninterrupted provision of charitable services to beneficiaries. Policies are followed to ensure strong relationships with key suppliers are maintained whilst still obtaining value for money and making the best use of donated funds.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
03858051 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1077961

Registered office
1 Kingdom Way
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Chelmsford
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Trustees
P P Bell
R Li
A J Llewellyn
G Maraia
S J Morice
J Rastall
S C Docherty (appointed 1.3.22)

Auditors
Xeinadin Audit Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
The trustees (who are also the directors of the Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

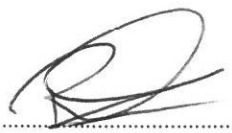
- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 28 April 2022 and signed on the board's behalf by:



R Li - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 44 (1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our objectives in performing the audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements due to fraud or error and to obtain sufficient audit evidence to support this. We also evaluate and respond to the risk of material misstatements.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Gaining an extensive knowledge of the entity and its' external environment, as well as the regulatory frameworks it must operate within.
- Obtaining a sufficient understanding of the internal control environment, including systems in place for the detection and prevention of fraud.
- Appraising said systems in order to determine whether they are operating to a satisfactory level.
- Understanding the entity's current activities, assets, liabilities, and well as future plans and comparing these to the entity's charitable objective and aims.
- Discussions with management and those charged with governance as to any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, as well as fraud.
- Challenging and recalculating assumptions, judgements and estimates made by management in its significant accounting policies.
- Review of significant and unusual transactions.
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and therefore understanding and evaluating decisions made regarding the safeguarding and usage of the entity's assets.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Hume

Nicholas Hume FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Becket House
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EC2R 8DD

Date: 4 May 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	129,234,487	132,490,597
Charitable activities	4		
Design and build of places of worship and administrative facilities		-	9,781,957
Investment income	3	945,313	1,662,538
Other income	5	30,485	382,856
Total		130,210,285	144,317,948
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds			
Investment management costs	6	132,243	266,139
		132,243	266,139
Charitable activities	7		
Assisting Entities Overseas		58,926,022	82,954,177
Design and build of places of worship and administrative facilities		1,764,974	15,435,731
Providing services for full-time ministers		600,393	928,726
Total		61,423,632	99,584,773
NET INCOME		68,786,653	44,733,175
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		192,746,712	148,013,537
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		261,533,365	192,746,712

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31st August 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	14,944,158	17,810,745
Investments			
Investments	12	2,153,954	12,535,853
Social investments	13	460,215	460,215
		17,558,327	30,806,813
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	14	2,855,344	2,169,790
Debtors	15	1,392,516	717,544
Investments	16	244,032,372	157,822,012
Cash at bank and in hand		6,577,531	12,845,533
		254,857,763	173,554,879
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(2,213,645)	(1,560,931)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		252,644,118	171,993,948
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		270,202,445	202,800,761
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(5,475,168)	(6,887,256)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	20	(3,193,912)	(3,166,793)
NET ASSETS		261,533,365	192,746,712
FUNDS	21		
Unrestricted funds:			
General Fund		261,533,365	192,746,712
TOTAL FUNDS		261,533,365	192,746,712

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 April 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

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R Li - Trustee

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A J Llewellyn - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	23	65,904,624	43,595,840
Net cash provided by operating activities		65,904,624	43,595,840
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(68,068)	(595,634)
Purchase of current asset investments		(86,290,360)	(140,251,557)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		2,974,046	6,346,723
Sale of fixed asset investments		10,381,899	3,168,775
Interest received		3,599	161,880
Dividends received		917,961	1,500,658
Net cash used in investing activities		(72,080,923)	(129,669,155)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loans advanced by depositors		106,907	626,276
Loans repaid to depositors on		(198,610)	(392,200)
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		(91,703)	234,076
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(6,268,002)	(85,839,239)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		12,845,533	98,684,772
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		6,577,531	12,845,533

The notes form part of these financial statements

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and in Scotland, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity and company law, namely the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102' The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (effective 1 January 2019), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value, unless stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimations and assumptions to be made that affect the reported value of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The nature of estimation and judgement means that actual outcomes could differ from expectation. A significant area of estimation and judgement is when support costs have been allocated to activity on a basis consistent with their use of resources.

A further key estimate is the rate of depreciation. The trustees are of the opinion that the rates applied to the financial statements are appropriate.

Income
All income, whether in the form of donations or legacies is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Society has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations in the form of assets are included at the net book value on the date of the gift.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either; the Society is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Society has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Income from charitable activities also includes the value of services, excluding Value Added Tax, provided at cost to other charitable bodies during the period. The completion stage of building work performed over long-term contracts is verified by qualified individuals and invoiced accordingly at appropriate intervals.

Grants are recognised when the charity is entitled to receipt.

Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Society to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated as described later regarding cost allocation.

Raising funds
These are comprised of investment management costs incurred during the year. The Society does not engage in fund raising.

Governance costs
Governance costs comprise costs involved in the running and administration of the Society. These are allocated across activities in the same manner as all other support costs.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
Where a cost is incurred for the purpose of directly achieving one of the charitable aims it is allocated to that particular aim.

Some costs do not relate to one particular aim, but support all of the aims of the Society. Where this is the case, the support cost is apportioned to the activity based on the proportion of direct costs it incurs.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets are valued at cost less depreciation. Assets costing less than £3,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write each asset down to its residual value over its estimated useful life:

Freehold land	-	Not depreciated
Buildings	-	2% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	10% or 6.7% on cost,
Motor vehicles	-	33%, 20% or 14% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	-	33% or 10% on cost

Impairment reviews are carried out on individual assets when there is some indication that the recoverable amount of a fixed asset is below its net book value.

Social investments
The Society classifies its social investments as programme related. The investment is to further charitable aims, and any financial return is incidental. The investment is held at cost less impairment, as fair value cannot be measured reliably.

Stocks and long-term contracts
Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Long term contracts are assessed on a contract by contract basis and reflected in the statement of financial activities by recording turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses. Turnover is ascertained in a manner appropriate to the stage of completion of the contract.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Society. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Where a restricted fund has fulfilled its purpose and excess funds remain, the balance will be transferred to unrestricted funds, provided that this was understood by the donors at the time of their donation.

Foreign exchange gains and losses
Foreign currency balances have been translated at the prevailing rate on the balance sheet date. Income and expenditures during the year have been translated at the prevailing rate on the day of the transaction. Gains and losses arise when foreign currency assets change in value between their purchase and the balance sheet date.

