THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1106768

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05284271
Registered	2004-11-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE TO HELP NEEDY AND DESERVING MEMBERS OF THE ENGLISH BAR WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN IN PRACTICE IN ENGLAND OR WALES, THEIR HUSBANDS OR WIVES, WIDOWS OR WIDOWERS, CHILDREN AND DEPENDANTS, OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THEY ARE OR WERE IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP.

Activities: General purposes. Make grants and loans to individuals; provide finance, services and information.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE ENGLAND AND WALES.
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£593,803	£672,549	£13,561,858	2
2023-12-31	£808,097	£540,450	£13,328,799	2
2022-12-31	£986,246	£702,114	£12,562,507	2
2021-12-31	£669,024	£975,072	£13,426,452	2
2020-12-31	£1,843,440	£1,290,970	£12,917,866	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Terence Rennie Mowschenson KC	Chair	
DANIEL TOLEDANO KC		2005-12-13
David John Phillips KC		
Graeme Alexander Halkerston		2013-04-08
Helen Valley		2021-07-26
Jeffrey Israel		2021-07-26
Lord Mark Oliver Saville		1997-07-28
MR Angus Maxwell Thomas McCullough QC		2006-02-01
Marcus Croskell		2025-04-16
Master Roger Eastman		2006-02-01
Raymond Edwin Cox KC		2006-11-01
Sara Jane Hargreaves		
Shabeena Azhar-Mole		2015-05-12
TEERTHA GUPTA		2004-11-11

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(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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The Barristers' Benevolent Association
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The Barristers' Benevolent Association
Reference and Administrative Details

Committee Members	Terence Mowschenson KC, Chairman David Phillips KC, Honorary Treasurer Raymond Cox KC, Treasurer Sara Hargreaves, Honorary Secretary The Rt. Hon. The Lord Saville of Newdigate, Member Helen Valley, Member Jeffrey Israel, Member Alexander Learmonth KC, Member (resigned 11 December 2024) Graeme Halkerston, Member Angus McCullough KC, Member Jonathan Tod, Member (resigned 2 January 2024) Master Roger Eastman, Member Daniel Toledano KC, Member Christopher Stephenson, Member (resigned 11 December 2024) Shabeena Azhar-Mole, Member Teertha Gupta KC, Member Marcus Croskell (appointed 16 April 2025)
Company Registration Number	05284271
Charity Registration Number	1106768
Registered Office	14 Gray's Inn Square London WC1R 5JP
Chief Executive Officer	Nicky Young
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Annette Bennett

Independent auditors	A C Mole LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor Stafford House Blackbrook Park Avenue Taunton Somerset TA1 2PX
Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC PO Box 712 94 Moorgate London EC2M 6UR
Solicitors:	Withers LLP 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7AN
Investment Managers	Rathbones incorporating Investec Wealth & Investment (UK) 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN
Insolvency Practitioners	Griffins LLP Tavistock House South Tavistock Square London WC1H 9LG

The Barristers' Benevolent Association
Chairman's Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

During the past year we received an increase in applications. The numbers of applications were not substantially out of line with the numbers received in previous years. There does not appear to be any significant underlying trend. In 2024 there were 21 new applications. This is an increase on last year when there were 14 new applications. Of the new applications we were able to help 19 beneficiaries financially and enabled them to seek financial advice. Two additional sub-committee meetings were held in 2024. New application refusals are based on applications which fall outside the immediate BBA remit. If we decline support because we consider the application was made too soon, we encourage the applicant to re-apply should the applicant's circumstances suffer an adverse change. In addition to the new cases, there were also 15 renewals, 1 more than in 2023 and 17 reports, 3 less than in 2023.

In 2024 we continued to offer grants to beneficiaries who meet the criteria of Gainsford trust restricted fund. The total support during 2024 from the restricted fund was £3,891 which was paid to needy and deserving applicants.

Our income from donations is generally in a modest decline and we are trying to address this issue. Administrative expenditure is well controlled but continued fluctuations in the investment market continue to affect the value of our reserves and net income.

We maintain our strict policy of securing all loans wherever possible and review these annually in case a beneficiary's circumstances have changed. We are anxious to help as many beneficiaries as possible, but our resources are limited and where equity exists, we believe securing our loans is in our beneficiaries' best interests, as the policy assists in ensuring that we have funds for beneficiaries in the future.

In 2024 we received legacies totalling £61,166. I would like to thank the families of the Late Anthony Richard Boswood, Richard Hartley, Rita Ruben and John Deby for their generous legacy contributions to the BBA general fund.

None of this could be achieved without the continued loyal and indispensable support of many volunteers; in particular those who serve on our Board and the Circuit Representatives who visit applicants and beneficiaries who are unable to travel to London. Also invaluable are the supporters who make regular donations or who undertake various fundraising activities for us - running marathons, playing golf and the like - to whom we are equally grateful. We have a very small team of paid staff whose friendly and helpful contact on the phone or through e-mail is much appreciated by those who are touch with us and I would like to express the thanks of the Committee to the BBA's Chief Executive Nicky Young, and our deputy Chief Executive Annette Bennett. I would also add my own thanks to those on the Committee who attend our monthly meetings to deal with applications which we dealt with from our general funds.

The need to maintain our donated income is important and one way is to encourage everyone to include us in their Will once family needs have been secured. Your gift will mean someone less fortunate than you can be assisted at a time of need.

Terence Mowschenson

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Terence Mowschenson KC, Chairman
Trustee

The Committee has pleasure in presenting its report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein and comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (October 2019).

Constitution

The Barristers' Benevolent Association was founded on 10 January 1873. It is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales on 11th November 2004, number 05284271. The company gained charitable status on 15 November 2004, registration number 1106768. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, Members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Objects

The objects of the Association are to provide financial and other assistance and support to needy and deserving members of the Bar who are or have been in practice in England and Wales and also their spouses and dependants. Assistance is given without geographical restriction or any need to pay fees.

Policy

To achieve these objectives, the Committee has followed the following policies:
a) To encourage members of the Bar and the judiciary to contribute by way of donations, gift aid; and
b) To create and maintain an adequate capital base generating investment income to augment the gifted income of the Association.

Management

The Charity is governed by a Committee whose Members are the Trustees for the purposes of Charity law and the Directors for the purpose of company law. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

The Committee meets monthly, reviews applications for assistance and decides what assistance if any should be offered. Urgent applications are considered by individual trustees and so far as necessary considered for ratification by the committee. The BBA staff administer applications and the provision of assistance decided by the Committee or trustees and may decide how to provide assistance within the parameters sets by the Committee or trustees. Insurance against third party liability is provided for directors of the BBA up to £1m.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

All Members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the Charity. Traditional business and skills are well represented on the Management Committee. In an effort to maintain a broad mix of skills, new Committee Members are recruited after informal discussions with the Chairman and/or other officers and they are invited to visit the offices where they are briefed by the staff on their work and systems. They are provided with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the rules and current back issues of the Annual Review as well as the Charity Commission leaflet on Charity responsibilities. During the year they receive full background papers for all potential and actual beneficiaries, the monthly accounts and the annual summaries of loans. The Chief Executive reports personally to the Members on matters concerning individuals allocated to them as case manager and in any other case where they have asked to be kept in touch.

Trustee Induction and Training

Most Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity, being Members of the Bar. Prospective trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of Board meetings as part of their training to familiarise themselves with the Charity and the context within which it operates. These are jointly led by the Chair of the Committee, Company Secretary, Chief and Deputy Chief Executive of the Charity and covers:

- The obligations of Management Committee Members.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the Charity including the Memorandum and Articles.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Any Future plans and objectives.
- Links to the Charity Commission's website with publications to the Trustees role and responsibilities.

How our activities deliver public benefit

The Charity seeks to reach every practising Barrister every year to ensure they are aware of the potential assistance available and to seek their financial support. This is primarily achieved through emailing a copy of the Annual Review to the Bar Council for distribution via email to all Members of the Bar and Judiciary. We also attend relevant conferences and seek publicity in professional magazines. Our website includes information for both donors and potential beneficiaries and has a downloadable application form. We also have a small team of volunteer Circuit Representatives who are able to make visits if needed.

Help is tailored to each individual case. Wherever possible we seek to enable the beneficiary to solve their problem and continue in or return to a position where he or she can earn a living but where this is impossible, or not to be recommended, we can offer secured or unsecured loans or make grants. Sometimes help is needed urgently to tide people through an emergency, other times the need is longer-term. Assistance is given without geographical restriction or any need to pay fees and with due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

Our work

The BBA general fund costs of £667,200 includes grant giving activities of £308,229 and support costs totalling £317,079. Regular beneficiaries including dependants were awarded monthly and quarterly grants to meet short falls in living, medical and food costs.

In 2024 there were 21 new applications. This is an increase from 14 on the previous year. Of the new applications we were able to help 19 beneficiaries financially and provide advice. Two additional subcommittee meetings was held in 2024. New application refusals are based on applications which fall outside the immediate BBA remit. If we decline support because we consider the application was made too soon, we encourage the applicant to reapply should their situation worsen.

In addition to the new cases, there were also 15 renewals, 1 more than 2023 and 17 reports, 3 less than in 2023.

The most common reason for declining financial help at any time (although leaving the door open for subsequent applications) is possession of adequate personal resources which we consider should be used first since one of our criteria for granting assistance is that the applicant should be "needy". In very rare cases someone may be considered needy but not 'deserving'.

Initial enquiries - by phone, email, letter or personally - are handled immediately and the aim is to have our application form completed and processed in time for the next available Committee meeting, although this does not rule out more immediate help if this is urgently required.

Every case is reviewed annually on the anniversary of its initial presentation to the Committee and renewals of support have to be accompanied by another completed application form. Outstanding loans are reviewed annually at the beginning of the year.

Plans for the future

The Association will continue to seek out opportunities to publicise the work of the Charity and to seek financial support from those in a position to help.

The Trustees will continue to monitor response times for receiving and processing applications, the prompt and accurate payment of all benefits, and the proper acknowledgement of contributions.

Financial review

The Association made a deficit for the year of £(78,746) (2023 - surplus of £267,647) before net revaluation of the investments of £502,805 (2023 - £498,645).

Total incoming resources decreased from £828,097 in 2023 to £593,803 in 2024.

Total resources expended increased from £560,450 in 2023 to £672,549 in 2024.

As at the year ended 31 December 2024, the Association had unrestricted reserves of £13,236,813 (2023 - £12,833,684) and restricted reserves of £325,045 (2023 - £304,115).

Investment Powers, Policy and Performance

The Members of the Committee have, as Trustees, the statutory general power of investment conferred by the Trustee Act 2000, which permits them to make any kind of investment which they could make if they were absolutely entitled to the Association's assets. In exercise of their powers under the Act, the Members of the Committee have delegated their asset management functions to the Association's investment managers Rathbones incorporating Investec Wealth & Investment (UK) based on an agreement for discretionary portfolio management. The instruction to the investment managers is that they seek a balanced return from income and from capital growth of the portfolio, with no more than a moderate level of risk. The investment strategy is reviewed during the year with the investment managers.

The value of the investments as of 31st December 2024 was £9,538,980 (2023 - £9,112,448), resulting in a capital gain of £426,532. In addition, dividends totalling £231,923 were paid away to the charity's bank account. The overall return achieved by the portfolio was +7.7%, net of fees, and this compares with the CPI +3% objective return of +5.5% and the ARC Charities Steady Growth index return of +8.2%.

The portfolio gains were made against the backdrop of another extraordinary year for markets, which continued to be dominated by a small cohort of enormous US technology companies, dubbed 'The Magnificent 7' by market observers, which not only collectively generated the majority of the return of the US equity market (itself the dominant world market), but ended the year as the seven largest companies. All are seeking to monetise the growth of Artificial Intelligence and are investing heavily. The BBA portfolio continues to benefit from this growth by owning several of the Magnificent 7, as well as other expected beneficiary companies. However, mindful of the increasing concentration risk that these companies exhibit within the market, a smaller weighting overall than the headline index is held, for risk diversification reasons. Elsewhere, interest rates look set to come down, but only modestly as inflation remains higher than central banks would like, particularly in the services sector.

Looking forward, it is Rathbones' expectation that the profile of returns will broaden out beyond the Magnificent 7. A portfolio comprising of high-quality global companies with long-term competitive advantages should help the portfolio to grow to enable the BBA to continue to support its current and future generations of beneficiaries. Rathbones believe that economic growth will continue to be modest in calendar 2025, and so an important driver of returns will continue to be companies with strong franchises that are still able to sustainably generate attractive levels of profit growth despite this environment. This plays well to the investment philosophy adopted.

The BBA portfolio continues to be managed to a medium risk strategy and the strategic asset allocation is 65% equities, 18% bonds, 5% property, 10% alternative assets, 2% cash.

Fundraising

The Association solicit donations from members of the profession or the public through our website or as advertised in our annual report. The Association does not employ third party fundraisers or employ the kinds of fundraising tactics that have given rise to public concern. The Association is not registered with a fundraising regulator and no fundraising complaints were received in the 2024 year.

Grant Making Policy

The Association invites applications for assistance from needy and deserving Members of the Bar who are or have been in practice in England or Wales, their husbands or wives, widows or widowers, children, and dependants. Assistance may be provided to beneficiaries by way of grant or loan, or a combination of the two.

Before any grant or loan is considered by the Committee, applicants are required to complete a detailed form setting out their individual circumstances. Where possible, the Association will always seek to facilitate the return to work of the practitioners who have been in substantial full-time practice prior to the events occasioning their application.

Restricted Fund

In 2022, after consultation with the BBA committee and Withers solicitors, it was agreed that The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust, a charitable Trust previously administered by Gray's Inn, would transfer their funds of £314,858 to the BBA. Following the transfer Legal fees were met by the BBA from this amount. The fund is to be used to help members of the Bar of England and Wales and their dependants who either live in Greater London or who have lived in Greater London. Gainsford Trust will have no further input into the scheme leaving the responsibility to the BBA. During 2024, £3,891 was paid to needy and deserving applicants from the fund.

Reserves Policy

The assets of the Association are applicable for its purposes at the discretion of the Committee without any distinction between capital and income. The Association has total funds of £13,561,858 (2023 - £13,137,799) of which:

- £3,697,140 (2023 - £3,529,728) is comprised in designated funds
- £193,910 (2023 - £200,915) is held in tangible fixed assets, and
- £9,213,935 (2023 - £8,808,333) of unrestricted and £325,045 of restricted funds (2023 £304,115) are held in investments to continue to generate income for the Association.

This leaves £131,828 (2023 - £294,708) of general free reserves. Whilst under Charity Commission guidance the Charity's investments represent free reserves, the Committee considers that these are held to generate funds to support its beneficiaries in the future. Consistent with its policy to create and maintain an adequate capital base, the Committee intends to maintain the current level of total reserves limit at £7,500,000 although currently at the year-end there are reserves of £9,345,763 to allow for the current uncertainties within the market that could be impacted by an increase in demand from beneficiaries.

Risk Management

The Members of the Committee are satisfied that the major and operational risks which the BBA faces have been identified and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

The BBA considers that the major risks are loss of or unauthorised access to data, and bad publicity leading to damage to the reputation of the BBA.

The trustees have considered the following major risk that could impact the smooth running of the business:

- **Destruction or damage to premises.** As to this, regular backups are made of the computer system in the cloud and physical backups taken out of office. Staff have the ability to work from home.
- **Loss of staff due to retirement/resignation/illness.** As to this, staff are kept under review, jobs reviewed on the market, detailed job descriptions and finance manual are available, and temporary staff may be employed if necessary.
- **Computer malfunctioning and breakdown.** As to this, regular backups take place, and the majority of software is cloud based for access remotely anywhere.
- **Investment losses through market changes.** As to this, regular reviews are undertaken with the investment managers.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each Committee Member has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a Committee Member in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The Committee Members confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by order of the Members of the Board of Committee Members on 7 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Terence Mowschenson

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Terence Mowschenson KC, Chairman
Trustee

The Barristers' Benevolent Association
Statement of Committee Members' Responsibilities

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

Company law requires the Committee Members 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 its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Committee Members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Committee Members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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.