Donated goods
Donated goods are recognised as income when the Society has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Society of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. These would be measured at fair value.

Fixed Asset Investments
Unlisted investments are comprised of various funds and derivatives managed by professional firms and banks. The valuations are based on the external fund managers' estimates of the underlying assets of the investment vehicle.

Current Asset Investments
The current assets are held in UK sterling or other traded currencies and have been valued at the appropriate exchange rate at the year-end. Short-term investments comprise highly liquid investments that are cash or cash equivalent.

Deposits

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

The Society had an arrangement whereby individuals could deposit funds so that the Society could benefit, on the understanding that these funds could be requested back whenever the depositor wishes. Deposits repayable on demand are classified as falling due within one year. This arrangement was closed to new deposits in 2015. Deposits are still accepted from congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Conditional donations
The Society receives some donations where the donor reserves the right to receive the funds back in case of unexpected need. Experience has shown that only a small percentage is returned, but prudently the charity provides for twenty-five percent.

Other recognised gains and losses
These comprise unrealised and realised gains and losses on investments. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the market value brought forward (or cost, for assets bought within this financial year) and the market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between sales proceeds and market value brought forward (or cost, for assets bought within this financial year.)

Irrecoverable VAT
Irrecoverable VAT is included in the relevant cost headings on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities and is not shown as a separate item.

Interest receivable
Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Society, which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Debtors
Debtors are recognised at the total amount due to the Society. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand include current and deposit accounts as well as trivial amounts of petty cash.

Creditors
Creditors are recognised where the Society has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments
Other than investments, the Society has only basic financial assets and liabilities. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value if there is any variance. If any are for a period longer than twelve months these are amortised where appropriate.

Going Concern
The Trustees consider the Society a going concern and have no material uncertainties in this regard. A strong balance sheet position and consistent income base contribute to this conclusion.

Volunteers
Individuals voluntarily assist with all of the activities of the Society. The role of these individuals is fundamental to the Society carrying out its work, as the Society does not have a salaried workforce.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Legacies	4,074,820	1,123,610
Donations of cash and goods	125,159,667	131,366,987
	129,234,487	132,490,597

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Rents received	23,753	-
Other unlisted securities	917,961	1,500,658
Deposit account interest	3,599	161,880
	945,313	1,662,538

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021 Total activities	2020 Total activities
	£	£
Income from branch construction	-	5,615,211
Income from Kingdom Hall construction	-	4,166,746
	-	9,781,957

5. OTHER INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Foreign currency gains	-	165,486
Other income	-	111,134
Income from recycling	30,485	106,236
	30,485	382,856

6. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Portfolio management	132,243	266,139

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
Assisting Entities Overseas	57,776,507	1,149,515	58,926,022
Design and build of places of worship and administrative facilities	1,754,479	10,495	1,764,974
Providing services for full-time ministers	596,823	3,570	600,393
	60,127,809	1,163,580	61,291,389

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Assisting Entities Overseas	1,111,142	38,373	1,149,515
Design and build of places of worship and administrative facilities	9,346	1,149	10,495
Providing services for full-time ministers	3,179	391	3,570
	1,123,667	39,913	1,163,580

Support costs have been allocated to the appropriate activity, as shown above, in line with the charity's accounting policies.

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	39,913	31,860
Depreciation - owned assets	297,496	647,030
Surplus/(deficit) on disposal of fixed assets	(336,887)	396,463

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The trustees do not receive any remuneration or benefits for their role as trustees of the Society.

All are members of the Worldwide Order of Special full-time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Trustees' expenses

No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year.

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
At 1st September 2020	17,709,179	1,006,115	477,099	1,962,157	21,154,550
Additions	68,068	-	-	-	68,068
Disposals	(2,638,278)	(608,306)	(439,738)	(431,273)	(4,117,595)
At 31st August 2021	15,138,969	397,809	37,361	1,530,884	17,105,023
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st September 2020	1,189,981	536,648	454,177	1,162,999	3,343,805
Charge for year	151,389	28,928	6,277	110,902	297,496
Eliminated on disposal	(377,280)	(369,393)	(427,878)	(305,885)	(1,480,436)
At 31st August 2021	964,090	196,183	32,576	968,016	2,160,865
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st August 2021	14,174,879	201,626	4,785	562,868	14,944,158
At 31st August 2020	16,519,198	469,467	22,922	799,158	17,810,745

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st September 2020	12,535,853
Disposals	(10,381,899)
At 31st August 2021	2,153,954
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2021	2,153,954
At 31st August 2020	12,535,853

Please note, that all of the above are unlisted investments.

13. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021	460,215
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2021	460,215
At 31st August 2020	460,215

This represents an investment in a project which helps Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. The trustees are very confident in its performance and that it will continue to advance the charitable aims of the Society.

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14. STOCKS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Raw materials	37,376	48,510
Motor vehicle spares and consumables	-	11,625
Work-in-progress	2,817,968	2,109,655
	2,855,344	2,169,790

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	16,612	203,589
Other debtors	54,123	73,198
Prepayments and accrued income	1,321,781	440,757
	1,392,516	717,544

16. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash equivalents on deposit	244,032,372	157,742,012
Land in course of disposal	-	80,000
	244,032,372	157,822,012

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposits (see note 19)	608,352	765,251
Trade creditors	1,525,919	680,396
Other creditors	24,913	63,843
Accrued expenses	54,461	51,441
	2,213,645	1,560,931

Deposits comprise monies received from individuals, circuits and congregations and held with the Society until they are requested back.

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposits (see note 19)	5,475,168	6,887,256

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19. DEPOSITS

No maturity analysis is provided for these deposits due to their nature, as described in the above notes.

20. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Conditional donations	3,193,912	3,166,793

	£
Provision at 1st September 2020	3,166,793
Provision on new conditional donations received	488,107
Provision released on conditional donations converted into donations	(356,538)
Provision released on conditional donations repaid	(104,450)
Provision at 31st August 2021	3,193,912

Conditional donations are donations made by individuals on the understanding that they may be recalled should the donor require such funds in the future. The donor retains an option over their donation until they die or write to convert it into an outright donation or request repayment. While it is considered probable that some of these conditional donations will need to be repaid, it is unknown when this liability will crystallize or how large it will be. The trustees have therefore prudently made a provision for 25% of the balance of conditional donations as shown above. The remaining £9,581,736 is a contingent liability.

21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	192,746,712	68,786,653	261,533,365
TOTAL FUNDS	192,746,712	68,786,653	261,533,365

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	130,210,285	(61,423,632)	68,786,653
TOTAL FUNDS	130,210,285	(61,423,632)	68,786,653

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	148,013,537	44,733,175	192,746,712
TOTAL FUNDS	148,013,537	44,733,175	192,746,712

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	144,317,948	(99,584,773)	44,733,175
TOTAL FUNDS	144,317,948	(99,584,773)	44,733,175

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	148,013,537	113,519,828	261,533,365
TOTAL FUNDS	148,013,537	113,519,828	261,533,365

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	274,528,233	(161,008,405)	113,519,828
TOTAL FUNDS	274,528,233	(161,008,405)	113,519,828

22. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st August 2021.

23. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	68,786,653	44,733,175
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	297,497	647,030
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	(336,887)	396,463
Interest received	(3,599)	(161,880)
Dividends received	(917,961)	(1,500,658)
Other non-cash donations received	(1,477,285)	(1,331,150)
Movement in assets held for sale	80,000	196,672
Increase/decrease in provisions	27,119	154,093
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(685,554)	1,215,502
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(674,972)	2,565,481
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	809,613	(3,318,888)
Net cash provided by operations	65,904,624	43,595,840

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24.. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.20 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.21 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	12,845,533	(6,268,002)	6,577,531
	12,845,533	(6,268,002)	6,577,531
Liquid resources			
Deposits included in cash	-	-	-
Current asset investments	157,822,012	86,210,360	244,032,372
	157,822,012	86,210,360	244,032,372
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(765,251)	156,899	(608,352)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(6,887,256)	1,412,088	(5,475,168)
	(7,652,507)	1,568,987	(6,083,520)
Total	163,015,038	81,511,345	244,526,383

25. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2021	2020
Debt instruments at amortised cost		
Unlisted investments	244,032,372	157,742,012
Trade debtors	16,612	203,589
Other debtors	54,123	73,198
Total	244,103,107	158,018,799
Financial Liabilities at amortised cost		
Deposits	608,352	765,251
Trade creditors	1,525,919	680,396
Other creditors	24,913	63,843
Accrued expenses	47,141	51,441
Deposits >1 year	5,475,168	6,887,256
Conditional donations	3,193,912	3,166,793
Total	10,875,405	11,614,980

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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26. GOING CONCERN

The trustees have assessed the likely impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to going concern. They are currently of the opinion that the Society is not exposed to a potential lack of going concern and that it is in a strong financial position.

WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF BRITAIN

England & Wales - Charity number 1077961

Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

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Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

The trustees, who are also directors of the Society for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31st August 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

This report includes the Directors Report as required by company law.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Objectives and aims

The Memorandum and governing document states that the objectives of the Society are to advance the Christian religion as practiced by the body of Christians known as Jehovah's Witnesses. This is accomplished by the following specific objectives:

a. promoting the preaching of the gospel of God's Kingdom under Jesus Christ in all the nations as a witness to the name, word, and supremacy of Almighty God, JEHOVAH;
b. producing and distributing Bibles and other religious literature, in any medium, and educating the public in respect thereof;
c. promoting religious worship;
d. promoting missionary work of the Christian religion as practiced by the body of Christians known as Jehovah's Witnesses ;
e. advancing religious education.

Significant activities

The major areas of activities for the year in question have been:

1. Supporting entities of Jehovah's Witnesses with similar aims and objectives abroad. These donations have been in the form of goods such as paper for printing and software licences. All such donations have promoted religious activity overseas. This activity also includes sending funds directly, primarily to such entities in developing countries, where funds are limited. These are used for activities such as construction of places of worship and disaster relief.
2. Refurbishment of Kingdom Halls owned by local congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses and construction of new Kingdom Halls.
3. Construction of the new headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in Britain, south of Chelmsford, Essex.
4. Provision of facilities to assist full-time ministers.

Public benefit

As evidenced in this report, much has been accomplished by the Society in the year to advance its objects for the public benefit.

Places of worship have been financed and new premises constructed. These then become available for public worship.

This all facilitates the work of Jehovah's Witnesses. It helps them, others who associate with them and the wider public to learn godly values, promote well-being and respect for others, and practice qualities such as honesty and kindness. The work of the Society ensures that individuals are not limited by their background or financial means to gain access to these provisions.

The work of the Society also benefits those who do not wish to access these provisions. For example, through its building work, the Society creates attractive and dignified buildings which are a pleasing gift to the community. Another benefit arises from the teaching that takes place in these buildings, a key aspect of which is being good neighbours.

The aforementioned project in Chelmsford is an example of how the Society can benefit the wider community by its work. The beauty and the environmental quality of that site are much improved from before the time when the Society started work on it. This benefits those living and travelling in the area. The Society has cooperated with local authorities and consulted with local residents. The Trustees are grateful for the cooperation and feedback received from such ones, as this has been of great assistance.

Public benefit is also achieved in other countries, where entities with similar aims are helped to accomplish the objectives described above, as well as with disaster relief in affected areas. The Society has seen the results of its funding in new places of worship, and disaster relief efforts that greatly assist the individuals in need.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Overseas Donations
These were formerly referred to as grants. Following a review, it was deemed more appropriate to describe them as donations. The donations are not sent for specific projects. Nor do they have to be spent in a specific amount of time. The donations can be used to support the general activities and operating expenses of other charities in need. They share similar aims and objectives to the Society.

The Society's policy for making donations to other entities is as follows: Each year the Society considers countries that receive insufficient donations locally to meet their aims. The Society considers if its yearly budget for this activity is appropriate. It also ensures that the beneficiary of these funds are legal entities that care for the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses in that country. After due diligence is carried out, the funds are sent. Reports are obtained to confirm appropriate use of the funds.

All donations made support the Christian ministry of Jehovah's Witnesses. Donated funds are used for building places of worship, providing religious literature and assisting with disaster relief. The organisations assisted share and pursue the same aims as the Society. Individual donors to the Society are made aware of the worldwide nature of our work and activities.

Assistance to entities used by Jehovah's Witnesses in other countries was also provided by purchasing and sending the necessary goods where appropriate.

Members of the Worldwide Order of Special Full Time Servants
The Society is often assisted by religious ministers who are members of the Worldwide Order of Special-full-time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses (the Order).