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.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of S418 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the Members of the Committee Board on 7 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Terence Mowschenson

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Terence Mowschenson KC, Chairman

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Barristers' Benevolent Association (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, 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 United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 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; 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 auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were 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 auditor's report 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.

Opinion on other matter 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 Chairman's Statement and Committee Members' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Chairman's Statement and Committee Members' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Chairman's Statement and the Committee Members' Report.

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 Committee Members' Responsibilities, the trustees 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor 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 an auditor's report 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.

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

Identifying and assessing potential risks of material misstatement due to irregularities

We considered the following when identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement due to irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations:

- the legal and regulatory framework in which the charity operates
- the nature of the sector in which the charity operates
- the control environment and controls established to mitigate such risks
- the results of our enquiries of management about their identification and assessment of risks of irregularities
- discussions with the audit engagement team about where fraud might occur
- the incentives for fraud.

Laws and regulations which are considered to be significant to the charity include those relating to the requirements of financial reporting framework FRS102 and Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, the Charities Act 2011, tax legislation, employment legislation and health and safety. In addition, we consider other laws and regulation which may not directly impact the financial statements but may impact on the operation of the charity.

As a result of these procedures we concluded, in accordance with International Auditing Standards, that a risk in relation to the potential for management override of controls existed.

Audit responses to risks identified

We undertook audit procedures to respond to the risks identified, and designed our audit testing to respond to these risks. The additional procedures we undertook included the following:

- gaining an understanding of the charity's procedures for ensuring compliance with laws and regulations
- testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments
- considering whether accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias
- considering whether any transactions arose outside the normal course of business
- making enquiries of management
- corroborating our enquiries through review of Board Minutes and correspondence.

We also communicated relevant laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indicators of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

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 auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, 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 charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Alexandra Shore

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Alexandra Shore (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of A C Mole LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Stafford House
Blackbrook Park Avenue
Taunton
Somerset
TA1 2PX

Date: 7 August 2025

A C Mole is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Barristers' Benevolent Association
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	343,323	1,870	345,193
Investment income	5	233,565	7,838	241,403
Other income	6	7,207	-	7,207
Total income		584,095	9,708	593,803
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	7	(42,181)	(1,458)	(43,639)
Charitable activities	7	(625,019)	(3,891)	(628,910)
Total expenditure		(667,200)	(5,349)	(672,549)
Gains/losses on investment assets		486,234	16,571	502,805
Net income		403,129	20,930	424,059
Net movement in funds		403,129	20,930	424,059
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		12,833,684	304,115	13,137,799
Total funds carried forward	19	13,236,813	325,045	13,561,858

The notes on pages 18 to 33 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Barristers' Benevolent Association
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £ (As restated)
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	573,143	400	573,543
Investment income	5	239,457	7,897	247,354
Other income	6	7,200	-	7,200
Total income		819,800	8,297	828,097
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	7	(39,358)	(1,398)	(40,756)
Charitable activities	7	(511,167)	(8,527)	(519,694)
Total expenditure		(550,525)	(9,925)	(560,450)
Gains/losses on investment assets		481,541	17,104	498,645
Net income		750,816	15,476	766,292
Net movement in funds		750,816	15,476	766,292
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		12,082,868	288,639	12,371,507
Total funds carried forward	19	12,833,684	304,115	13,137,799

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 19.

The Barristers' Benevolent Association
(Registration number: 05284271)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £ (As restated)
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	193,910	200,915
Investments	13	9,538,980	9,112,448
Programme related investments - Concessionary loans	14	3,697,140	3,529,728
		13,430,030	12,843,091
Current assets			
Debtors	15	90,256	123,730
Cash at bank and in hand		254,360	395,792
		344,616	519,522
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	(21,788)	(33,814)
Net current assets		322,828	485,708
Net assets excluding pension liability		13,752,858	13,328,799
Provisions	18	(191,000)	(191,000)
Net assets		13,561,858	13,137,799
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		325,045	304,115
Unrestricted funds		13,236,813	12,833,684
Total funds	19	13,561,858	13,137,799

The Committee Members acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to the accounting records and preparation of the financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 14 to 33 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 7 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Terence Mowschenson

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Terence Mowschenson KC, Chairman
Trustee

The Barristers' Benevolent Association
Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £ (As restated)
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income		424,059	766,292
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	7	8,242	8,845
Investment income	5	(241,403)	(247,354)
Interest payable	7	43,639	40,756
Revaluation of investments	13	(502,805)	(498,645)
		(268,268)	69,894
Working capital adjustments			
(Increase)/decrease in programme related investments	14	(167,412)	25,739
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	15	33,474	(15,714)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	16	(12,026)	3,925
Net cash flows from operating activities		(414,232)	83,844
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment income	5	241,403	247,354
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	12	(1,237)	(1,062)
Purchase of investments	13	(1,883,900)	(6,347,533)
Sale of investments	13	1,960,173	5,871,063
Net cash flows from investing activities		316,439	(230,178)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(43,639)	(40,756)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(141,432)	(187,090)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		395,792	582,882
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		254,360	395,792

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

1 General information

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charity Commission (Charity Registered Number 1106768) and Registrar of Companies (Company Registration Number 05284271).

The Members of the company are the Committee Members named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per Member of the Charity.

The address of the registered office is given in the Charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the Charity's operations and principal activities are listed in the Committee Members' Report.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 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) (issued October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Barristers' Benevolent Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

Going concern

The Committee Members have assessed the use of going concern and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Committee Members have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of these Financial Statements. The Committee Members have concluded that there are more than adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and have no immediate concerns. Therefore the charity continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Income

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

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Legacies

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Donations

For donations to be recognised the Charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the Charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income from investments is recognised when it is receivable.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objects, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Leasehold property	2% straight line on cost of building
Fixtures and fittings	15% straight line
Computer equipment	20% straight line

Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value using the closing quoted market price. All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

The fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the Balance Sheet date.

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans include those receivable from third parties which are interest free or below market interest rates and are made to advance charitable purposes. Where the loan is repayable in more than one year, the loan is initially measured at cost, with the carrying amount adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and adjusted if necessary for any impairment. As the majority of loans are expected to be repaid in more than one year, Concessionary loans are included within non-current assets.

Debtors

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

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Financial instruments

The Charity does not have any complex financial instruments. The Charity only holds basic Financial Instruments. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Charity are as follows:

Debtors - other debtors (including accrued income) are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 16. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank - is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Liabilities - accruals and other creditors will be classified as financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 16. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as in the cash settlement has already taken place and there is simply an obligation to deliver charitable services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

Investments - are measured at fair value.

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions

The charity pays pension benefits to two pensioners on an unfunded basis. The benefits are for a fixed amount and therefore the scheme is considered to be a defined benefit scheme. The value of the Scheme's liabilities have been determined in accordance with the requirements of FRS102 by external actuaries, Barnett Waddingham, by projecting the expected benefit payments using certain assumptions and discounting these back to the latest review date. Further information is included in Note 18.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Committee Members in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Committee Members for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

Prior period adjustment

Where corrections are required to comparative figures, these are adjusted in the earliest period to which they relate. Details of prior period adjustments are included in Note 22.

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income, and expenses.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The Trustees consider that the following critical accounting estimates and judgements have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

- ***Pension scheme liabilities***

  The charity has an obligation to pay pension benefits to certain former employees. The cost of these benefits and the present value of the obligation depend on a number of factors, including: life expectancy and the discount rate on corporate bonds. With assistance from external actuaries, the Committee Members estimate these factors when determining the pension liability recognised in the balance sheet. There is a risk that actual factors in the future differ from these assumptions. In addition, the actuarial valuation as at 31 December 2024 has been used to estimate the prior period liability. There is a risk that the actual pension liability as at 31 December 2023 differed to this estimate. Full details of the pension liability are included in Note 18.

- ***Concessionary loan impairments***

  Committee Members make estimates as to the recoverability of concessionary loans, and impairments are recognised where the ability to recover loans is considered to be in doubt. The actual loans recovered in future periods could differ from the impairments recognised at the balance sheet date.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations	198,406	1,870	200,276
Legacies	61,166	-	61,166
Donations received from specific institutions	83,751	-	83,751
Total for 2024	343,323	1,870	345,193
Donations	206,458	400	206,858
Legacies	289,550	-	289,550
Donations received from specific institutions	77,135	-	77,135
Total for 2023 (As restated)	573,143	400	573,543

An analysis of donations received from specific institutions is shown in Note 4.

4 Donations received from specific institutions

	2024 £	2023 £
Honourable Society of Inner Temple	10,000	10,000
Honourable Society of Middle Temple	20,000	20,000
Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn	32,000	32,000
One Crown Office Row	-	250
Landmark Chambers	500	500
Wilberforce Chambers	250	500
Quadrant Chambers	250	250
Matrix Chambers	-	300
Falcon Chambers	5,000	6,650
1GC Management Limited	250	-
Chancery Bar Association	-	3,000
The Band Trust	2,000	2,000
Property Bar	-	185
Gray's Inn Benchers Ladies Association	455	1,500
Jane and James Kessler Family Charitable Trust	10,000	-
2 Kings Bench Walk Chambers	3,046	-
	83,751	77,135

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Dividends and interest on investments	228,540	7,838	236,378
Bank interest receivable	5,025	-	5,025
Total for 2024	233,565	7,838	241,403
Dividends and interest on investments	224,039	7,897	231,936
Interest on loans	11,486	-	11,486
Bank interest receivable	3,932	-	3,932
Total for 2023	239,457	7,897	247,354

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Rental income	7,207	-	7,207
Total for 2024	7,207	-	7,207
Rental income	7,200	-	7,200
Total for 2023	7,200	-	7,200

7 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Investment management costs	42,181	1,458	43,639

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Investment management costs	39,358	1,398	40,756

7 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	Total funds 2024
Grant giving	3,602	308,229	317,079	628,910
Total 2024	3,602	308,229	317,079	628,910

	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	Total funds (as restated) 2023
Grant giving	3,450	222,948	293,296	519,694
Total 2023	3,450	222,948	293,296	519,694

In both the current and previous year, all grant funding of activities were to individuals.

Grants were made to 53 (2023 - 50) individual beneficiaries, often in respect of living costs such as food, medical, rent and council tax. Grants varied in length between the short and long term and were often distributed monthly or quarterly.

8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs

	2024 £	2023 (As restated) £
Staff costs	122,167	117,192
Depreciation	8,242	8,845
Rent and rates	60,187	57,611
Office cleaning, electricity, insurance, maintenance and water	8,285	7,730
Printing, postage, stationery and appeals	66	1,653
Telephone	2,484	2,624
Advertising	6,000	6,000
Computer consultants	23,821	22,398
Bank charges	1,008	1,063
Subscriptions	2,933	2,482
Sundry expenses	597	774
Concessionary loans impairment	24,415	4,403
Governance costs	56,874	60,521
	317,079	293,296

8 Analysis of governance and support costs (continued)

Governance costs

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Legal and professional fees	37,156	35,610
Auditor's remuneration - Audit of the financial statements	15,218	-
Auditors' remuneration - Other services	4,500	-
Auditors remuneration - Audit of the financial statement - predecessor firm	-	18,600
Auditors remuneration - Other services - predecessor firm	-	4,200
Auditors remuneration - Under accrual of prior year - predecessor firm	-	2,111
	56,874	60,521

9 Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	90,533	86,342
Social security costs	5,847	5,272
Pension costs	25,787	25,578
	122,167	117,192

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Administration	2	2

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

10 Committee Members' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Committee Members received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2024, no Committee Member expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation on its income and capital gains to the extent that such income is applied to charitable purposes.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Properties £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	304,950	33,838	14,567	353,355
Additions	-	-	1,237	1,237
At 31 December 2024	304,950	33,838	15,804	354,592
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	106,586	33,838	12,016	152,440
Charge for the year	6,099	-	2,143	8,242
At 31 December 2024	112,685	33,838	14,159	160,682
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	192,265	-	1,645	193,910
At 31 December 2023	198,364	-	2,551	200,915

All fixed assets are held for use by the Charity.

The Association has an interest in two properties (one freehold and one leasehold flat) where ownership has been transferred to the Association by beneficiaries of the Charity.

13 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments 2024 £	Listed investments 2023 £
Fair value		
At 1 January 2024	9,112,448	8,137,333
Additions	1,883,900	6,347,533
Disposals	(1,960,173)	(5,871,063)
Revaluation	502,805	498,645
At 31 December 2024	9,538,980	9,112,448

14 Programme related investments - Concessionary loans

	2024 £	2023 £
Loans at 1 January	3,529,727	3,555,467
Loans granted in the year	288,397	208,235
Loans repaid in the year	(96,569)	(229,571)
Loan impairment charges	(24,415)	(4,403)
Loans at 31 December	3,697,140	3,529,728

As the majority of loans are expected to be repaid in more than one year, Concessionary loans are included within non-current assets.

Where possible, loans are secured on the beneficiary's property. Interest is charged on secured loans at a rate of 1% plus base rate. No interest is charged on unsecured loans.

15 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	21,900	54,836
Dividends and interest receivable	68,318	68,856
Other debtors	38	38
	90,256	123,730

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	1,386	1,273
Other creditors	902	9,741
Accruals	19,500	22,800
	21,788	33,814

17 Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2024 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	38,088	42,088
Between one and five years	133,308	63,132
	171,396	105,220

17 Operating lease commitments (continued)

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities:

	2024	2023 (As restated)
	£	£
Operating lease rentals	58,088	59,148
	58,088	59,148

18 Pension commitments

The charity has an obligation to pay pension benefits to certain former employees. The benefits are paid on an unfunded basis, i.e. there are no funds explicitly set aside and ringfenced for this purpose.

The pension benefits are for a fixed amount and as such the scheme is a defined benefit scheme.

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the present value of future obligations to make pension payments have been recognised as a liability at the balance sheet date.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Present value of unfunded obligations	191,000	191,000
Pension liabilities	191,000	191,000

The Trustees have engaged Barnett Waddingham LLP, registered actuaries, to provide a valuation of the unfunded pension liabilities for the Association's accounts.

The actuaries have provided a valuation as at the balance sheet date, 31 December 2024. The Trustees consider that this provides a reasonable estimation of the liability for the prior period, and therefore their report has also been used to estimate the liability for the comparative figures.

Determining the value of the pension liability depends on a number of assumptions. The principal actuarial assumptions at the balance sheet date were as follows:

	2024	2023
Discount rate	5.2%	5.2%
Mortality tables	S4NA	S4NA

Future mortality improvements:

CMI 2024 projections using a long term improvement rate of 1.50% pa. Core values are used for other parameters.

The unfunded pensions are fixed and therefore do not incur annual increases.

19 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General						
General funds	9,303,956	584,095	(667,200)	(167,412)	486,234	9,539,673
Designated						
Funds designated for loans	3,529,728	-	-	167,412	-	3,697,140
Total unrestricted funds	12,833,684	584,095	(667,200)	-	486,234	13,236,813
Restricted funds						
The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust	304,115	9,708	(5,349)	-	16,571	325,045
Total funds	13,137,799	593,803	(672,549)	-	502,805	13,561,858

General funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Committee Board.

Designated funds are set aside by the Committee Members out of the unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes.

The fund designated for concessionary loans was set up to recognise the funds committed to loans to beneficiaries. The transfer between the funds is to align the closing balance of the fund with the year end valuation of the programme related investments.

The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust, a charitable Trust previously administered by Grays Inn, transferred their funds to the BBA. The fund is to be used to help members of the Bar of England and Wales and their dependants who either live in Greater London or who have lived in Greater London.

19 Funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 January 2023(As restated) £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 (As restated) £
Unrestricted funds						
General						
General funds	8,457,401	819,800	(550,525)	95,739	481,541	9,303,956
Designated						
Funds designed for loans	3,625,467	-	-	(95,739)	-	3,529,728
Total unrestricted funds	12,082,868	819,800	(550,525)	-	481,541	12,833,684
Restricted funds						
The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust	288,639	8,297	(9,925)	-	17,104	304,115
Total funds (As restated)	12,371,507	828,097	(560,450)	-	498,645	13,137,799

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	193,910	-	193,910
Fixed asset investments	9,213,935	325,045	9,538,980
Programme related investments	3,697,140	-	3,697,140
Current assets	344,616	-	344,616
Current liabilities	(21,788)	-	(21,788)
Provisions	(191,000)	-	(191,000)
Total net assets	13,236,813	325,045	13,561,858

20 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

As restated	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	200,915	-	200,915
Fixed asset investments	8,808,333	304,115	9,112,448
Programme related investments	3,529,728	-	3,529,728
Current assets	519,522	-	519,522
Current liabilities	(33,814)	-	(33,814)
Provisions	(191,000)	-	(191,000)
Total net assets	12,833,684	304,115	13,137,799

21 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year other than Committee Members making unrestricted donations of £5,120 (2023 - £5,065) to the Charity.