These individuals are not employed and do not receive a remuneration or any benefit in kind for the activities or services they perform. Their basic needs are cared for, so that they are able to carry out any task which they are assigned by the Order as part of their religious service. Although such ones do at times help the Society, for instance by assisting with the building work, their service involves many other assignments as well, not connected to the Society. Members perform whatever the Order assigns them to do in support of the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Many who are not Members of the Worldwide Order, but who are Jehovah's Witnesses, also freely provide their time and resources to assist with needed work. For example, more than 2,700 individuals (mostly non-members) have provided their assistance over the course of the construction project at Chelmsford. This includes individuals of varied ages and backgrounds. Approximately 40 percent of the onsite team are women. The Considerate Constructors Scheme gave the approach to training women in construction their top score- 10 out of 10.

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

STRATEGIC REPORT
Achievement and performance
Charitable activities - Assisting Entities Overseas
During the year the Society provided material and financial assistance to associations of Jehovah's Witnesses with similar aims and objectives in several countries.

The aid, £81 million in total, was given to promote missionary activity, to assist with disaster relief, to support general costs of the local associations, and to assist in the operation of local congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses. This was especially needed during the pandemic. Many goods were included in these donations, including computer programs, equipment and paper for printing activities. Sourcing these items centrally and donating allows for the best use of donated funds. It also provides access to entities which otherwise would struggle to access such goods.

Extra funding was sourced from entities with similar aims that had already met their local needs. This was much higher than in the previous year. The Society has access to excellent banking services in Britain and was able to pool and distribute these funds. Of course, such funds are also available for domestic needs if necessary.

Funding of £57 million was sent to cooperating legal entities. £38 million of this was sent to entities based in Africa. In addition, £24 million was spent on goods and services for these entities. Very satisfying reports were received from the receiving entities regarding the activity this supported. The reports showed that before the pandemic, Kingdom Hall construction was carried out and supplies were acquired for religious education. During the pandemic the funds were used to continue to assist the entities with their running costs, disaster relief, and to facilitate the ongoing operations of congregations. These funds have facilitated spiritual comfort and physical assistance throughout this very trying time for millions of beneficiaries in these countries.

The Society works along with many other entities around the world in this activity. As stated, some of these met their own needs and donated funds for the Society's use. Many needed funds to carry out their work. Significant examples of this included £6 million sent to Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania registered in Zambia, and £7 million to The Association of Jehovah's Witnesses in Mozambique. In Zambia, a letter of thanks was received from the Office of the President for the timely provision of much needed relief that sustained the dietary needs of a community that had been affected by floods. Funds were used in Mozambique to provide relief to victims of cyclones and support translation of the Bible into local languages of Gitonga, Ronga and Changana. These amounts were sent incrementally as needed throughout the year.

Charitable activities - Building places of worship and administrative facilities
Before March 2020, the Society completed renovations of twelve Kingdom Halls, and three new build projects. This provided high quality, safe buildings for individuals to worship in.

Due to the pandemic, the scale of work had to be drastically reduced from March onwards. Only 1 Kingdom Hall project was worked on from this date. This was because it could be carried out in a completely Covid-19-secure environment.

The work of building new headquarters for Jehovah's Witnesses in Britain, in Chelmsford, Essex, was completed during the year. It finished on schedule, and surpassed the standards required for environmental performance. All of the new facilities were completed and commissioned before the pandemic began.

Charitable activities - Providing services to full-time ministers
The Society has a long history of charitable business activity, therefore is well placed to carry out a variety of activities when a need arises. It cares for a small commissary and car garage at the headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in Britain. This was an important provision for ministers whose movements have been restricted during the year due to the pandemic.

The Society also has a history of shipping items around the globe and is able to use this to assist ministers and entities with similar objectives. Another major element of this activity comes from the transport experience and supplier network built up by the Society. This makes vehicles available which can be used by ministers for their religious activity.

All of the above activities have been carried out successfully during the year, adapting as necessary to ensure safety during the pandemic.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

STRATEGIC REPORT
Achievement and performance
Internal controls
To assist the Society in achieving its objectives, appropriate internal controls have been established. These ensure that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions, provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose, and verify that proper controls and procedures are in place, and adhered to.

The internal audit programme has been achieved. The internal auditor and his assistant have a set agenda to pursue through the year and reported again in writing to the trustees in November 2020. No significant findings were reported. Advice for improving the systems of the Society has been considered and implemented where appropriate.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy Consumption & Energy Efficiency

	Carbon Tonnes	KwH
Quantity of emissions in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent resulting from activities for which the company is responsible	411	
Quantity of energy consumed resulting from activities for which the company is responsible		1,996,116

This information was gathered from utility bills received by the Society during the year. A quantifiable ratio for this activity is not practical in this instance, as the vast majority of this consumption was from activity connected with 1 unique building project. That was the aforementioned project to build the facilities in Chelmsford.

Measures taken for the purpose of increasing the Society's energy efficiency relate especially to the new build complex which was completed December 31, 2019. These include: High levels of wall and roof insulation, triple glazed windows in residence buildings, combined heat and power units, condensing gas boilers, photovoltaic panels to generate on-site electricity, minor district heating circuits, LED lighting with automatic PIR presence detection and daylight control, and rainwater harvesting. Systems are controlled by site-wide BMS, with energy consumption monitored.

Financial review
Financial position
The Society showed a surplus of £45 million on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) at the 31st August 2020. This was caused by donations received from other entities as described in the 'Assisting Entities Overseas' section of this report. The donating entities did not have the imminent need for the funds, and could not hold them as effectively as the Society could. This is explained further in the reserves policy. Current Assets stood at approximately £170 million.

The aims of the Society are in no way financial, therefore monitoring of specific financial targets is not paramount. The trustees are pleased that they have been able to hold funds effectively and respond to worldwide needs as they arise. This continued into the 2021 year.

The Society's basic financial aims are to maintain a strong balance sheet, to preserve its purchasing power and to maintain its ability to respond quickly to worldwide and local needs that may arise.

The Society completed and invoiced a further £9 million costs of the construction of Kingdom Halls.

Principal funding sources
The Society currently has two funding sources, one of them being the construction of new facilities or places of worship, which is invoiced at cost to other charities with similar aims.

The Society relies to a large extent on voluntary donations to support its work, and has a consistent income stream through regular donations and legacies received. To support the overseas donations paid out, the Society also has arrangements with other entities globally with shared objectives, to receive incoming donations. These funds arrive when said entities have met their local needs. This allows the Society to pool the funds in banking institutions in Britain, ready and able to respond to worldwide needs. The SOFA confirms that this spending occurred successfully during the year.

The trustees are confident that the Society is in a strong financial position as demonstrated by the attached financial statements.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Financial review
Investment policy and objectives
The memorandum and articles give power to invest funds in any lawful manner having full regard to the suitability of the investments, the need for diversification, and to be a socially responsible investor having due consideration for the beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses. The objective of our investment policy is to balance the following issues: Preserve the purchasing power, provide adequate liquidity, and give consistent long-term returns.
After adjusting for inflow/outflows, the portfolio decreased by 1.03% over the past year, with an inflation rate of % in 0.2% in the year. The investment portfolio held 98.6% in diversified liquid assets.

The trustees continue to see the wisdom in holding to the current strategy favouring portfolio diversification both by asset class and currency exposure, having adequate liquidity in investment quality.

Reserves policy
At the year-end unrestricted reserves, not including fixed assets, stood at £162 million.

This is a significant increase from the previous year due to two reasons. Firstly, to allow funds to be more freely available as needs arise, a change was made in the type of investments held. The liquidity of these investments necessitated their classification as current, not fixed assets. Secondly, as described in the 'Assisting Entities Overseas' section, significant funds were donated by entities which had excess funds for their current needs.

The reserves policy of the Society is to hold approximately 12 months running expenditure, as well as an appropriate amount for each country it assists. This would allow the Society to continue with regular expenditure, and respond to disasters or other unexpected needs that could arise in multiple countries at one time. World events show this to be a very prudent step. Current reserves, excluding fixed assets, were approximately £162 million at the end of August 2020. This meets our reserves policy.

These reserves represent amounts available for the Society's needs and any needs of the entities in other countries as needed. The Society has access to effective banking and investment services. The funds are therefore well utilised until they are called on. Worldwide needs can be responded to whenever necessary from this pool of funds. This assistance can be provided by sending funds, or acquiring and sending necessary items.

The trustees feel that such a policy is prudent, in light of the Society's plans and the current financial climate. They feel it makes best use of income and are confident that it does not adversely affect the Society's ability to both sustain and increase its activity. These reserves can therefore continue to be available for worldwide use as the need arises.

Environmental Performance
Especially with its building projects, the Society gives close attention to its environmental impact. Matters considered include: unused materials, construction waste management, renewable energy sources and water management. Conservation surveys are commissioned as necessary. Projects are registered with sustainability monitoring agencies such as BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) when this is required by local authorities.

The Society recognises the importance of environmental protection, especially with significant undertakings, and works in harmony with our Environmental Policy. This policy reflects the commitment to establish an Environmental Management System to monitor and control its environmental aspects; to assess and regularly re-assess the environmental effects of its activities; to conduct its activities in a manner that is sensitive to the needs and concerns of the surrounding inhabitants and environment; to integrate environmental issues into decision making; to reduce or eliminate pollution and nuisance; to minimise energy waste and materials; to protect biodiversity and ecosystems; to promote the use of sustainable, recyclable and renewable materials; and to educate and train volunteers in the use of environmentally conscious practices.

The above information enables the trustees to report strong environmental performance for the year. It is in harmony with its overall aims, that the Society has successfully cared for the environment wherever it is operating.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Principal risks and uncertainties

Formal reviews have taken place regarding the major risks to which the Society is exposed. Strategic safeguards are in place to reduce the impact of those risks as far as possible. The Risk Register was updated most recently in May 2020.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Society are: failure to comply with legal requirements on health and safety, fire, environment, waste; disaster in Kingdom Hall construction or maintenance.

Failure to comply with legal requirements.

All building projects are compliant with any and all applicable legal, planning and building control requirements.

Regulatory authorities also inspect and advise on vehicle safety and standards.

Weekly maintenance and production meetings ensure standards are being followed and any suggestions are followed through.

We maintain a good working relationship with any authorities which oversee such requirements.

All of the above continue to ensure that the Society complies with relevant legal requirements.

Disaster in construction activities.

A comprehensive health and safety file is prepared for each project and managed by an onsite management team. Site safety audit visits are made twice annually to the groups of individuals overseeing construction in a given area. Reports are reviewed by teams working centrally to see where any adjustments are needed. Incidents that occur on site are reviewed on a monthly basis, so that lessons learned can be applied across all areas of our operations.

Building sites are run consistent with the Construction Industry Training Board Site Safety qualifications. Strict compliance with building regulations is ensured and experts fully utilised.

Workers attend safety and planning seminars. Daily meetings on health and safety are held on site for each project. An accident and near miss reporting system is also operational on site.

Documented instructions are followed by those in oversight. Written materials are provided to the workers to assist them in maintaining health and safety.

The Chelmsford project has run a half day iCoST (Introduction to Core Safety Training) course. Volunteers have attended and been trained in Working at Height, Manual Handling, Lock Out / Tag Out, Respiratory Protection and Chemical Awareness and general safety reminders.

The project website has a Safety section which includes information on who to call in an emergency; details of the Emergency Response Team; access to all Safety Documents including Site Wide Safety Policies, Safety Programmes and Procedures, approved Safety Forms and Templates, manufacturer WASP and SDS information sheets, and each JHA (Job Hazard Analysis); along with training resources and Safety videos.

An Emergency Response Team is in place, which includes an incident controller on duty 24 hours a day, plus a team of first aiders, fire/spill marshals, and triage contacts. Clear guidelines have been provided outlining what do in the event of personal injury, a site-wide emergency, or fire.

There is also a 'Weather Events Coordinating Team' to ensure preparedness and site safety during extreme weather events.

The Trustees are confident that the hard work described above mitigates the possibility that a serious risk will be realised.

Statutory inquiry

The Trustees continue to engage with the Charity Commission with a view to drawing the Inquiry to a conclusion.

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

STRATEGIC REPORT
Future plans
As the pandemic and other difficulties continue around the world, the Society wishes to continue to be able to provide quick and consistent charitable support as needed.

Building activity will be extremely limited as the Society continues to restrict this activity to protect beneficiaries and the wider community against COVID-19.