If a Committee Member knows an applicant, then they are not involved in the decision making process in regards to agreeing loans or grant applications.

22 Prior period adjustments

Pension scheme obligations

During the year it was identified that pension scheme obligations, which had previously been disclosed, were required to be included as a liability in the accounts in order to comply with the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard FRS102. As a result, the present value of these obligations has been included as a liability.

The adjustment to the accounts was to increase pension scheme liabilities at 1 January 2023 by £191,000 and reduce unrestricted reserves by the same amount. Further details are included in note 18.

Concessionary loans

During the year, it was identified that Concessionary loans were more accurately classified as non-current assets, the prior period comparatives have therefore been updated to reflect this classification. There is no net effect on reserves.

Rent charge

During the year, it was identified that rent paid for the premises was net of an annual donation from the landlord. The comparative figures have been adjusted to reflect the gross rent cost and donation received. This increases rent payable and donations received by £20,000. There is no net effect on reserves.

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1106768

Accounts

Company Registration Number: 05284271
Charity Registration Number: 1106768

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Committee Members	Terence Mowschenson KC, Chairman David Phillips KC, Honorary Treasurer Raymond Cox KC, Treasurer Sara Hargreaves, Honorary Secretary The Rt. Hon. The Lord Saville of Newdigate, Member Helen Valley, Member Jeffrey Israel, Member Alexander Learmonth KC, Member Graeme Halkerston, Member Angus McCullough KC, Member Jonathan Tod, Member (resigned 2 January 2024) Master Roger Eastman, Member Daniel Toledano KC, Member Christopher Stephenson, Member Shabeena Azhar-Mole, Member Teertha Gupta KC, Member
Company registered number	05284271
Charity registered number	1106768
Registered office	14 Gray's Inn Square London WC1R 5JP
Chief Executive Officer	Nicky Young
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Annette Bennett
Independent auditors	MHA Statutory Auditor 6th Floor 2 London Wall Place London, United Kingdom EC2Y 5AU

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ADVISERS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC Chancery Lane and Holborn PO Box 159 332 High Holborn Holborn London WC1V 7PA
Solicitors	Withers LLP 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7AN
Investment Managers	Rathbones incorporating Investec Wealth & Investment (UK) 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN
Insolvency Practitioners	Griffins LLP Tavistock House South Tavistock Square London WC1H 9LG

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

During the past year we received slightly fewer requests for assistance. The numbers of applications were not substantially out of line with the numbers received in previous years prior to Covid 19. There does not appear to be any significant underlying trend. In 2023 there were 14 new applications. This is a decrease from 22 in the previous year. Of the new applications we were able to help 12 beneficiaries financially and enabled them to seek financial advice. One additional sub-committee meeting was held in 2023. New application refusals are based on applications which fall outside the immediate BBA remit. If we decline support because we consider the application was made too soon, we encourage the applicant to reapply should the applicant's circumstances suffer an adverse change. In addition to the new cases, there were also 14 renewals, 4 less than in 2022 and 20 reports, 4 less than in 2022.

In 2023 we continued to offer grants to beneficiaries who meet the criteria of Gainsford trust restricted fund. The total support during 2023 from the restricted fund was £8,527 which was paid to needy and deserving applicants.

Our income from donations is generally in a modest decline and we are trying to address this issue. Administrative expenditure is well controlled but continued fluctuations in the investment market continue to affect the value of our reserves and income.

We maintain our strict policy of securing all loans wherever possible and review these annually in case a beneficiary's circumstances have changed. We are anxious to help as many beneficiaries as possible, but our resources are limited and where equity exists, we believe securing our loans is in our beneficiaries' best interests, as the policy assists in ensuring that we have funds for beneficiaries in the future.

In 2023 we received a generous legacy from The Estate of the late Richard Hartley who died on 17th of December 2022. The BBA received £286,000 from his estate. Our gratitude to the Late Richard Hartley and his family for making this invaluable contribution.

None of this could be achieved without the continued loyal and indispensable support of many volunteers; in particular those who serve on our Board and the Circuit Representatives who visit applicants and beneficiaries who are unable to travel to London. Also invaluable are the supporters who make regular donations or who undertake various fundraising activities for us – running marathons, playing golf and the like – to whom we are equally grateful. We have a very small team of paid staff whose friendly and helpful contact on the phone or through e-mail is much appreciated by those who are touch with us and I would like to express the thanks of the Committee to the BBA's Chief Executive Nicky Young, and our deputy Chief Executive Annette Bennett. I would also add my own thanks to those on the Committee who attends our monthly meetings to deal with applications which we dealt with from our general funds.

The need to maintain our donated income is important and one way is to encourage everyone to include us in their Will once family needs have been secured. Your gift will mean someone less fortunate than you can be assisted at a time of need.

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Terence Mowschenson KC

Chairman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Committee has pleasure in presenting its report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein and comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015).

Constitution
The Barristers' Benevolent Association was founded on 10 January 1873. It is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales on 11th November 2004, number 05284271. The company gained charitable status on 15 November 2004, registration number 1106768. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, Members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Objects
The objects of the Association are to provide financial and other assistance and support to needy and deserving members of the Bar who are or have been in practice in England and Wales and also their spouses and dependants. Assistance is given without geographical restriction or any need to pay fees.

Policy
To achieve these objectives, the Committee has followed the following policies:
a) To encourage members of the Bar and the judiciary to contribute by way of donations, gift aid; and
b) To create and maintain an adequate capital base generating investment income to augment the gifted income of the Association.

Management
The Charity is governed by a Committee whose Members are the Trustees for the purposes of Charity law and the Directors for the purpose of company law. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

The Committee meets monthly, reviews applications for assistance and decides what assistance if any should be offered. Urgent applications are considered by individual trustees and so far as necessary considered for ratification by the committee. The BBA staff administer applications and the provision of assistance decided by the Committee or trustees and may decide how to provide assistance within the parameters sets by the Committee or trustees. Insurance against third party liability is provided for directors of the BBA up to £1m.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee
All Members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the Charity. Traditional business and skills are well represented on the Management Committee. In an effort to maintain a broad mix of skills, new Committee Members are recruited after informal discussions with the Chairman and/or other officers and they are invited to visit the offices where they are briefed by the staff on their work and systems. They are provided with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the rules and current back issues of the Annual Review as well as the Charity Commission leaflet on Charity responsibilities. During the year they receive full background papers for all potential and actual beneficiaries, the monthly accounts and the annual summaries of loans. The Chief Executive reports personally to the Members on matters concerning individuals allocated to them as case manager and in any other case where they have asked to be kept in touch.

Trustee Induction and Training
Most Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity, being Members of the Bar. Prospective trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of Board meetings as part of their training to familiarise themselves with the Charity and the context within which it operates. These are jointly led by the Chair of the Committee, Company Secretary, Chief and Deputy Chief Executive of the Charity and covers:

- The obligations of Management Committee Members.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the Charity including the Memorandum and Articles.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Any Future plans and objectives.
- Links to the Charity Commission's website with publications to the Trustees role and responsibilities.

How our activities deliver public benefit
The Charity seeks to reach every practising Barrister every year to ensure they are aware of the potential assistance available and to seek their financial support. This is primarily achieved through emailing a copy of the Annual Review to the Bar Council for distribution via email to all Members of the Bar and Judiciary. We also attend relevant conferences and seek publicity in professional magazines. Our website includes information for both donors and potential beneficiaries and has a downloadable application form. We also have a small team of volunteer Circuit Representatives who are able to make visits if needed.

Help is tailored to each individual case. Wherever possible we seek to enable the beneficiary to solve their problem and continue in or return to a position where he or she can earn a living but where this is impossible, or not to be recommended, we can offer secured or unsecured loans or make grants. Sometimes help is needed urgently to tide people through an emergency, other times the need is longer-term. Assistance is given without geographical restriction or any need to pay fees and with due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

Our work
The BBA general fund costs of £530,525 includes grant giving activities of £222,948 and support costs totalling £273,296. Regular beneficiaries including dependants were awarded monthly and quarterly grants to meet short falls in living, medical and food costs.

In 2023 there were 14 new applications. This is a decrease of 22 on the previous year. Of the new applications we were able to help 12 beneficiaries financially and provide advice. One additional sub-committee meeting was held in 2023. New application refusals are based on applications which fall outside the immediate BBA remit. If we decline support because we consider the application was made too soon, we encourage the applicant to reapply should their situation worsen.

In addition to the new cases, there were also 14 renewals, 4 less than in 2022 and 20 reports, 4 less than in 2022.

The most common reason for declining financial help at any time (although leaving the door open for subsequent applications) is possession of adequate personal resources which we consider should be used first since one of our criteria for granting assistance is that the applicant should be "needy". In very rare cases someone may be considered needy but not 'deserving'.

Initial enquiries - by phone, email, letter or personally - are handled immediately and the aim is to have our application form completed and processed in time for the next available Committee meeting, although this does not rule out more immediate help if this is urgently required.

Every case is reviewed annually on the anniversary of its initial presentation to the Committee and renewals of support have to be accompanied by another completed application form. Outstanding loans are reviewed annually at the beginning of the year.

Secured Loans
A thorough review of all outstanding unsecured loans has been carried out. Where the debt is many years old and despite attempts to contact the debtor there has been no significant repayment, the debt has been written off in our accounts. This does not mean that attempts to secure repayment have been abandoned and every effort will continue to be made to recover these debts.

Plan for the future
The Association will continue to seek out opportunities to publicise the work of the Charity and to seek financial support from those in a position to help.

The Directors will continue to monitor response times for receiving and processing applications, the prompt and accurate payment of all benefits, and the proper acknowledgement of contributions.

Financial review
The Association made a surplus for the year of £267,647 *(2022 – surplus of £284,132)* before net revaluation of the investments of £498,645.

Total incoming resources decreased from £986,246 in 2022 to £808,097 in 2023.

Total resources expended decreased from £702,114 in 2022 to £540,450 in 2023.

As at the year ended 31 December 2023, the Association had unrestricted reserves of £13,024,684 *(2022* – 12,273,868*)* and restricted reserves of £304,115 *(2022 - £288,639).*

Investment Powers, Policy and Performance
The Members of the Committee have, as Trustees, the statutory general power of investment conferred by the Trustee Act 2000, which permits them to make any kind of investment which they could make if they were absolutely entitled to the Association's assets. In exercise of their powers under the Act, the Members of the Committee have delegated their asset management functions to the Association's investment managers Rathbones incorporating Investec Wealth & Investment (UK) based on an agreement for discretionary portfolio management. The instruction to the investment managers is that they seek a balanced return from income and from capital growth of the portfolio, with no more than a moderate level of risk. The investment strategy is reviewed during the year with the investment managers.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The value of the investments as of 31st December 2023 was £9,112,448 *(2022 - £8,137,333).* £200,000 of cash was added to the portfolio towards the end of the year so the market gain was +£464,660. Dividends totalling £230,241 were generated and paid away to the charity's bank account. The overall return achieved by the portfolio was +8.5%, net of fees, and this compares with the CPI +3% objective return of +7.0% and the ARC Charities Steady Growth peer group index return of +7.5%. The benchmark return for the year was +10.9%.

The portfolio made positive ground during a year when the world equity market was driven higher by astonishingly high returns from a highly concentrated, small number of very large technology firms, perceived to be the ultimate winners of the growth of generative artificial intelligence. The BBA portfolio has benefitted from some of this market growth, but is invested in a more diversified way, for risk control purposes. Interest rates remain high, but commentary from central banks, more recently, has forecast that interest rates will start to be reduced during the second half of the year, now that the rate of inflation has fallen significantly. This prompted buying of bonds in the portfolio in Q2 and Q3, which proved quite timely, locking in higher rates.

Looking forward, the BBA portfolio has now formally adopted a global approach to equity investing which is believed will provide greater flexibility to generate attractive long-term returns for the charity. Investec do not believe that the concentration of returns in just a handful of stocks will be repeated in 2024 and the market will become more discerning. Investec believe that headline economic growth will be lacklustre in calendar 2024 and so an important driver of returns will be companies with strong franchises that are still able to sustainably generate attractive levels of profit growth despite this environment. This plays well to their investment philosophy.

The benchmark changed in September 2023 to reflect the move to a global equity approach. The new benchmark is comprised of the following indices: 65% MSCI All Country World (world equities), 18% Bank of America Merrill Lynch Broad Market (bonds), 5% IPD Monthly (property), 10% Investec Wealth & Investment Alternatives Index (alternative assets), 2% Bank of England Base Rate -0.5% (cash).

Fundraising

The Charity solicit donations from members of the profession or the public through our website or as advertised in our annual report. The Charity does not employ third party fundraisers or employ the kinds of fundraising tactics that have given rise to public concern. The Charity is not registered with a fundraising regulator and no fundraising complaints were received in the 2023 year.

Grant Making Policy

The Association invites applications for assistance from needy and deserving Members of the Bar who are or have been in practice in England or Wales, their husbands or wives, widows or widowers, children, and dependants. Assistance may be provided to beneficiaries by way of grant or loan, or a combination of the two.

Before any grant or loan is considered by the Committee, applicants are required to complete a detailed form setting out their individual circumstances. Where possible, the Association will always seek to facilitate the return to work of the practitioners who have been in substantial full-time practice prior to the events occasioning their application.

Restricted Fund
In 2022, after consultation with the BBA committee and Withers solicitors, it was agreed that The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust, a charitable Trust previously administered by Gray's Inn, would transfer their funds of £314,858 to the BBA. Following the transfer Legal fees were met by the BBA from this amount. The fund is to be used to help members of the Bar of England and Wales and their dependants who either live in Greater London or who have lived in Greater London. Gainsford Trust will have no further input into the scheme leaving the responsibility to the BBA. During 2023, £8,527 was paid to needy and deserving applicants from the fund.

Reserves Policy
The assets of the Association are applicable for its purposes at the discretion of the Committee without any distinction between capital and income. The Association has total funds of £13,328,799 *(2022 - £12,562,507)* of which:

- £3,529,727 *(2022 - £3,625,467)* is comprised in designated funds
- £200,915 *(2022 - £208,698)* is held in tangible fixed assets, and
- £8,808,333 *(2022 - £7,848,694)* of unrestricted and £304,115 of restricted funds *(2022 - £288,639)* are held in investments to continue to generate income for the Association.

This leaves £485,709 *(2022 - £620,898)* of general free reserves. Whilst under Charity Commission guidance the Charity's investments represent free reserves, the Committee considers that these are held to generate funds to support its beneficiaries in the future. Consistent with its policy to create and maintain an adequate capital base, the Committee intends to maintain the current level of total reserves limit at £7,500,000 although currently at the year-end there are reserves of £9,294,042 to allow for the current uncertainties within the market that could be impacted by an increase in demand from beneficiaries.

Risk Management
The Members of the Committee are satisfied that the major and operational risks which the BBA faces have been identified and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

The BBA considers that the major risks are loss of or unauthorised access to data, and bad publicity leading to damage to the reputation of the BBA.

The trustees have considered the following major risk that could impact the smooth running of the business.

- **Destruction or damage to premises**. As to this, regular backups are made of the computer system in the cloud and physical backups taken out of office. Staff have the ability to work from home.
- **Loss of staff due to retirement/resignation/illness**. As to this, staff are kept under review, jobs reviewed on the market, detailed job descriptions and finance manual are available, and temporary staff may be employed if necessary.
- **Computer malfunctioning and breakdown**. As to this, regular backups take place, and the majority of software is cloud based for access remotely anywhere.
- **Investment losses through market changes**. As to this, regular reviews are undertaken with the investment managers.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

This report has been prepared having taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by order of the Members of the Board of Committee Members and signed on their behalf by:

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Terence Mowschenson KC
Chairman
Date: 13 July 2024

STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Committee Members (who are also the Directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Committee Members' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Committee Members to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Committee Members must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Committee Members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Charity will continue in business.