The trustees have assessed the likely impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to going concern. They are currently of the opinion that the Society is not exposed to a potential lack of going concern and that it is in a strong financial position.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
Governing document
The charity, a UK company limited by guarantee, is controlled by its governing document, the memorandum and articles of the company dated 25th October 1999, as amended by special resolutions dated 19th April 2000, 21st November 2013, and 13th April 2016.

Organisational structure
The Society is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

Members Liability
Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amounts as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

Recruitment and appointment, induction and training of new trustees
The recruitment and induction of new trustees is arranged as follows: The trustees may at any time co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional trustee. Such a person must be a member of the Society and serve as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. New trustees are given training in both operational and financial matters with the aid of the existing trustees and relevant documentation and guidance provided by the Charity Commission. Trustees are given appropriate Charity Commission publications and training is arranged as part of the meetings of the trustees when the Society's policies are discussed. This is supplemented by periodic training provided by other professional bodies when new legislation affecting the Society is introduced.

The trustees meet together each month, and are in regular contact.

Wider network
The Society works closely with many entities with similar objectives around the world. One example is the International Bible Students Association (IBSA). During the year IBSA provided the Society with serviced facilities for its charitable activities.
Cooperation with all of these entities facilitates an efficient and economic use of the Society's resources. This cooperation also helps the Society to meet its stated objectives.

The charity also considers policies, procedures and guidelines used by entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives, and, where applicable, seeks to implement them.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
Registered Company number
03858051 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1077961

Registered office
1 Kingdom Way
West Hanningfield
Chelmsford
CM2 8FW

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

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ENGAGEMENT WITH SUPPLIERS, CUSTOMERS AND OTHERS
The trustees recognise the importance of good business relationships to facilitate the uninterrupted provision of charitable services to beneficiaries. Policies are followed to ensure strong relationships with key suppliers are maintained whilst still obtaining value for money and making the best use of donated funds.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
The trustees (who are also the directors of the Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on ..MAY..11..2021..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

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R Li - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st August 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st August 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:
- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Hume FCA

Nicholas Hume FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Calcutt Matthews WBZ Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
19 North Street
Ashford
TN24 8LF

Date: 24 May 2021

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	132,490,597	-	132,490,597	93,248,771
Charitable activities	4				
Design and build of places of worship and administrative facilities		9,781,957	-	9,781,957	33,143,103
Investment income	3	1,662,538	-	1,662,538	1,420,942
Other income	5	382,856	-	382,856	1,786,773
Total		144,317,948	-	144,317,948	129,599,589
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds					
Investment management costs	6	266,139	-	266,139	417,534
		266,139	-	266,139	417,534
Charitable activities	7				
Assisting Entities Overseas		82,954,177	-	82,954,177	88,613,240
Design and build of places of worship and administrative facilities		15,435,731	-	15,435,731	40,041,595
Providing services for full-time ministers		928,726	-	928,726	1,386,328
Total		99,584,773	-	99,584,773	130,458,697
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	(93,761)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		44,733,175	-	44,733,175	(952,869)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		148,013,537	-	148,013,537	148,966,406
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		192,746,712	-	192,746,712	148,013,537

The notes form part of these financial statements

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Balance Sheet
31st August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	17,810,745	-	17,810,745	24,605,327
Investments					
Investments	12	12,535,853	-	12,535,853	33,195,081
Social investments	13	460,215	-	460,215	460,215
		30,806,813	-	30,806,813	58,260,623
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	14	2,169,790	-	2,169,790	3,385,292
Debtors	15	717,544	-	717,544	3,283,025
Investments	16	157,822,012	-	157,822,012	276,672
Cash at bank and in hand		12,845,533	-	12,845,533	98,684,772
		173,554,879	-	173,554,879	105,629,761
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(1,560,931)	-	(1,560,931)	(4,989,526)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		171,993,948	-	171,993,948	100,640,235
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		202,800,761	-	202,800,761	158,900,858
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(6,887,256)	-	(6,887,256)	(7,874,623)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	20	(3,166,793)	-	(3,166,793)	(3,012,698)
NET ASSETS		192,746,712	-	192,746,712	148,013,537
FUNDS	21				
Unrestricted funds:					
General Fund				192,746,712	148,013,537
TOTAL FUNDS				192,746,712	148,013,537

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on MAY 11, 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

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R Li - Trustee

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A J Llewellyn - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	23	43,595,840	445,431
Net cash provided by operating activities		43,595,840	445,431
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(595,634)	(643,858)
Purchase of current asset investments		(140,251,557)	-
Purchase of fixed asset investments		-	(33,614,833)
Purchase of social investments		-	(460,215)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		6,346,723	907,877
Sale of fixed asset investments		3,168,775	16,698,641
Interest received		161,880	268,488
Dividends received		1,500,658	1,152,454
Net cash used in investing activities		(129,669,155)	(15,691,446)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loans advanced by depositors		626,276	715,608
Loans repaid to depositors on		(392,200)	(561,938)
Net cash provided by financing activities		234,076	153,670
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(85,839,239)	(15,092,345)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		98,684,772	113,777,117
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		12,845,533	98,684,772

The notes form part of these financial statements

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, a company limited by guarantee registered in the United Kingdom, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102' The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value, unless stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimations and assumptions to be made that affect the reported value of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The nature of estimation and judgement means that actual outcomes could differ from expectation. A significant area of estimation and judgement is when support costs have been allocated to activity on a basis consistent with their use of resources.

A further key estimate is the rate of depreciation. The trustees are of the opinion that the rates applied to the financial statements are appropriate.

Income
All income, whether in the form of donations or legacies is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Society has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations in the form of assets are included at the net book value on the date of the gift.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either; the Society is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Society has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Income from charitable activities also includes the value of services, excluding Value Added Tax, provided at cost to other charitable bodies during the period. The completion stage of building work performed over long-term contracts is verified by qualified individuals and invoiced accordingly at appropriate intervals.

Grants are recognised when the charity is entitled to receipt.

Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Society to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated as described later regarding cost allocation.

Raising funds
These are comprised of investment management costs incurred during the year. The Society does not engage in fund raising.

Governance costs
Governance costs comprise costs involved in the running and administration of the Society. These are allocated across activities in the same manner as all other support costs.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
Where a cost is incurred for the purpose of directly achieving one of the charitable aims it is allocated to that particular aim.

Some costs do not relate to one particular aim, but support all of the aims of the Society. Where this is the case, the support cost is apportioned to the activity based on the proportion of direct costs it incurs.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets are valued at cost less depreciation. Assets costing less than £3,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write each asset down to its residual value over its estimated useful life:

Freehold land	-	Not depreciated
Buildings	-	2% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	10% or 6.7% on cost,
Motor vehicles	-	33%, 20% or 14% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	-	33% or 10% on cost

Impairment reviews are carried out on individual assets when there is some indication that the recoverable amount of a fixed asset is below its net book value.

Social investments
The Society classifies its social investments as programme related. The investment is to further charitable aims, and any financial return is incidental. The investment is held at cost less impairment, as fair value cannot be measured reliably.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Society. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Where a restricted fund has fulfilled its purpose and excess funds remain, the balance will be transferred to unrestricted funds, provided that this was understood by the donors at the time of their donation.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign exchange gains and losses
Foreign currency balances have been translated at the prevailing rate on the balance sheet date. Income and expenditures during the year have been translated at the prevailing rate on the day of the transaction. Gains and losses arise when foreign currency assets change in value between their purchase and the balance sheet date.

Donated goods
Donated goods are recognised as income when the Society has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Society of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. These would be measured at fair value.

Fixed Asset Investments
Unlisted investments are comprised of various funds and derivatives managed by professional firms and banks. The valuations are based on the external fund managers' estimates of the underlying assets of the investment vehicle.

Current Asset Investments
The current assets are held in UK sterling or other traded currencies and have been valued at the appropriate exchange rate at the year-end. Short-term investments comprise highly liquid investments that are cash or cash equivalent.

Deposits
The Society had an arrangement whereby individuals could deposit funds so that the Society could benefit, on the understanding that these funds could be requested back whenever the depositor wishes. Deposits repayable on demand are classified as falling due within one year. This arrangement was closed to new deposits in 2015. Deposits are still accepted from congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Conditional donations
The Society receives some donations where the donor reserves the right to receive the funds back in case of unexpected need. Experience has shown that only a small percentage is returned, but prudently the charity provides for twenty-five percent.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Other recognised gains and losses
These comprise unrealised and realised gains and losses on investments. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the market value brought forward (or cost, for assets bought within this financial year) and the market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between sales proceeds and market value brought forward (or cost, for assets bought within this financial year.)

Irrecoverable VAT
Irrecoverable VAT is included in the relevant cost headings on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities and is not shown as a separate item.

Interest receivable
Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Society, which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Debtors
Debtors are recognised at the total amount due to the Society. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand include current and deposit accounts as well as trivial amounts of petty cash.

Creditors
Creditors are recognised where the Society has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments
Other than investments, the Society has only basic financial assets and liabilities. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value if there is any variance. If any are for a period longer than twelve months these are amortised where appropriate.

Going Concern
The Trustees consider the Society a going concern and have no material uncertainties in this regard. A strong balance sheet position and consistent income base contribute to this conclusion.

Volunteers
Individuals voluntarily assist with all of the activities of the Society. The role of these individuals is fundamental to the Society carrying out its work, as the Society does not have a salaried workforce.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Legacies	1,123,610	3,076,869
Donations of cash and goods	131,366,987	90,171,902
	132,490,597	93,248,771

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other unlisted securities	1,500,658	1,152,454
Deposit account interest	161,880	268,488
	1,662,538	1,420,942

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2020 Design and build of places of worship and administrative facilities	2019 Total activities
	£	£
Income from branch construction	5,615,211	32,043,891
Income from Kingdom Hall construction	4,166,746	1,099,212
	9,781,957	33,143,103

5. OTHER INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Foreign currency gains	165,486	1,544,413
Other income	111,134	206,677
Income from recycling	106,236	35,683
	382,856	1,786,773

6. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Portfolio management	266,139	417,534

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
Assisting Entities Overseas	82,737,213	216,964	82,954,177
Design and build of places of worship and administrative facilities	15,395,304	40,427	15,435,731
Providing services for full-time ministers	926,296	2,430	928,726
	99,058,813	259,821	99,318,634

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Assisting Entities Overseas	190,359	26,605	216,964
Design and build of places of worship and administrative facilities	35,470	4,957	40,427
Providing services for full-time ministers	2,132	298	2,430
	227,961	31,860	259,821

Support costs have been allocated to the appropriate activity, as shown above, in line with the Charity's accounting policies.

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	31,860	35,508
Depreciation - owned assets	647,030	866,455
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	396,463	584,943

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The trustees do not receive any remuneration or benefits for their role as trustees of the Society.

Their modest needs, as members of the Worldwide Order, are cared for by IBSA.

Trustees' expenses

No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year.

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
COST					
At 1st September 2019	22,557,644	3,330,885	485,336	2,531,243	28,905,108
Additions	471,505	95,151	-	28,978	595,634
Disposals	(5,319,970)	(2,423,241)	(8,237)	(594,744)	(8,346,192)
Reclassification	-	3,320	-	(3,320)	-
At 31st August 2020	17,709,179	1,006,115	477,099	1,962,157	21,154,550
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st September 2019	1,266,263	1,262,267	454,514	1,316,737	4,299,781
Charge for year	303,658	148,814	7,899	186,659	647,030
Eliminated on disposal	(379,940)	(876,602)	(8,236)	(338,228)	(1,603,006)
Reclassification/transfer	-	2,169	-	(2,169)	-
At 31st August 2020	1,189,981	536,648	454,177	1,162,999	3,343,805
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st August 2020	16,519,198	469,467	22,922	799,158	17,810,745
At 31st August 2019	21,291,381	2,068,618	30,822	1,214,506	24,605,327

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12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st September 2019	33,195,081
Disposals	(3,168,775)
Reclassification to current as set investments	(17,490,453)
At 31st August 2020	12,535,853
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2020	12,535,853
At 31st August 2019	33,195,081

Please note, that all of the above are unlisted investments.

13. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020	460,215
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2020	460,215
At 31st August 2019	460,215

This represents an investment in a project which helps Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. Although this is in its early stages the Trustees are very confident in its expected performance and that it will continue to advance the charitable aims of the Society.

14. STOCKS

	2020 £	2019 £
Raw materials	48,510	123,114
Motor vehicle spares and consumables	11,625	23,017
Work-in-progress	2,109,655	3,020,684
Work in progress- branch construction	-	218,477
	2,169,790	3,385,292

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15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade debtors	203,589	1,017,125
Other debtors	73,198	1,854,100
Prepayments and accrued income	440,757	411,800
	717,544	3,283,025

16. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Cash equivalents on deposit	157,742,012	-
Land in course of disposal	80,000	276,672
	157,822,012	276,672

During the year the trustees agreed to consolidate funds, formerly held across multiple accounts, into cash equivalents which are extremely liquid with a view to earning better returns for the benefit of the Society.