The Committee Members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Committee Members are aware:

- there is no relevent audit information of which the Charity's auditor is unaware; and
- the Committee Members have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by order of the Members of the Committee Board and signed on its behalf by:

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Terence Mowschenson KC
Chairman
Date: 13 Feb 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Barristers' Benevolent Association (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes; 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 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; 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 Committee Members' 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 Committee Members with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Committee Members' Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Committee Members are responsible for the other information contained within the Committee Members' Report. 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. 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 course of 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.

Opinion 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 Committee Members' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Committee Members' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our 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 Committee Members' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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 Committee Members' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Committee Members were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Committee Members' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of Committee Members

As explained more fully in the Statement of Committee Members' Responsibilities, the Committee Members (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 Committee Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

In preparing the financial statements, the Committee Members 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 Committee Members either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' 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 an Auditors' Report 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.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain 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 Charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee Members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee Members use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate 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 (ie. gives a true and fair view).

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

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 Auditors' Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity'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 Charity'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 Charity and its Members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Sudhir Singh FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
MHA
Statutory Auditor
London, United Kingdom

Date:

MHA is the trading name of MacIntyre Hudson LLP, a limited liability partnership in England and Wales (registered number OC312313).

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**553,143**	**400**	**553,543**	718,941
Investment income	5	**239,457**	**7,897**	**247,354**	260,105
Other income	6	**7,200**	**-**	**7,200**	7,200
Total income		**799,800**	**8,297**	**808,097**	986,246
Expenditure on:					
Investment management costs		**39,358**	**1,398**	**40,756**	40,482
Charitable activities	7	**491,167**	**8,527**	**499,694**	661,632
Total expenditure		**530,525**	**9,925**	**540,450**	702,114
Net (expenditure)/ income before net gains on investments		**269,275**	**(1,628)**	**267,647**	284,132
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	**481,541**	**17,104**	**498,645**	(1,148,077)
Net movement in funds		**750,816**	**15,476**	**766,292**	(863,945)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**12,273,868**	**288,639**	**12,562,507**	13,426,452
Net movement in funds		**750,816**	**15,476**	**766,292**	(863,945)
Total funds carried forward		**13,024,684**	**304,115**	**13,328,799**	12,562,507

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

In the previous year all income and expenditure was allocated to / from unrestricted funds.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 18 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 05284271

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		**200,915**		208,698
Investments	12		**9,112,448**		8,137,333
			9,313,363		8,346,031
Current assets					
Programme related investments - Concessionary loans	13	**3,529,728**		3,555,467	
Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	**123,730**		108,016	
Cash at bank and in hand	20	**395,792**		582,882	
		4,049,250		4,246,365	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	**(33,814)**		(29,889)	
Net current assets			**4,015,436**		4,216,476
Total net assets			**13,328,799**		12,562,507
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	17		**304,115**		288,639
Unrestricted funds	17		**13,024,684**		12,273,868
Total funds			**13,328,799**		12,562,507

The Committee Members acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Committee Members and signed on their behalf by:

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Terence Mowschenson KC
Chairman
Date: 13 Feb 2024

The notes on pages 18 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	19	**43,088**	86,165
Cash flows from investing activities			
Income from investments	5	**247,354**	260,105
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	11	**(1,062)**	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	12	**5,871,063**	2,839,458
Purchase of investments	12	**(6,347,533)**	(3,336,932)
Net cash used in investing activities		**(230,178)**	(237,369)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**(187,090)**	(151,204)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**582,882**	734,086
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20	**395,792**	582,882

The notes on pages 18 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. General information

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charity Commission (Charity Registered Number 1106768) and Registrar of Companies (Company Registration Number 05284271).

The Members of the company are the Committee Members named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per Member of the Charity.

The address of the registered office is given in the Charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the Charity's operations and principal activities are listed in the Committee Members' Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Barristers' Benevolent Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

The Committee Members have assessed the use of going concern and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Committee Members have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of these Financial Statements. The Committee Members have concluded that there is a more than adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and has no immediate concerns and expects the charity to therefore to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statement.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

For donations to be recognised the Charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfillment of those conditions is within the control of the Charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the Balance Sheet date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.6 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Leasehold property	- 2% straight line on cost of building
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% straight line
Computer equipment	- 20% straight line

2.8 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value using the closing quoted market price. All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year. As investments are revalued to fair value continually, no realised gains or losses arise.

The fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the Balance Sheet date.

Social investments include programme related investments which are those held to further our charitable purposes. Programme related investments include concessionary loans to third parties.

2.9 Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans include those receivable from third parties which are interest free or below market interest rates and are made to advance charitable purposes. Where the loan is repayable on demand within one year, the loan is measured at cost, less impairment. Where the loan is repayable in more than one year, the loan is initially measured at cost, with the carrying amount adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and any accrued interest and adjusted if necessary for any impairment.

2.10 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.12 Financial instruments

The Charity does not have a material holding in complex financial instruments. The Charity only holds basic Financial Instruments. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Charity are as follows:

Debtors – trade and other debtors (including accrued income) are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 15. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors will be classified as financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 16. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as in the cash settlement has already taken place and there is simply an obligation to deliver charitable services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

Investments – are measured at fair value with the exception of the social investments which are stated at cost or amortised cost detailed in Notes 2.8 and 2.9.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2.14 Pensions

The Charity is committed to providing pensions to former members of staff at an agreed rate on retirement of the employee. The cost of providing these pensions is included in the Statement of Financial Activities as it is incurred.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.15 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Committee Members in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Committee Members for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2.16 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

- Basis of valuation of financial instruments;
- Allocation of support costs;
- The useful economic life of tangible fixed assets and the depreciation rates applied;
- Impairment of programme related investments / concessionary loans.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations - general	186,458	400	**186,858**
Legacies	289,550	-	**289,550**
Donations received from specific institutions	77,135	-	**77,135**
Total 2023	553,143	400	**553,543**

An analysis of donations received from specific institutions is shown in Note 4.

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations - general	228,228	314,909	543,137
Legacies	43,501	-	43,501
Donations received from specific institutions	132,303	-	132,303
Total 2022	404,032	314,909	718,941

4. Donations received from specific institutions

	2023 £	2022 £
Honourable Society of Inner Temple	**10,000**	10,000
Honourable Society of Middle Temple	**20,000**	45,000
Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn	**32,000**	57,000
One Crown Office Row	**250**	250
Charter Chambers	**-**	768
Landmark Chambers	**500**	250
Wilberforce Chambers	**500**	-
Quadrant Chambers	**250**	-
Matrix Chambers	**300**	250
Falcon Chambers	**6,650**	-
23 Essex Street Chambers	**-**	2,500
Anonymous	**-**	1,000
Bar Golf Society	**-**	1,250
1GC Management Limited	**-**	250
Chancery Bar Association	**3,000**	5,000
Personal Injuries Bar Association	**-**	200
Bar Council	**-**	6,277
Paypal Giving Fund	**-**	158
The Band Trust	**2,000**	2,000
Property Bar	**185**	-
Gray's Inn Benchers Ladies Association	**1,500**	-
Lincoln's Inn Benchers Partners Association	**-**	150
	77,135	132,303

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Dividends and interest on investments	224,039	7,897	**231,936**
Interest on loans	11,486	-	**11,486**
Bank interest receivable	3,932	-	**3,932**
Total 2023	239,457	7,897	**247,354**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Dividends and interest on investments	187,085	3,393	190,478
Interest on loans	68,896	-	68,896
Bank interest receivable	731	-	731
Total 2022	256,712	3,393	260,105

6. Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Rental income	7,200	**7,200**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Rental income	7,200	7,200

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	**Grant funding of activities 2023 £**	**Support costs 2023 £**	**Total funds 2023 £**
Grant giving	3,450	222,948	273,296	**499,694**

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Grant funding of activities 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grant giving	3,200	344,691	313,741	661,632

In both the current and previous year, all grant funding of activities were to individuals.

Grants were made to 50 *(2022 - 190)* individual beneficiaries, often in respect of living costs such as food, medical, rent and council tax. Grants varied in length between the short and long term and were often distributed monthly or quarterly.

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	**117,192**	113,749
Depreciation	**8,845**	8,800
Rent and rates	**37,611**	34,102
Office cleaning, electricity, insurance, maintenance and water	**7,730**	6,222
Printing, postage, stationery and appeals	**1,653**	941
Telephone	**2,624**	2,289
Advertising	**6,000**	6,890
Computer consultants	**22,398**	24,079
Bank charges	**1,063**	1,158
Subscriptions	**2,482**	2,043
Sundry expenses	**774**	624
Concessionary loans impairment	**4,403**	58,859
Governance costs	**60,521**	53,985
	273,296	313,741

8. Governance costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Legal and professional fees	**35,610**	31,500
Auditor's remuneration - Audit of the financial statements	**18,600**	17,400
Auditor's remuneration - Other services	**4,200**	3,000
Auditor's remuneration - Under accrual of prior year fees	**2,111**	2,085
	60,521	53,985

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

9. Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	**86,342**	83,013
Social security costs	**5,272**	5,342
Pension costs	**25,578**	25,394
	117,192	113,749

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Administration	**2**	2

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

10. Committee Members' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Committee Members, who are considered to be the Key Management Personnel of the Charity, received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2023, no Committee Member expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Properties £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2023	**304,950**	**33,838**	**13,505**	**352,293**
Additions	**-**	**-**	**1,062**	**1,062**
At 31 December 2023	**304,950**	**33,838**	**14,567**	**353,355**
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2023	**100,487**	**33,838**	**9,270**	**143,595**
Charge for the year	**6,099**	**-**	**2,746**	**8,845**
At 31 December 2023	**106,586**	**33,838**	**12,016**	**152,440**
Net book value				
At 31 December 2023	**198,364**	**-**	**2,551**	**200,915**
At 31 December 2022	204,463	-	4,235	208,698

All fixed assets are held for use by the Charity.

The Association has an interest in two properties (one freehold and one leasehold flat) where ownership has been transferred to the Association by beneficiaries of the Charity.

12. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Valuation	
At 1 January 2023	**8,137,333**
Additions at cost	**6,347,533**
Disposals at carrying value	**(5,871,063)**
Revaluations	**498,645**
At 31 December 2023	**9,112,448**

13. Programme related investments - Concessionary loans

	2023 £	2022 £
Loans to beneficiaries	**3,529,728**	3,555,467

	2023 £	2022 £
Loans at 1 January	**3,555,467**	3,640,473
Loans granted in the year	**208,235**	297,110
Loans repaid in the year	**(229,571)**	(323,258)
Loan impairment charges	**(4,404)**	(58,858)
Loans at 31 December	**3,529,727**	3,555,467

The above balances include an element of loans repayable in more than one year, this is agreed on an annual basis and is therefore not quantifiable at this time. The loans are appropriately disclosed as due within one year as the Charity expects immediate repayment if the circumstances of the beneficiary changes to allow them to repay any loans received.

Where possible, loans are secured on the beneficiary's property. Interest is charged on secured loans at a rate of 1% plus base rate. No interest is charged on unsecured loans.

14. Contingent asset

The Charity has an interest in a residual legacy. The residual interest is in a house which is being marketed for sale. The interim payments made in the year have been recognised as income in the Statement of Financial Activities. Further distributions are expected to be received. However, as it is not possible to reliably measure the amount of the future distributions that the Charity is due, or the timing of those distributions, no further income has been recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in relation to this legacy.

15. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	**38**	38
Prepayments and accrued income	**54,836**	52,029
Dividends and interest receivable	**68,856**	55,949
	123,730	108,016

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	**1,273**	3,326
Other creditors	**9,741**	6,163
Accruals	**22,800**	20,400
	33,814	29,889

17. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Designated funds						
Funds designated for loans	**3,625,467**	**-**	**-**	**(95,740)**	**-**	**3,529,727**
General funds						
General funds	**8,648,401**	**799,800**	**(530,525)**	**95,740**	**481,541**	**9,494,957**
Total Unrestricted funds	**12,273,868**	**799,800**	**(530,525)**	**-**	**481,541**	**13,024,684**
Restricted funds						
The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust	**288,639**	**8,297**	**(9,925)**	**-**	**17,104**	**304,115**
Total of funds	**12,562,507**	**808,097**	**(540,450)**	**-**	**498,645**	**13,328,799**

General funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Committee Board.

Designated funds are set aside by the Committee Members out of the unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes.

The fund designated for concessionary loans was set up to recognise the funds committed to loans to beneficiaries. The transfer between the funds is to align the closing balance of the fund with the year end valuation of the programme related investments.

The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust, a charitable Trust previously administered by Grays Inn, transferred their funds to the BBA. The fund is to be used to help members of the Bar of England and Wales and their dependants who either live in Greater London or who have lived in Greater London.

17. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Designated funds						
Funds designated for loans	3,640,473	-	-	(15,006)	-	3,625,467
COVID fund	162,462	50,000	(120,662)	(91,800)	-	-
	3,802,935	50,000	(120,662)	(106,806)	-	3,625,467
General funds						
General funds	9,623,517	617,944	(555,310)	106,806	(1,144,556)	8,648,401
Total Unrestricted funds	13,426,452	667,944	(675,972)	-	(1,144,556)	12,273,868
Restricted funds						
The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust	-	318,302	(26,142)	-	(3,521)	288,639
Total of funds	13,426,452	986,246	(702,114)	-	(1,148,077)	12,562,507

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	200,915	-	**200,915**
Fixed asset investments	8,808,333	304,115	**9,112,448**
Current assets	4,049,250	-	**4,049,250**
Creditors due within one year	(33,814)	-	**(33,814)**
Total	13,024,684	304,115	**13,328,799**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	208,698	-	208,698
Fixed asset investments	7,848,694	288,639	8,137,333
Current assets	4,246,365	-	4,246,365
Creditors due within one year	(29,889)	-	(29,889)
Total	12,273,868	288,639	12,562,507

19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

		2023 £	2022 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)		**766,292**	(863,945)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges	11	**8,845**	8,800
Net (gains)/loss on investments	12	**(498,645)**	1,148,077
Income from investments	5	**(247,354)**	(260,105)
Decrease in programme related investments	13	**25,739**	85,006
Increase in debtors	15	**(15,714)**	(41,733)
Increase in creditors	16	**3,925**	10,065
Net cash provided by operating activities		**43,088**	86,165

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	**395,792**	582,882
Total cash and cash equivalents	**395,792**	582,882

21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**582,882**	**(187,090)**	**395,792**

22. Pension commitments

The Charity is committed to paying pensions to former staff, totalling £1,775 *(2022 - £1,775)* per month. To quantify the value of this commitment as at 31 December 2021 the Trustees instructed a firm of consulting actuaries to formally estimate this liability in the prior year for the purpose of its statutory financial statements. This valuation was prepared under Technical Actuarial Standard 100: Principles for Technical Actuarial Work, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Based on this the Trustees consider that this liability is not material to the financial position of the charity and hence no provision has been made in the financial statements for this liability.

The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £21,295 *(2022 - £21,295)*. There were no contributions payable to the fund at the Balance Sheet date *(2022 - £NIL)*.

23. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2023 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	**42,088**	18,104
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**63,132**	-
	105,220	18,104

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Operating lease rentals	**39,148**	36,208

24. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year other than Committee Members making unrestricted donations of £5,065 *(2022 - £10,825)* to the Charity.

If a Committee Member knows an applicant, then they are not involved in the decision making process in regards to agreeing loans or grant applications.