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Deposits (see note 19)	765,251	874,958
Trade creditors	680,396	3,765,888
Other creditors	63,843	240,059
Accrued expenses	51,441	108,621
	1,560,931	4,989,526

Deposits comprise monies received from individuals, circuits and congregations and held with the Society until they are requested back. Deferred income relates to amounts received for an asset sale that was not completed by the year end date.

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Deposits (see note 19)	6,887,256	7,874,623

19. DEPOSITS

No maturity analysis is provided for these deposits due to their nature, as described in the above notes.

20. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Conditional donations	3,166,793	3,012,698

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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20. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES - continued

	£
Provision at 1st September 2019	3,012,698
Provision on new conditional donations received	303,789
Provision released on conditional donations converted into donations	(75,948)
Provision released on conditional donations repaid	(73,746)
Provision at 31st August 2020	3,166,793

Conditional donations are donations made by individuals on the understanding that they may be recalled should the donor require such funds in the future. The donor retains an option over their donation until they die or write to convert it into an outright donation or request repayment. While it is considered probable that some of these conditional donations will need to be repaid, it is unknown when this liability will crystallize or how large it will be. The trustees have therefore prudently made a provision for 25% of the balance of conditional donations as shown above. The remaining £3,166,793 is a contingent liability.

21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	148,013,537	44,733,175	192,746,712
TOTAL FUNDS	148,013,537	44,733,175	192,746,712

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	144,317,948	(99,584,773)	44,733,175
TOTAL FUNDS	144,317,948	(99,584,773)	44,733,175

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.19 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	141,982,024	(765,883)	6,797,396	148,013,537
Restricted funds				
Travelling Overseers Assistance Arrangement	622,732	(85,333)	(537,399)	-
Kingdom Hall Assistance Arrangement	6,035,999	-	(6,035,999)	-
Relief Fund	101,653	(101,653)	-	-
Missionary Convention Travel	223,998	-	(223,998)	-
	6,984,382	(186,986)	(6,797,396)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	148,966,406	(952,869)	-	148,013,537

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	129,588,803	(130,260,925)	(93,761)	(765,883)
Restricted funds				
Travelling Overseers Assistance Arrangement	-	(85,333)	-	(85,333)
Relief Fund	10,786	(112,439)	-	(101,653)
	10,786	(197,772)	-	(186,986)
TOTAL FUNDS	129,599,589	(130,458,697)	(93,761)	(952,869)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	141,982,024	43,967,292	6,797,396	192,746,712
Restricted funds				
Travelling Overseers Assistance Arrangement	622,732	(85,333)	(537,399)	-
Kingdom Hall Assistance Arrangement	6,035,999	-	(6,035,999)	-
Relief Fund	101,653	(101,653)	-	-
Missionary Convention Travel	223,998	-	(223,998)	-
	6,984,382	(186,986)	(6,797,396)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	148,966,406	43,780,306	-	192,746,712

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	273,906,751	(229,845,698)	(93,761)	43,967,292
Restricted funds				
Travelling Overseers Assistance Arrangement	-	(85,333)	-	(85,333)
Relief Fund	10,786	(112,439)	-	(101,653)
	10,786	(197,772)	-	(186,986)
TOTAL FUNDS	273,917,537	(230,043,470)	(93,761)	43,780,306

Travelling Overseers Assistance Arrangement
This fund was for the provision of motor vehicles for travelling ministers. The restriction on the fund was met when the assets were purchased and made available for ministers. Therefore, the assets now form part of the charity's unrestricted property.

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Kingdom Hall Assistance Arrangement
The Kingdom Hall Assistance Arrangement (KHAA) existed to give aid where losses and damages had been suffered by congregations or individuals. Having the arrangement as a separate fund had served its purpose and donors were informed that such needs were now being filled by the general funds of the charity. No problems arose due to this change, therefore the Charity Commission approved a scheme dated April 26, 2019 to allow these funds to be administered as part of the general purposes of the charity.

Relief Fund
This fund existed for the purpose of giving support to areas experiencing distress or natural disaster. Existing funds were spent in full. The fund is now closed as such needs will be met through the general funds of the charity.

22. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st August 2020.

23. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	44,733,175	(952,869)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	647,030	866,456
Losses on investments	-	682,288
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	396,463	500,900
Interest received	(161,880)	(268,488)
Dividends received	(1,500,658)	(1,152,454)
Other non-cash donations received	(1,331,150)	(701,639)
Movement in assets held for sale	196,672	383,328
Increase/decrease in provisions	154,093	(3,543,123)
Reclassification to fixed assets	-	(1,628,029)
Movements on conditional donations	-	1,288,447
Decrease in stocks	1,215,502	339,395
Decrease in debtors	2,565,481	5,038,569
Decrease in creditors	(3,318,888)	(407,350)
Net cash provided by operations	43,595,840	445,431

24. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.19 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.20 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	98,684,772	(85,839,239)	12,845,533
	98,684,772	(85,839,239)	12,845,533
Liquid resources			
Deposits included in cash	-	-	-
Current asset investments	276,672	157,545,340	157,822,012
	276,672	157,545,340	157,822,012
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(874,958)	109,707	(765,251)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(7,874,623)	987,367	(6,887,256)

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24. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS - continued

	(8,749,581)	1,097,074	(7,652,507)
Total	90,211,863	72,803,175	163,015,038

25. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2020	2019
Debt instruments at cost		
Unlisted investments	159,915,752	-
Trade debtors	203,589	1,017,125
Other debtors	73,198	1,854,100
Total	160,192,539	2,871,225
Financial Liabilities at cost		
Deposits	765,251	874,958
Trade creditors	680,396	3,765,888
Other creditors	63,843	240,059
Accrued expenses	51,441	108,621
Deposits greater than 1 year	6,887,256	7,874,623
Conditional donations	3,166,793	3,012,698
Total	11,614,980	15,876,847

26. GOING CONCERN

The trustees have assessed the likely impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to going concern. They are currently of the opinion that the Society is not exposed to a potential lack of going concern and that it is in a strong financial position.