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Committee Members	Terence Mowschenson KC, Chairman David Phillips KC, Honorary Treasurer Raymond Cox KC, Treasurer Sara Hargreaves, Honorary Secretary The Rt. Hon. The Lord Saville of Newdigate, Member Helen Valley, Member Jeffrey Israel, Member Alexander Learmonth KC, Member Graeme Halkerston, Member Angus McCullough KC, Member Jonathan Tod, Member Master Roger Eastman, Member Daniel Toledano KC, Member Christopher Stephenson, Member Shabeena Azhar-Mole, Member Teertha Gupta KC, Member
Company registered number	05284271
Charity registered number	1106768
Registered office	14 Gray's Inn Square London WC1R 5JP
Chief Executive Officer	Nicky Young
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Annette Bennett
Independent auditors	MHA Statutory Auditor 6th Floor 2 London Wall Place London, United Kingdom EC2Y 5AU

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ADVISERS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC Law Courts, Temple Bar Southampton Customer Service Centre Brunswick Gate 23 Brunswick Place SO15 2AQ
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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The BBA rose to a major challenge posed by COVID-19 over the last two years and 8 months. In April 2020, in order to deal with the increased need amongst members of the Bar, some of whom found themselves completely out of work and ineligible for assistance from the government, the BBA together with the four Inns of Court launched the COVID-19 Appeal. By the end of 2022, the appeal had raised over £1.5 million, including £600,000 donated by the Inns. The BBA took responsibility for distributing the funds and dealing with those who applied. Speed was essential. Starting in May 2020, applicants applied online for grants. We held weekly committee meetings to deal with them, in accordance with guidance we developed. Grants were made each week. Grants were generally of a set amount per month and made for up to 3 months at a time. Many applicants had their grants renewed on a regular basis. We continued to make the support available until the fund closed in December 2022 by which time we had supported 190 applicants and 121 of their dependants. The BBA would like to thank the Four Inns, sets of chambers, Bar professional societies, the Circuits, and individual donors for their support without which this level of assistance would not have been possible.

In 2022 it was agreed that The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust, a charitable Trust previously administered by Gray's Inn, would transfer their funds of £314,858 to the BBA. The fund is to be used to help members of the Bar of England and Wales and their dependants who either live in Greater London or who have lived in Greater London. Gainsford Trust will have no further input into the scheme leaving the responsibility to the BBA. During 2022, £16,000 was paid to needy and deserving applicants from the fund.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Members of the Committee who attended weekly meetings to review applications and make sure that all the applications were swiftly dealt with.

During the past year we had increased requests for assistance unconnected to COVID-19. We received 36 new applications, an increase of 27 on the previous year and of these we were able to help 21. As well as these new cases, there were 18 renewals, two more than last year.

Our income from donations is generally in a modest decline and we are trying to address this issue. Administrative expenditure is well controlled but continued fluctuations in the investment market continue to affect the value of our reserves and income.

We maintain our strict policy of securing all loans wherever possible and review these annually in case a beneficiary's circumstances have changed. We are anxious to help as many beneficiaries as possible, but our resources are limited and where equity exists, we believe securing our loans is in our beneficiaries' best interests, as the policy assists in ensuring that we have funds for beneficiaries in the future.

None of this could be achieved without the continued loyal and indispensable support of many volunteers; in particular those who serve on our Board and the Circuit Representatives who visit applicants and beneficiaries who are unable to travel to London. Also invaluable are the supporters who make regular donations or who undertake various fundraising activities for us – running marathons, playing golf and the like – to whom we are equally grateful. We have a very small team of paid staff whose friendly and helpful contact on the phone or through e-mail is much appreciated by those who are touch with us and I would like to express the thanks of the Committee to the BBA's Chief Executive Nicky Young, and our deputy Chief Executive Annette Bennett, who rose to the challenge of the COVID-19 Appeal and the 2022 strike and did a huge amount of additional work. I would also add my own thanks to those on the Committee who attended our monthly meeting (in addition to the weekly COVID meetings) to deal with applications unconnected to COVID-19 which we dealt with from our general funds.

The need to maintain our donated income is important and one way is to encourage everyone to include us in their Will once family needs have been secured. Your gift will mean someone less fortunate than you can be assisted at a time of need.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Terence Mowschenson KC
Chairman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Committee has pleasure in presenting its report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein and comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015).

Constitution
The Barristers' Benevolent Association was founded on 10 January 1873. It is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales on 11th November 2004, number 5284271. The company gained charitable status on 15 November 2004, registration number 1106768. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, Members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Objects
The objects of the Association are to provide financial and other assistance and support to needy and deserving members of the Bar who are or have been in practice in England and Wales and also their spouses and dependants. Assistance is given without geographical restriction or any need to pay fees.

Policy
To achieve these objectives, the Committee has followed the following policies:
a) To encourage members of the Bar and the judiciary to contribute by way of donations, gift aid; and
b) To create and maintain an adequate capital base generating investment income to augment the gifted income of the Association.

Management
The Charity is governed by a Committee whose Members are the Trustees for the purposes of Charity law and the Directors for the purpose of company law. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

The Committee meets monthly, reviews applications for assistance and decides what assistance if any should be offered. Urgent applications are considered by individual trustees and so far as necessary considered for ratification by the committee. The BBA staff administer applications and the provision of assistance decided by the Committee or trustees and may decide how to provide assistance within the parameters sets by the Committee or trustees. Insurance against third party liability is provided for directors of the BBA up to £1m.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee
All Members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the Charity. Traditional business and skills are well represented on the Management Committee. In an effort to maintain a broad mix of skills, new Committee Members are recruited after informal discussions with the Chairman and/or other officers and they are invited to visit the offices where they are briefed by the staff on their work and systems. They are provided with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the rules and current back issues of the Annual Review as well as the Charity Commission leaflet on Charity responsibilities. During the year they receive full background papers for all potential and actual beneficiaries, the monthly accounts and the annual summaries of loans. The Chief Executive reports personally to the Members on matters concerning individuals allocated to them as case manager and in any other case where they have asked to be kept in touch.

Trustee Induction and Training
Most Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity being Members of the Bar. Prospective trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of Board meetings as part of their training to familiarise themselves with the Charity and the context within which it operates. These are jointly led by the Chair of the Committee, Company Secretary, Chief and Deputy Chief Executive of the Charity and covers:

- The obligations of Management Committee Members.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the Charity including the Memorandum and Articles.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Any Future plans and objectives.
- Links to the Charity Commission's website with publications to the Trustees role and responsibilities.

How our activities deliver public benefit
The Charity seeks to reach every practising Barrister every year to ensure they are aware of the potential assistance available and to seek their financial support. This is primarily achieved through emailing a copy of the Annual Review to the Bar Council for distribution via email to all Members of the Bar and Judiciary. We also attend relevant conferences and seek publicity in professional magazines. Our website includes information for both donors and potential beneficiaries and has a downloadable application form. We also have a small team of volunteer Circuit Representatives who are able to make visits if needed.

Help is tailored to each individual case. Wherever possible we seek to enable the beneficiary to solve their problem and continue in or return to a position where he or she can earn a living but where this is impossible, or not to be recommended, we can offer secured or unsecured loans or make grants. Sometimes help is needed urgently to tide people through an emergency, other times the need is longer-term. Assistance is given without geographical restriction or any need to pay fees and with due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

COVID-19
The BBA launched a joint Appeal together with the Four Inns in April 2020 to support the demand for assistance by Members of the Bar whose practices were adversely affected by COVID-19.

During 2022 we have continued to receive COVID applications for grants from the fund.

The total of grants made to applicants in the year ended December 2022 was £120,662 *(2021 - £492,681).* The total donations received during the year was £50,000 *(2021 - £429,476).* There have been a total of 190 beneficiaries and 121 dependants since the start of the appeal. Applications were typically renewed every 3 months.

With the support of the Four Inns, donors, sets of chambers, professional associations, and circuits we were able to meet the demand to support those needy and deserving Members of the Bar who were affected by the pandemic. The Covid fund closed on 31st December 2022.

Other work
The BBA general fund costs of £555,310 includes grant giving activities of £207,841 and support costs totalling £313,741 regular beneficiaries including dependants were awarded monthly and quarterly grants to meet short falls in living, medical and food costs.

In 2022 there were 36 new cases unconnected to Covid. An increase on the 2021 figure of 27, partly due to additional applications caused by the criminal bar strikes. Of these we were able to help 21 financially and advice. No sub-committee meetings were held. The refusals were based on applications which fell outside our remit. Where we decline support because we consider the application was made too soon, we encourage the applicant to reapply should their situation worsen. In addition to the new cases, there were also 18 renewals, 2 more than in 2021 and 24 reports, 1 more than in 2021.

The most common reason for declining financial help at any time (although leaving the door open for subsequent applications) is possession of adequate personal resources which we consider should be used first, since one of our criteria for granting assistance is that the applicant should be "needy". In very rare cases someone may be considered needy but not 'deserving'.

Initial enquiries - by phone, email, letter or personally - are handled immediately and the aim is to have our application form completed and processed in time for the next available Committee meeting, although this does not rule out more immediate help if this is urgently required.

Every case is reviewed annually on the anniversary of its initial presentation to the Committee and renewals of support have to be accompanied by another completed application form. Outstanding loans are reviewed annually at the beginning of the year.

Secured Loans
A thorough review of all outstanding unsecured loans has been carried out. Where the debt is many years old and despite attempts to contact the debtor there has been no significant repayment, the debt has been written off in our accounts. This does not mean that attempts to secure repayment have been abandoned and every effort will continue to be made to recover these debts.

Plan for the future
The Association will continue to seek out opportunities to publicise the work of the Charity and to seek financial support from those in a position to help.

The Directors will continue to monitor response times for receiving and processing applications, the prompt and accurate payment of all benefits, and the proper acknowledgement of contributions.

Financial review
The Association made a surplus for the year of £284,132 *(2021 – deficit of £306,048)* before net losses on revaluation of the investments of £1,148,077.

Total incoming resources increased from £669,024 in 2021 to £986,246 in 2022.

Total resources expended decreased from £975,072 in 2021 to £702,114 in 2022.

As at the year ended 31 December 2022, the Association had unrestricted reserves of £12,273,868 *(2021* - 13,426,452*)* and restricted reserves of £288,639 *(2021 - £NIL).*

Investment Powers, Policy and Performance

The Members of the Committee have, as Trustees, the statutory general power of investment conferred by the Trustee Act 2000, which permits them to make any kind of investment which they could make if they were absolutely entitled to the Association's assets. In exercise of their powers under the Act, the Members of the Committee have delegated their asset management functions to the Association's investment managers Investec Wealth & Investment based on an agreement for discretionary portfolio management. The instruction to the investment managers is that they seek a balanced return from income and from capital growth of the portfolio, with no more than a moderate level of risk. The investment strategy is reviewed during the year with the investment managers.

The value of the investments as at 31st December 2022 was £8,137,333 *(2021 - £8,787,936)*. The portfolio received an inflow of £600,000 during the year in which £300,00 was received as restricted funding and so the net decrease in the value of the portfolio was £650,603 *(2021 - £781,023)*.

2022 was a very difficult year for equity and bond markets alike. Sharply higher inflation, initiated by supply-side disruption sparked by COVID-19 and exacerbated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, led to a dramatic change in central bank policy globally, whereby interest rate expectations rose significantly. This negatively impacted the bond market most obviously, as prices dropped to accommodate higher yields, and equities were also negatively impacted as fears grew that profitability would be reduced by higher interest rates and lower economic output. The UK Government Gilt Index returned -23.8% and the US equity market (S&P 500) returned -19.4% in local currency. This was reduced to -7% in sterling as the dollar was very strong generally. The UK equity market performed comparatively well due to the different composition of its index whereby it has a high weighting in oil (which was the only major sector to witness a gain globally in 2022) and a negligible weighting in technology which, amongst other growth sectors, suffered a sharp de-rating in the face of higher bond yields. Although the low weighting in bonds in the portfolio and focus on very short-dated issues helped to avoid the majority of falls witnessed in the bond market the emphasis on long-term growth, which has served the portfolio well for many years, and low weighting in oil, meant that performance came in below the benchmark. The portfolio return was -10.7% and the benchmark return -7.6%. The Trustees agree that the current diversified strategy remains a suitable one for the BBA to achieve its long term objectives.

The benchmark is comprised of the following indices: 32% FTSE All Share (UK equities), 35% FTSE World ex-UK (overseas equities), 20% FTA Government All Stocks (bonds), 3% IPD Monthly (property), 5% Bank of England Base Rate +2% (alternative assets), 5% Bank of England Base Rate -0.5% (cash).

Grant Making Policy

The Association invites applications for assistance from needy and deserving Members of the Bar who are or have been in practice in England or Wales, their husbands or wives, widows or widowers, children, and dependants. Assistance may be provided to beneficiaries by way of grant or loan, or a combination of the two.

Before any grant or loan is considered by the Committee, applicants are required to complete a detailed form setting out their individual circumstances. Where possible, the Association will always seek to facilitate the return to work of the practitioners who have been in substantial full-time practice prior to the events occasioning their application.

Restricted Fund
In 2022, after consultation with the BBA committee and Withers solicitors, it was agreed that The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust, a charitable Trust previously administered by Gray's Inn, would transfer their funds of £314,858 to the BBA. Following the transfer Legal fees were met by the BBA from this amount. The fund is to be used to help members of the Bar of England and Wales and their dependants who either live in Greater London or who have lived in Greater London. Gainsford Trust will have no further input into the scheme leaving the responsibility to the BBA. During 2022, £16,000 was paid to needy and deserving applicants from the fund.

Reserves Policy
The assets of the Association are applicable for its purposes at the discretion of the Committee without any distinction between capital and income. The Association has total funds of £12,562,507 *(2021 - £13,426,452)* of which £3,625,467 *(2021 - £3,802,935)* is comprised in designated funds, £208,698 *(2021 - £217,498)* as tangible fixed assets and £7,848,694 *(2021 - £8,787,936)* of unrestricted and £288,639 of restricted fund *(2021 - £NIL)* is held in investments to continue to generate income for the Association, leaving £620,898 *(2021 - £618,083)* of general free reserves. Whilst under Charity Commission guidance the Charity's investments represent free reserves, the Committee considers that these are held to generate funds to support its beneficiaries in the future. Consistent with its policy to create and maintain an adequate capital base, the Committee intends to maintain the current level of total reserves limit at £7,500,000 although currently at the year-end there are reserves of £8,648,401 to allow for the current uncertainties within the market that could be impacted by an increase in demand from beneficiaries.

Risk Management
The Members of the Committee are satisfied that the major and operational risks which the BBA faces have been identified and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

The BBA considers that the major risks are loss of or unauthorised access to data, and bad publicity leading to damage to the reputation of the BBA.

The trustees have considered the following major risk that could impact the smooth running of the business.

- **Destruction or damage to premises** – regular backups are made of the computer system in the cloud and physical backups taken out of office. Staff ability to work from home.
- **Loss of staff due to retirement/resignation/illness** - Staff under review, jobs reviewed on the market, detail job description available and finance manual available, employ temporary staff if necessary.
- **Computer malfunctioning and breakdown** - regular backups take place, majority of software is cloud based for access remotely anywhere.
- **Investment losses through market changes** – regular reviews and updates with investment managers.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Approved by order of the Members of the Board of Committee Members and signed on their behalf by:

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Terence Mowschenson KC
Chairman

Date: 12 July 2023

STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Committee Members (who are also the Directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Committee Members' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Committee Members to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Committee Members must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Committee Members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Charity will continue in business.

The Committee Members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Committee Members are aware:

- there is no relevent audit information of which the Charity's auditor is unaware; and
- the Committee Members have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by order of the Members of the Committee Board and signed on its behalf by:

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Terence Mowschenson KC
Chairman
Date: 12 July 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Barristers' Benevolent Association (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes; 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 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; 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 Committee Members' 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 Committee Members with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Committee Members' Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Committee Members are responsible for the other information contained within the Committee Members' Report. 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. 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 course of 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.

Opinion 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 Committee Members' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Committee Members' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our 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 Committee Members' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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 Committee Members' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Committee Members were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Committee Members' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of Committee Members

As explained more fully in the Statement of Committee Members' Responsibilities, the Committee Members (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 Committee Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

In preparing the financial statements, the Committee Members 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 Committee Members either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' 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 an Auditors' Report 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.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain 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 Charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee Members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee Members use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate 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 (ie. gives a true and fair view).

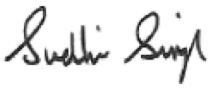
Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

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 Auditors' Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity'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 Charity'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 Charity and its Members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Sudhir Singh FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
MHA
Statutory Auditor
London, United Kingdom

Date: 10 September 2023

MHA is the trading name of MacIntyre Hudson LLP, a limited liability partnership in England and Wales (registered number OC312313).

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**404,032**	**314,909**	**718,941**	463,418
Investment income	5	**256,712**	**3,393**	**260,105**	197,691
Other income	6	**7,200**	**-**	**7,200**	7,915
Total income		**667,944**	**318,302**	**986,246**	669,024
Expenditure on:					
Investment management costs		**39,755**	**727**	**40,482**	40,131
Charitable activities	7	**636,217**	**25,415**	**661,632**	934,941
Total expenditure		**675,972**	**26,142**	**702,114**	975,072
Net (expenditure)/ income before net gains on investments		**(8,028)**	**292,160**	**284,132**	(306,048)
Net (losses)/gains on investments	12	**(1,144,556)**	**(3,521)**	**(1,148,077)**	814,634
Net movement in funds		**(1,152,584)**	**288,639**	**(863,945)**	508,586
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**13,426,452**	**-**	**13,426,452**	12,917,866
Net movement in funds		**(1,152,584)**	**288,639**	**(863,945)**	508,586
Total funds carried forward		**12,273,868**	**288,639**	**12,562,507**	13,426,452

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

In the previous year all income and expenditure was allocated to / from unrestricted funds.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 19 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		**208,698**		217,498
Investments	12		**8,137,333**		8,787,936
			8,346,031		9,005,434
Current assets					
Programme related investments - Concessionary loans	13	**3,555,467**		3,640,473	
Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	**108,016**		66,283	
Cash at bank and in hand	19	**582,882**		734,086	
		4,246,365		4,440,842	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	**(29,889)**		(19,824)	
Net current assets			**4,216,476**		4,421,018
Total net assets			**12,562,507**		13,426,452
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	16		**288,639**		-
Unrestricted funds	16		**12,273,868**		13,426,452
Total funds			**12,562,507**		13,426,452

The Committee Members acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Committee Members and signed on their behalf by:

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Terence Mowschenson KC
Chairman
Date: 12 July 2023

The notes on pages 19 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	18	**86,165**	(213,861)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Income from investments	5	**260,105**	197,691
Proceeds from sale of investments	12	**2,839,458**	1,174,707
Purchase of investments	12	**(3,336,932)**	(1,141,096)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		**(237,369)**	231,302
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**(151,204)**	17,441
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**734,086**	716,645
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	19	**582,882**	734,086

The notes on pages 19 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. General information

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charity Commission (Charity Registered Number 1106768) and Registrar of Companies (Company Registration Number 05284271).

The Members of the company are the Committee Members named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per Member of the Charity.

The address of the registered office is given in the Charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the Charity's operations and principal activities are listed in the Committee Members' Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Barristers' Benevolent Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

The Committee Members have assessed the use of going concern and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Committee Members have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of these Financial Statements. The Committee Members have concluded that there is a more than adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and has no immediate concerns and expects the charity to therefore to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statement.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

For donations to be recognised the Charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfillment of those conditions is within the control of the Charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the Balance Sheet date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.6 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Leasehold property	- 2% straight line on cost of building
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% straight line
Computer equipment	- 20% straight line

2.8 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value using the closing quoted market price. All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year. As investments are revalued to fair value continually, no realised gains or losses arise.

The fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the Balance Sheet date.

Social investments include programme related investments which are those held to further our charitable purposes. Programme related investments include concessionary loans to third parties.

2.9 Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans include those receivable to third parties which are interest free or below market interest rates and are made to advance charitable purposes. Where the loan is repayable on demand within one year, the loan is measured at cost, less impairment. Where the loan is repayable more than one year, the loan is initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment.

2.10 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.12 Financial instruments

The Charity does not have a material holding in complex financial instruments. The Charity only holds basic Financial Instruments. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Charity are as follows:

Debtors – trade and other debtors (including accrued income) are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors will be classified as financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as in the cash settlement has already taken place and there is simply an obligation to deliver charitable services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

Investments – are measured at fair value with the exception of the social investments which are stated at cost or amortised cost detailed in Notes 2.8 and 2.9.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2.14 Pensions

The Charity is committed to providing pensions to former members of staff at an agreed rate on retirement of the employee. The cost of providing these pensions is included in the Statement of Financial Activities as it is incurred.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.15 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Committee Members in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Committee Members for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2.16 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

- Basis of valuation of financial instruments;
- Allocation of support costs;
- The useful economic life of tangible fixed assets and the depreciation rates applied;
- Impairment of programme related investments / concessionary loans.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations - general	228,228	314,909	**543,137**
Legacies	43,501	-	**43,501**
Donations received from specific institutions	132,303	-	**132,303**
Total 2022	404,032	314,909	**718,941**

An analysis of donations received from specific institutions is shown in Note 4.

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations - general	229,476	229,476
Legacies	10,000	10,000
Donations received from specific institutions	223,942	223,942
Total 2021	463,418	463,418

4. Donations received from specific institutions

	2022 £	2021 £
Honourable Society of Inner Temple	**10,000**	60,000
Honourable Society of Middle Temple (Covid Appeal £25,000)	**45,000**	45,000
Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (Covid Appeal £25,000)	**57,000**	57,000
Honourable Society of Gray's Inn	**-**	50,392
One Crown Office Row	**250**	250
Charter Chambers	**768**	-
Landmark Chambers	**250**	250
Wilberforce Chambers	**-**	250
Quadrant Chambers	**-**	500
Matrix Chambers	**250**	250
Falcon Chambers	**-**	3,000
23 Essex Street Chambers	**2,500**	-
Anonymous	**1,000**	-
Bar Golf Society	**1,250**	965
1GC Management Limited	**250**	250
Chancery Bar Association	**5,000**	-
Personal Injuries Bar Association	**200**	-
Bar Council	**6,277**	-
Bar Mutual Fund	**-**	104
Paypal Giving Fund	**158**	-
The Band Trust	**2,000**	2,000
Alastair and Rachel Norris Charitable Trust	**-**	1,250
Agencia Consulting Ltd	**-**	1,500
Gray's Inn Benchers Partners Association	**-**	981
Lincoln's Inn Benchers Partners Association	**150**	-
	132,303	223,942

5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Dividends and interest on investments	187,085	3,393	**190,478**
Interest on loans	68,896	-	**68,896**
Bank interest receivable	731	-	**731**
Total 2022	256,712	3,393	**260,105**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Dividends and interest on investments	166,821	166,821
Interest on loans	30,822	30,822
Bank interest receivable	48	48
Total 2021	197,691	197,691

6. Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Rental income	7,200	**7,200**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Rental income	7,915	7,915

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Grant funding of activities 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grant giving	3,200	344,691	313,741	**661,632**

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Grant funding of activities 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grant giving	1,900	669,846	263,195	934,941

In both the current and previous year, all grant funding of activities were to individuals.

Grants were made to 190 individual beneficiaries, often in respect of living costs such as food, medical, rent and council tax. Grants varied in length between the short and long term and were often distributed monthly or quarterly.

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	**113,749**	112,467
Depreciation	**8,800**	8,800
Rent and rates	**34,102**	34,102
Office cleaning, electricity, insurance, maintenance and water	**6,222**	5,280
Printing, postage, stationery and appeals	**941**	2,003
Telephone	**2,289**	2,632
Advertising	**6,890**	6,390
Computer consultants	**24,079**	22,276
Bank charges	**1,158**	1,241
Subscriptions	**2,043**	1,786
Sundry expenses	**624**	673
Concessionary loans impairment	**58,859**	37,807
Governance costs	**53,985**	27,738
	313,741	263,195

8. Governance costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Legal and professional fees	**31,500**	16,052
Auditor's remuneration - Audit of the financial statements	**17,400**	8,200
Auditor's remuneration - Other services	**3,000**	2,225
Auditor's remuneration - Under accrual of prior year fees	**2,085**	1,261
	53,985	27,738

9. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	**83,013**	81,445
Social security costs	**5,342**	5,707
Pension costs	**25,394**	25,315
	113,749	112,467

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Administration	**2**	2

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

10. Committee Members' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Committee Members, who are considered to be the Key Management Personnel of the Charity, received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2022, no Committee Member expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Properties £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2022	**304,950**	**33,838**	**13,505**	**352,293**
At 31 December 2022	**304,950**	**33,838**	**13,505**	**352,293**
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	**94,388**	**33,838**	**6,569**	**134,795**
Charge for the year	**6,099**	**-**	**2,701**	**8,800**
At 31 December 2022	**100,487**	**33,838**	**9,270**	**143,595**
Net book value				
At 31 December 2022	**204,463**	**-**	**4,235**	**208,698**
At 31 December 2021	210,562	-	6,936	217,498

All fixed assets are held for use by the Charity.

The Association has an interest in two properties (one freehold and one leasehold flat) where ownership has been transferred to the Association by beneficiaries of the Charity.

12. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Valuation	
At 1 January 2022	**8,787,936**
Additions at cost	**3,336,932**
Disposals at carrying value	**(2,839,458)**
Revaluations	**(1,148,077)**
At 31 December 2022	**8,137,333**

13. Programme related investments - Concessionary loans

	2022 £	2021 £
Loans to beneficiaries	**3,555,467**	3,640,473

	2022 £	2021 £
Loans at 1 January	**3,640,473**	3,854,095
Loans granted in the year	**297,110**	60,294
Loans repaid in the year	**(323,258)**	(236,109)
Loan impairment charges	**(58,858)**	(37,807)
Loans at 31 December	**3,555,467**	3,640,473

The above balances include an element of loans repayable in more than one year, this is agreed on an annual basis and is therefore not quantifiable at this time.

Where possible, loans are secured on the beneficiary's property. Interest is charged on secured loans at a rate of 1% plus base rate. No interest is charged on unsecured loans.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

14. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	**38**	1,688
Prepayments and accrued income	**52,029**	24,752
Dividends and interest receivable	**55,949**	39,843
	108,016	66,283

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	**3,326**	2,934
Other creditors	**6,163**	6,465
Accruals	**20,400**	10,425
	29,889	19,824

16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Designated funds						
Funds designated for loans	3,640,473	-	-	(15,006)	-	3,625,467
COVID fund	162,462	50,000	(120,662)	(91,800)	-	-
	3,802,935	50,000	(120,662)	(106,806)	-	3,625,467
General funds						
General funds	9,623,517	617,944	(555,310)	106,806	(1,144,556)	8,648,401
Total Unrestricted funds	13,426,452	667,944	(675,972)	-	(1,144,556)	12,273,868
Restricted funds						
The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust	-	318,302	(26,142)	-	(3,521)	288,639
Total of funds	13,426,452	986,246	(702,114)	-	(1,148,077)	12,562,507

16. Statement of funds (continued)

General funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Committee Board.

Designated funds are set aside by the Committee Members out of the unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes.

The fund designated for concessionary loans was set up to recognise the funds committed to loans to beneficiaries. The transfer between the funds represents the net movement during the year between loans granted in the year less amounts repaid and impaired during the year on the loans to beneficiaries.

The COVID fund relates to funds set aside by the Committee Members in connection with appeals made for members of the Bar and their dependants who have contracted the coronavirus and are unable to support themselves and their families as well as those members, particularly but not exclusively, who do publicly funded work, who find themselves in difficulty. As the Covid Fund had finished at the year end the remaining balance was transferred back into unrestricted funds.

The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust, a charitable Trust previously administered by Grays Inn, transferred their funds to the BBA. The fund is to be used to help members of the Bar of England and Wales and their dependants who either live in Greater London or who have lived in Greater London.

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Designated funds						
Funds designated for loans	3,854,095	-	-	(213,622)	-	3,640,473
COVID fund	445,758	159,385	(492,681)	50,000	-	162,462
	4,299,853	159,385	(492,681)	(163,622)	-	3,802,935
General funds						
General funds	8,618,013	509,639	(482,391)	163,622	814,634	9,623,517
Total Unrestricted funds	12,917,866	669,024	(975,072)	-	814,634	13,426,452

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	208,698	-	**208,698**
Fixed asset investments	7,848,694	288,639	**8,137,333**
Current assets	4,246,365	-	**4,246,365**
Creditors due within one year	(29,889)	-	**(29,889)**
Total	12,273,868	288,639	**12,562,507**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	217,498	217,498
Fixed asset investments	8,787,936	8,787,936
Current assets	4,440,842	4,440,842
Creditors due within one year	(19,824)	(19,824)
Total	13,426,452	13,426,452

18. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

		2022 £	2021 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)		**(863,945)**	508,586
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges	11	**8,800**	8,800
Net loss/(gains) on investments	12	**1,148,077**	(814,634)
Income from investments	5	**(260,105)**	(197,691)
Decrease in programme related investments	13	**85,006**	213,622
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	14	**(41,733)**	65,927
Increase in creditors	15	**10,065**	1,529
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		**86,165**	(213,861)

19. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	**582,882**	734,086
Total cash and cash equivalents	**582,882**	734,086

20. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**734,086**	**(151,204)**	**582,882**

21. Pension commitments

The Charity is committed to paying pensions to former staff, totalling £1,775 *(2021 - £1,775)* per month. To quantify the value of this commitment as at 31 December 2021 the Trustees instructed a firm of consulting actuaries to formally estimate this liability in the prior year for the purpose of its statutory financial statements. This valuation was prepared under Technical Actuarial Standard 100: Principles for Technical Actuarial Work, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Based on this the Trustees consider that this liability is not material to the financial position of the charity and hence no provision has been made in the financial statements for this liability.

The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £21,295 *(2021 - £21,295)*. There were no contributions payable to the fund at the Balance Sheet date *(2021 - £NIL)*.

22. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2022 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	**18,104**	36,208
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**-**	18,104
	18,104	54,312

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Operating lease rentals	**36,208**	36,208

23. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year other than Committee Members making unrestricted donations of £10,825 *(2021 - £5,765)* to the Charity.

If a Committee Member knows an applicant, then they are not involved in the decision making process in regards to agreeing loans or grant applications.

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Committee Members	Terence Mowschenson QC, Chairman David Phillips QC, Honorary Treasurer Raymond Cox QC, Treasurer Sara Hargreaves, Honorary Secretary The Rt. Hon. The Lord Saville of Newdigate, Member His Honour Judge John Hillen, Member (resigned 11 June 2021) Helen Valley, Member (appointed 26 July 2021) Jeffrey Israel, Member (appointed 26 July 2021) Alexander Learmonth QC, Member Graeme Halkerston, Member Angus McCullough QC, Member Jonathan Tod, Member Master Roger Eastman, Member Daniel Toledano QC, Member Christopher Stephenson, Member Shabeena Azhar-Mole, Member Teertha Gupta QC, Member
Company registered number	05284271
Charity registered number	1106768
Registered office	14 Gray's Inn Square London WC1R 5JP
Chief Executive Officer	Nicky Young
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Annette Bennett
Independent auditors	MHA MacIntyre Hudson Statutory Auditor 6th Floor 2 London Wall Place London EC2Y 5AU

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ADVISERS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC Law Courts, Temple Bar Southampton Customer Service Centre Brunswick Gate 23 Brunswick Place SO15 2AQ
Solicitors	Withers LLP 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7AN
Investment Managers	Investec Wealth & Investment Limited 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN
Insolvency Practitioners	Griffins LLP Tavistock House South Tavistock Square London WC1H 9LG

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The BBA rose to a major challenge posed by COVID-19 over the last two years. In April 2020, in order to deal with the increased need amongst members of the Bar, some of whom found themselves completely out of work and ineligible for assistance from the government, the BBA together with the four Inns of Court launched the COVID-19 Appeal. The appeal raised up to the end of 2021 over £1.4m, including £600,000 donated by the Inns. The BBA took responsibility for distributing the funds and dealing with those who applied. Speed was essential. Starting in May 2020, applicants applied online for grants. We held weekly committee meetings to deal with them, in accordance with guidance we developed. Grants were made each week. Grants were generally of a set amount per month and made for up to 3 months at a time. Many applicants have renewed their grants regularly. To the end of 2021 we supported 189 individual applicants plus 121 of their dependents who included children. We will continue to make the support available throughout until the funds are used by about the middle of 2022. The BBA would like to thank the Four Inns, the sets of chambers which contributed, Bar professional societies, the Circuits, and individual donors for their support without which this level of assistance would not have been possible.

I would like to extend a special thank you to those Members of the Committee who attended weekly meetings to review applications and make sure that all the applications were swiftly dealt with.

During the past year we received slightly fewer requests for assistance unconnected to COVID-19 albeit the number of applications was not substantially out of line with the numbers received in previous years. We received 9 new applications, a decrease of 5 on the previous year and of these we were able to help 7. We held three sub-committee meetings. As well as these new cases, there were 16 renewals, four less than last year.

Our income from donations is generally in a modest decline and we are trying to address this issue. Administrative expenditure is well controlled but continued fluctuations in the investment market continue to affect the value of our reserves and income.

We maintain our strict policy of securing all loans wherever possible and review these annually in case a beneficiary's circumstances have changed. We are anxious to help as many beneficiaries as possible, but our resources are limited and where equity exists, we believe securing our loans is in our beneficiaries' best interests, as the policy assists in ensuring that we have funds for beneficiaries in the future.

None of this could be achieved without the continued loyal and indispensable support of many volunteers; in particular those who serve on our Board and the Circuit Representatives who visit applicants and beneficiaries who are unable to travel to London. Also invaluable are the supporters who make regular donations or who undertake various fundraising activities for us – running marathons, playing golf and the like – to whom we are equally grateful. We have a very small team of paid staff whose friendly and helpful contact on the phone or through e-mail is much appreciated by those who are touch with us and I would like to express the thanks of the Committee to the BBA's Chief Executive Nicky Young, and our deputy Chief Executive Annette Bennett, who rose to the challenge of the COVID-19 Appeal and did a huge amount of additional work. I would also add my own thanks to those on the Committee who attended our monthly meetings in addition to the weekly COVID meetings to deal with applications unconnected to COVID-19 which we dealt with from our general funds.

The need to maintain our donated income is important and one way is to encourage everyone to include us in their Will once family needs have been secured. Your gift will mean someone less fortunate than you can be assisted at a time of need.

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Terence Mowschenson QC
Chairman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Committee has pleasure in presenting its report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein and comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015).

Constitution
The Barristers' Benevolent Association was founded on 10 January 1873. It is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales on 11th November 2004, number 5284271. The company gained charitable status on 15 November 2004, registration number 1106768. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, Members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Objects
The objects of the Association are to provide financial and other assistance and support to needy and deserving members of the Bar who are or have been in practice in England and Wales, their spouses and dependants. Assistance is given without geographical restriction or any need to pay fees.

Policy
To achieve these objectives, the Committee has followed the following policies:
a) To encourage members of the Bar and the judiciary to contribute by way of donations, gift aid; and
b) To create and maintain an adequate capital base generating investment income to augment the gifted income of the Association.

Management
The Charity is governed by a Committee whose Members are the Trustees for the purposes of Charity law and the Directors for the purpose of company law. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee
All Members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the Charity. Traditional business and skills are well represented on the Management Committee. In an effort to maintain a broad mix of skills, new Committee Members are recruited after informal discussions with the Chairman and/or other officers and they are invited to visit the offices where they are briefed by the staff on their work and systems. They are provided with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the rules and current back issues of the Annual Review as well as the Charity Commission leaflet on Charity responsibilities. During the year they receive full background papers for all potential and actual beneficiaries, the monthly accounts and the annual summaries of loans. The Chief Executive reports personally to the Members on matters concerning individuals allocated to them as case manager and in any other case where they have asked to be kept in touch.

Trustee Induction and Training
Most Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity being Members of the Bar. Trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of Board meetings as part of their training to familiarise themselves with the Charity and the context within which it operates. These are jointly led by the Chair of the Committee, Company Secretary, Chief and Deputy Chief Executive of the Charity and covers:

- The obligations of Management Committee Members.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the Charity including the Memorandum and Articles.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Any Future plans and objectives.
- Links to the Charity Commission's website with publications to the Trustees role and responsibilities.

How our activities deliver public benefit
The Charity seeks to reach every practising Barrister every year to ensure they are aware of the potential assistance available and to seek their financial support. This is primarily achieved through emailing a copy of the Annual Review to the Bar Counsel for distribution via email to all Members of the Bar and Judiciary. We also attend relevant conferences and seek publicity in professional magazines. Our website includes information for both donors and potential beneficiaries and has a downloadable application form. We also have a small team of volunteer Circuit Representatives who are able to make visits if needed.

Help is tailored to each individual case. Wherever possible we seek to enable the beneficiary to solve their problem and continue in or return to a position where he or she can earn a living but where this is impossible, or not to be recommended, we can offer secured or unsecured loans or make grants. Sometimes help is needed urgently to tide people through an emergency, other times the need is longer-term. Assistance is given without geographical restriction or any need to pay fees and with due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

COVID-19
The BBA launched a joint Appeal together with the Four Inns in April 2020 to support the demand for assistance by Members of the Bar whose practices were adversely affected by COVID-19.

During 2021 we have continued to receive COVID applications for grants from the fund and have received continued support for the fund from the Four Inns and Donors.

The total of grants made to applicants in the year ended December 2021 was £492,681. The total of donations received during that year was £429,476. There were 24 new beneficiaries during the year, giving a total of 189 beneficiaries and 121 dependents since the start of the appeal. Applications were typically renewed every 3 months. We anticipate having funds from the Appeal to be able to continue to offer grants until the middle of 2022.

With the support of the Four Inns, donors, sets of chambers, professional associations, and circuits we are confident we can meet the demand to support those needy and deserving Members of the Bar.

Other work
The BBA general fund costs of £482,391 includes grant giving activities of £219,196 and support costs totalling £263,195. 50 regular beneficiaries including dependents were awarded monthly and quarterly grants to meet short falls in living, medical and food costs.

In 2021 there were 9 new cases unconnected to COVID, a decrease of 5 on the previous year. Of these we were able to help 7 financially and 2 were offered advice. 3 sub-committee meetings were held. The refusals were based on applications which fell outside our immediate remit. Where we decline support because we consider the application was made too soon, we encourage the applicant to reapply should their situation worsen. In addition to the new cases, there were also 16 renewals, 4 less than in 2020 and 23 reports, 2 more than in 2020.

The most common reason for declining financial help at any time (although leaving the door open for subsequent applications) is possession of adequate personal resources which we consider should be used first, since one of our criteria for granting assistance is that the applicant should be "needy". In very rare cases someone may be considered needy but not 'deserving'.

Initial enquiries - by phone, email, letter or personally - are handled immediately and the aim is to have our application form completed and processed in time for the next available Committee meeting, although this does not rule out more immediate help if this is urgently required.

Every case is reviewed annually on the anniversary of its initial presentation to the Committee and renewals of support have to be accompanied by another completed application form. Outstanding loans are reviewed annually at the beginning of the year.

Secured Loans
A thorough review of all outstanding unsecured loans has been carried out. Where the debt is many years old and despite attempts to contact the debtor there has been no significant repayment, the debt has been written off in our accounts. This does not mean that attempts to secure repayment have been abandoned and every effort will continue to be made to recover these debts.

Plan for the future
The Association will continue to seek out opportunities to publicise the work of the Charity and to seek financial support from those in a position to help.

The Directors will continue to monitor response times for receiving and processing applications, the prompt and accurate payment of all benefits, and the proper acknowledgement of contributions.

Financial review
The Association made a deficit for the year of £306,048 *(2020 – surplus of £552,470)* before net gains on revaluation of the investments of £814,634.

Total incoming resources decreased from £1,843,440 in 2020 to £669,024 in 2021.
Total resources expended decreased from £1,290,970 in 2020 to £975,072 in 2021.
As at the year ended 31 December 2021, the Association had unrestricted reserves of £13,426,452 *(2020 - £12,917,866).*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Investment Powers, Policy and Performance

The Members of the Committee have, as Trustees, the statutory general power of investment conferred by the Trustee Act 2000, which permits them to make any kind of investment which they could make if they were absolutely entitled to the Association's assets. In exercise of their powers under the Act, the Members of the Committee have delegated their asset management functions to the Association's investment managers Investec Wealth & Investment based on an agreement for discretionary portfolio management. The instruction to the investment managers is that they seek a balanced return from income and from capital growth of the portfolio, with no more than a moderate level of risk. The investment strategy is reviewed during the year with the investment managers.

The value of the investments as at 31st December 2021 was £8,787,936 *(2020 - £8,006,913)*. The portfolio received an inflow of £200,000 during the year and so the net increase in the value of the portfolio was £781,023 *(2020 - £755,719)*.

2021 was ultimately a year of continued recovery in global stock markets, although progress was not linear as variants of COVID-19 caused social restrictions to be re-imposed in several countries. Company earnings were very strong due to weak comparatives in 2020 and, whilst much of the recovery had already been anticipated, companies' results tended still to surprise on the upside. Recovering consumer demand met COVID ravaged supply chain issues however and therefore headline inflation figures have begun to rise significantly and are likely to be meaningfully above central banks' targets over the next couple of years. The US equity market was again the best-performing region, rising by 30% in sterling, and the UK and European markets also performed strongly, rising by 18% and 17% respectively in sterling. Gains were most evident in economically sensitive areas of the market which had been the most downtrodden in 2020. In this environment the portfolio generated an above-average overall return of +11.3%. This was slightly behind the composite benchmark return of +13.0% due to our focus on high quality growth companies, which performed well, but did not rebound as much as the broader market given that they had not been as negatively impacted in the first place. The Trustees agree that the current diversified strategy remains a suitable one for the BBA to achieve its long term objectives.

The benchmark is comprised of the following indices: 32% FTSE All Share (UK equities), 35% FTSE World ex-UK (overseas equities), 20% FTA Government All Stocks (bonds), 3% IPD Monthly (property), 5% Bank of England Base Rate +2% (alternative assets), 5% Bank of England Base Rate -0.5% (cash).

Grant Making Policy

The Association invites applications for assistance from needy and deserving Members of the Bar who are or have been in practice in England or Wales, their husbands or wives, widows or widowers, children, and dependants. Assistance may be provided to beneficiaries by way of grant or loan, or a combination of the two.

Before any grant or loan is considered by the Committee, applicants are required to complete a detailed form setting out their individual circumstances. Where possible, the Association will always seek to facilitate the return to work of the practitioners who have been in substantial full-time practice prior to the events occasioning their application.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
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Reserves Policy

The assets of the Association are applicable for its purposes at the discretion of the Committee without any distinction between capital and income. The Association has total funds of £13,426,452 *(2020 - £12,917,866)* of which £3,802,935 *(2020 - £4,299,853)* is comprised in designated funds, £217,498 *(2020 - £226,298)* as tangible fixed assets and £8,787,936 *(2020 - £8,006,913)* is held in investments to continue to generate income for the Association, leaving £618,083 *(2020 - £384,802)* of general free reserves. Whilst under Charity Commission guidance the Charity's investments represent free reserves, the Committee considers that these are held to generate funds to support its beneficiaries in the future. Consistent with its policy to create and maintain an adequate capital base, the Committee intends to maintain the current level of total reserves limit at £7,500,000 although currently at the year-end there are reserves of £8,787,936 to allow for the current uncertainties within the market that could be impacted by an increase in demand from beneficiaries.

Risk Management

The Members of the Committee are satisfied that the major and operational risks which the BBA faces have been identified and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

Approved by order of the Members of the Board of Committee Members and signed on their behalf by:

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Terence Mowschenson QC
Chairman

STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Committee Members (who are also the Directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Committee Members' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Committee Members to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Committee Members must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Committee Members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Charity will continue in business.

The Committee Members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Committee Members are aware:

- there is no relevent audit information of which the Charity's auditor is unaware; and
- the Committee Members have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and ti establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by order of the Members of the Committee Board and signed on its behalf by:

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Terence Mowschenson QC
Chairman
Date: 13th JULY 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Barristers' Benevolent Association (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 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; 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 Committee Members' 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 Committee Members with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Committee Members' Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Committee Members are responsible for the other information contained within the Committee Members' Report. 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. 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 course of 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.

Opinion 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 Committee Members' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Committee Members' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our 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 Committee Members' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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 Committee Members' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Committee Members were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Committee Members' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of Committee Members

As explained more fully in the Statement of Committee Members' Responsibilities, the Committee Members (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 Committee Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

In preparing the financial statements, the Committee Members 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 Committee Members either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' 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 an Auditors' Report 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.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain 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 Charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee Members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee Members use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate 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 (ie. gives a true and fair view).

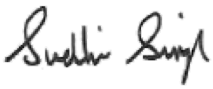
Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

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 Auditors' Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity'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 Charity'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 Charity and its Members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Sudhir Singh FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
MHA MacIntyre Hudson
Statutory Auditor
London, United Kingdom

Date: 23 September 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	**463,418**	**463,418**	1,546,437
Investment income	5	**197,691**	**197,691**	290,367
Other income	6	**7,915**	**7,915**	6,636
Total income		**669,024**	**669,024**	1,843,440
Expenditure on:				
Investment management costs		**40,131**	**40,131**	36,821
Charitable activities	7	**934,941**	**934,941**	1,254,149
Total expenditure		**975,072**	**975,072**	1,290,970
Net (expenditure)/ income before net gains on investments		**(306,048)**	**(306,048)**	552,470
Net gains on investments	12	**814,634**	**814,634**	275,014
Net movement in funds		**508,586**	**508,586**	827,484
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		**12,917,866**	**12,917,866**	12,090,382
Net movement in funds		**508,586**	**508,586**	827,484
Total funds carried forward		**13,426,452**	**13,426,452**	12,917,866

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

In the previous year all income and expenditure was allocated to / from unrestricted funds.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 17 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 05284271

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		**217,498**		226,298
Investments	12		**8,787,936**		8,006,913
			9,005,434		8,233,211
Current assets					
Programme related investments - Concessionary loans	13	**3,640,473**		3,854,095	
Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	**66,283**		132,210	
Cash at bank and in hand	18	**734,086**		716,645	
		4,440,842		4,702,950	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	**(19,824)**		(18,295)	
Net current assets			**4,421,018**		4,684,655
Total net assets			**13,426,452**		12,917,866
Charity funds					
Unrestricted funds	16		**13,426,452**		12,917,866
Total funds			**13,426,452**		12,917,866

The Committee Members acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Committee Members and signed on their behalf by:

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Terence Mowschenson QC
Chairman
Date: 13th July 2022

The notes on pages 17 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	17	**(213,861)**	323,098
Cash flows from investing activities			
Income from investments	5	**197,691**	290,367
Proceeds from sale of investments	12	**1,174,707**	2,147,331
Purchase of investments	12	**(1,141,096)**	(2,628,036)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**231,302**	(190,338)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**17,441**	132,760
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**716,645**	583,885
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18	**734,086**	716,645

The notes on pages 17 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. General information

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charity Commission (Charity Registered Number 1106768) and Registrar of Companies (Company Registration Number 05284271).

The Members of the company are the Committee Members named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per Member of the Charity.

The address of the registered office is given in the Charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the Charity's operations and principal activities are listed in the Committee Members' Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Barristers' Benevolent Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

The Committee Members have assessed the use of going concern and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern including the impact of COVID-19. The Committee Members have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of these Financial Statements. The Committee Members have concluded that there is a more than adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and has no immediate concerns and expects the charity to therefore to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statement.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

For donations to be recognised the Charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfillment of those conditions is within the control of the Charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the Balance Sheet date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.6 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Leasehold property	- 2% straight line on cost of building
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% straight line
Computer equipment	- 20% straight line

2.8 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value using the closing quoted market price. All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year. As investments are revalued to fair value continually, no realised gains or losses arise.

The fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the Balance Sheet date.

Social investments include programme related investments which are those held to further our charitable purposes. Programme related investments include concessionary loans to third parties.

2.9 Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans include those receivable to third parties which are interest free or below market interest rates and are made to advance charitable purposes. Where the loan is repayable on demand within one year, the loan is measured at cost, less impairment. Where the loan is repayable more than one year, the loan is initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment.

2.10 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.12 Financial instruments

The Charity does not have a material holding in complex financial instruments. The Charity only holds basic Financial Instruments. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Charity are as follows:

Debtors – trade and other debtors (including accrued income) are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors will be classified as financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as in the cash settlement has already taken place and there is simply an obligation to deliver charitable services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2.14 Pensions

The Charity is committed to providing pensions to former members of staff at an agreed rate on retirement of the employee. The cost of providing these pensions is included in the Statement of Financial Activities as it is incurred.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.15 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Committee Members in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Committee Members for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2.16 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

- Basis of valuation of financial instruments
- Allocation of support costs
- The useful economic life of tangible fixed assets and the depreciation rates applied
- Impairment of programme related investments / concessionary loans.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations - general	229,476	**229,476**
Legacies	10,000	**10,000**
Donations received from specific institutions	223,942	**223,942**
Total 2021	463,418	**463,418**

An analysis of donations received from specific institutions is shown in Note 4.

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations - general	640,149	640,149
Donations received from specific institutions	906,288	906,288
Total 2020	1,546,437	1,546,437

4. Donations received from specific institutions

	2021 £	2020 £
Honourable Society of Inner Temple (Covid Appeal £50,000)	**60,000**	110,000
Honourable Society of Middle Temple (Covid Appeal £50,000)	**45,000**	120,250
Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (Covid Appeal £50,000)	**57,000**	132,000
Honourable Society of Gray's Inn (Covid Appeal £50,000)	**50,392**	120,000
Western Circuit Lodge (Covid Appeal)	**-**	750
One Crown Office Row	**250**	250
Solev Co Ltd (Covid Appeal)	**-**	5,000
Landmark Chambers	**250**	1,000
Wilberforce Chambers	**250**	250
Quadrant Chambers	**500**	-
Matrix Chambers	**250**	250
Falcon Chambers	**3,000**	-
Essex Court Chambers (Covid Appeal)	**-**	20,000
Cloth Fair Chambers (Covid Appeal)	**-**	5,000
Old Square Chambers (Covid Appeal)	**-**	10,000
Bar Golf Society	**965**	-
5RB (Covid Appeal)	**-**	500
1GC Management Limited	**250**	250
3VB Services Limited	**-**	16
Chancery Bar Association (Covid Appeal)	**-**	30,000
Midland Chancery Bar Association (Covid Appeal)	**-**	2,000
Commerical Bar Association (Covid Appeal)	**-**	30,000
Personal Injuries Bar Association (Covid Appeal)	**-**	6,500
Queens Council Appointments (Covid Appeal)	**-**	100,000
The Yves Guihannec Foundation (Covid Appeal)	**-**	10,000
Bar Mutual Fund (Covid Appeal)	**-**	100,000
Bar Mutual Fund	**104**	-
Paypal Giving Fund	**-**	272
The Band Trust	**2,000**	2,000
G and K Boyes Charitable Trust (Covid Appeal)	**-**	100,000
Alastair and Rachel Norris Charitable Trust	**1,250**	-
Agencia Consulting Ltd	**1,500**	-
Gray's Inn Benchers Ladies Association	**981**	-
	223,942	906,288

5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Dividends and interest on investments	166,821	**166,821**
Interest on loans	30,822	**30,822**
Bank interest receivable	48	**48**
Total 2021	197,691	**197,691**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Dividends and interest on investments	169,049	169,049
Interest on loans	120,798	120,798
Bank interest receivable	520	520
Total 2020	290,367	290,367

6. Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Rental income	7,915	**7,915**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Rental income	6,636	6,636

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Grant funding of activities 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grant giving	1,900	669,846	263,195	**934,941**

	Activities undertaken directly 2020 £	Grant funding of activities 2020 £	Support costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Grant giving	5,100	996,545	252,504	1,254,149

In both the current and previous year, all grant funding of activities were to individuals.

Grants were made to 50 individual beneficiaries, often in respect of living costs such as food, medical, rent and council tax. Grants varied in length between the short and long term and were often distributed monthly or quarterly.

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs	**112,467**	112,967
Depreciation	**8,800**	8,800
Rent and rates	**34,102**	40,674
Office cleaning, electricity, insurance, maintenance and water	**5,280**	6,104
Printing, postage, stationery and appeals	**2,003**	2,006
Telephone	**2,632**	2,927
Advertising	**6,390**	5,890
Computer consultants	**22,276**	23,115
Bank charges	**1,241**	1,375
Consultancy costs	**-**	4,400
Subscriptions	**1,786**	1,200
Sundry expenses	**673**	728
Concessionary loans impairment	**37,807**	-
Governance costs	**27,738**	42,318
	263,195	252,504

8. Governance costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Legal and professional fees	**16,052**	30,078
Auditor's remuneration - Audit of the financial statements	**8,200**	7,600
Auditor's remuneration - Other services	**2,225**	4,640
Auditor's remuneration - Under accrual of prior year fees	**1,261**	-
	27,738	42,318

9. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	**81,445**	81,856
Social security costs	**5,707**	5,799
Pension costs	**25,315**	25,312
	112,467	112,967

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Administration	**2**	2

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

10. Committee Members' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Committee Members, who are considered to be the Key Management Personnel of the Charity, received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2021, no Committee Member expenses have been incurred (2020 - £NIL).

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Properties £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2021	**304,950**	**33,838**	**13,505**	**352,293**
At 31 December 2021	**304,950**	**33,838**	**13,505**	**352,293**
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2021	**88,289**	**33,838**	**3,868**	**125,995**
Charge for the year	**6,099**	**-**	**2,701**	**8,800**
At 31 December 2021	**94,388**	**33,838**	**6,569**	**134,795**
Net book value				
At 31 December 2021	**210,562**	**-**	**6,936**	**217,498**
At 31 December 2020	216,661	-	9,637	226,298

All fixed assets are held for use by the Charity.

The Association has an interest in two properties (one freehold and one leasehold flat) where ownership has been transferred to the Association by beneficiaries of the Charity.

12. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Valuation	
At 1 January 2021	**8,006,913**
Additions at cost	**1,141,096**
Disposals at carrying value	**(1,174,707)**
Revaluations	**814,634**
At 31 December 2021	**8,787,936**

13. Programme related investments - Concessionary loans

	2021 £	2020 £
Loans to beneficiaries	**3,640,473**	3,854,095

	2021 £	2020 £
Loans at 1 January	**3,854,095**	3,913,589
Loans granted in the year	**60,294**	132,673
Loans repaid in the year	**(236,109)**	(192,167)
Loan impairment charges	**(37,807)**	-
Loans at 31 December	**3,640,473**	3,854,095

The above balances include an element of loans repayable in more than one year, this is agreed on an annual basis and is therefore not quantifiable at this time.

Where possible, loans are secured on the beneficiary's property. Interest is charged on secured loans at a rate of 1% plus base rate. No interest is charged on unsecured loans.

14. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	**1,688**	3,588
Prepayments and accrued income	**24,752**	74,804
Dividends and interest receivable	**39,843**	53,818
	66,283	132,210

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	**2,934**	733
Other creditors	**6,465**	708
Accruals	**10,425**	16,854
	19,824	18,295

16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Designated funds						
Funds designated for loans	**3,854,095**	**-**	**-**	**(213,622)**	**-**	**3,640,473**
COVID fund	**445,758**	**159,385**	**(492,681)**	**50,000**	**-**	**162,462**
	4,299,853	**159,385**	**(492,681)**	**(163,622)**	**-**	**3,802,935**
General funds						
General funds	**8,618,013**	**509,639**	**(482,391)**	**163,622**	**814,634**	**9,623,517**
Total Unrestricted funds	**12,917,866**	**669,024**	**(975,072)**	**-**	**814,634**	**13,426,452**

General funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Committee Board.

Designated funds are set aside by the Committee Members out of the unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes.

The fund designated for concessionary loans was set up to recognise the funds committed to loans to beneficiaries.

The transfer between the funds represents the net movement during the year between loans granted in the year less amounts repaid and impaired during the year on the loans to beneficiaries.

The COVID fund relates to funds set aside by the Committee Members in connection with appeals made for members of the Bar and their dependants who have contracted the coronavirus and are unable to support themselves and their families as well as those members, particularly but not exclusively, who do publicly funded work, who find themselves in difficulty.

16. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Designated funds						
Funds designated for loans	3,913,589	-	-	(59,494)	-	3,854,095
COVID fund	-	1,242,568	(846,810)	50,000	-	445,758
	3,913,589	1,242,568	(846,810)	(9,494)	-	4,299,853
General funds						
General funds	8,176,793	600,872	(444,160)	9,494	275,014	8,618,013
Total Unrestricted funds	12,090,382	1,843,440	(1,290,970)	-	275,014	12,917,866

17. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

		2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)		**508,586**	827,484
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges	11	**8,800**	8,800
Net gains on investments	12	**(814,634)**	(275,014)
Income from investments	5	**(197,691)**	(290,367)
Decrease in programme related investments	13	**213,622**	59,494
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	14	**65,927**	(10,768)
Increase in creditors	15	**1,529**	3,469
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		**(213,861)**	323,098

18. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	**734,086**	716,645
Total cash and cash equivalents	**734,086**	716,645

19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**716,645**	**17,441**	**734,086**

20. Pension commitments

The Charity is committed to paying pensions to former staff, totalling £1,775 (2020 - £1,775) per month. To quantify the value of this commitment as at 31 December 2021 the trustees instructed a firm of consulting actuaries to formally estimate this liability for the purpose of its statutory financial statements. This valuation was prepared under Technical Actuarial Standard 100: Principles for Technical Actuarial Work, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Based on this the trustees consider that this liability is not material to the financial position of the charity and hence no provision has been made in the financial statements for this liability.

The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £21,295 *(2020 - £21,295)*. There were no contributions payable to the fund at the Balance Sheet date *(2020 - £NIL)*.

21. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2021 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	**36,208**	36,208
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**18,104**	54,312
	54,312	90,520

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Operating lease rentals	**36,208**	18,788

22. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year other than Committee Members making unrestricted donations of £5,765 *(2020 - £13,410)* to the Charity.

If a Committee Member knows an applicant, then they are not involved in the decision making process in regards to agreeing loans or grant applications.

23. Post balance sheet events

Following the year-end, in May 2022, the BBA received over £300,000 from the Gainsford Trust. This receipt represented the transfer of Trust's net assets as at this date, less an excluded sum.

The funds are to be held by the BBA on a restricted basis and are to be applied in furtherance of the Trust's Objects.

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
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THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Committee Members	Terence Mowschenson QC, Chairman David Phillips QC, Honorary Treasurer Raymond Cox QC, Treasurer Sara Hargreaves, Honorary Secretary The Rt. Hon. The Lord Saville of Newdigate, Member His Honour Judge John Hillen, Member Alexander Learmonth QC, Member Graeme Halkerston, Member Angus McCullough QC, Member Jonathan Tod, Member Master Roger Eastman, Member Daniel Toledano QC, Member Christopher Stephenson, Member Shabeena Azhar-Mole, Member Teertha Gupta QC, Member
Company registered number	05284271
Charity registered number	1106768
Registered office	14 Gray's Inn Square London WC1R 5JP
Company secretary	Mrs Janet South (resigned 20 August 2020)
Chief Executive Officer **Deputy Chief Executive Officer**	Nicky Young Annette Bennett
Independent auditors	MHA MacIntyre Hudson Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor 6th Floor 2 London Wall Place London EC2Y 5AU

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ADVISERS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC Law Courts Temple Bar Southampton Customer Service Centre Brunswick Gate 23 Brunswick Place SO15 2AQ
Solicitors	Withers LLP 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7AN
Investment Managers	Investec Wealth and Investment Limited 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN
Insolvency Practitioners	Griffins LLP Tavistock House South Tavistock Square London WC1H 9LG

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The BBA rose to a major challenge posed by Covid 19 this year. In April 2020, in order to deal with the increased need amongst members of the Bar, some of whom found themselves completely out of work and ineligible for assistance from the government, the BBA together with the four Inns of Court launched the Covid 19 Appeal. The appeal raised over £1.2m, including £400,000 donated by the Inns. The BBA took responsibility for distributing the funds and dealing with those who applied. Speed was essential. Starting in May 2020, applicants applied online for grants. We held weekly committee meetings to deal with them, in accordance with guidance we developed. Grants were made each week. Grants were generally of a set amount per month, and made for up to 3 months at a time. Many applicants have renewed their grants regularly. In this way in 2020 we supported 157 individual applicants plus 94 of their dependents who included children. We will continue to make the support available throughout 2021, so long as there is a need and appeal funds allow. The BBA would like to thank the Four Inns, the sets of chambers which contributed, Bar professional societies, the Circuits, and individual donors for their support without which this level of assistance would not have been possible.

I would like to extend a special thank you to those members of the committee who attended weekly meetings to review applications and make sure that all the applications were swiftly dealt with.

During the past year we received slightly fewer requests for assistance unconnected to Covid 19 albeit the number of applications was not substantially out of line with the numbers received in previous years. We received 14 new applications, a decrease of 4 on the previous year and of these we were able to help 12. We held two sub-committee meetings. As well as these new cases, there were 20 renewals, two less than last year.

Our income from donations is generally in a modest decline and we are trying to address this issue. Administrative expenditure is well controlled but continued fluctuations in the investment market continue to affect the value of our reserves and income.

We maintain our strict policy of securing all loans wherever possible and review these annually in case a beneficiary's circumstances have changed. We are anxious to help as many beneficiaries as possible but our resources are limited and where equity exists, we believe securing our loans is in our beneficiaries' best interests, as the policy assists in ensuring that we have funds for beneficiaries in the future.

None of this could be achieved without the continued loyal and indispensable support of many volunteers; in particular those who serve on our Board and the Circuit Representatives who visit applicants and beneficiaries who are unable to travel to London. Also invaluable are the supporters who make regular donations or who undertake various fundraising activities for us – running marathons, playing golf and the like – to whom we are equally grateful. We have a very small team of paid staff whose friendly and helpful contact on the phone or through e-mail is much appreciated by those who are in touch with us and I would like to express the thanks of the Committee to the BBA's Chief Executive Nicky Young, and our deputy Chief Executive Annette Bennett, who rose to the challenge of the Covid 19 Appeal and did a huge amount of additional work. I would also add my own thanks to those on the Committee who attended our monthly meetings in addition to the weekly Covid meetings to deal with applications unconnected to Covid 19 which we dealt with from our general funds.

The need to maintain our donated income is important and one way is to encourage everyone to include us in their Will once family needs have been secured. Your gift will mean someone less fortunate than you can be assisted at a time of need.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Finally, I would like to add a word of thanks to Janet South who retired as director of the BBA during 2020 after giving the BBA 17 years of wise advice and unstinting support. She left the BBA with much improved systems and procedures compared to those which she found when she joined us and the Committee wish her a long and enjoyable retirement.

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Terence Mowschenson QC
Chairman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Committee has pleasure in presenting its report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein and comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015).

Constitution
The Barristers' Benevolent Association was founded on 10 January 1873. It is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales on 11th November 2004, number 5284271. The company gained charitable status on 15 November 2004, registration number 1106768. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Objects
The objects of the Association are to provide financial and other assistance and support to needy and deserving members of the Bar who are or have been in practice in England and Wales, their spouses and dependants. Assistance is given without geographical restriction or any need to pay fees.

Policy
To achieve these objectives, the Committee has followed the following policies:
a) To encourage members of the Bar and the judiciary to contribute by way of donations, gift aid; and
b) To create and maintain an adequate capital base generating investment income to augment the gifted income of the Association.

Management
The Charity is governed by a Committee whose members are the Trustees for the purposes of charity law and the Directors for the purpose of company law. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee
All Members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the Charity. Traditional business and skills are well represented on the Management Committee. In an effort to maintain a broad mix of skills, new Committee members are recruited after informal discussions with the Chairman and/or other officers and they are invited to visit the offices where they are briefed by the staff on their work and systems. They are provided with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the rules and current back issues of the Annual Review as well as the Charity Commission leaflet on charity responsibilities. During the year they receive full background papers for all potential and actual beneficiaries, the monthly accounts and the annual summaries of loans. The Chief Executive reports personally to the Members on matters concerning individuals allocated to them as case manager and in any other case where they have asked to be kept in touch.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
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Trustee Induction and Training

Most Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity being members of the Bar. Trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of Board meetings as part of their training to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. These are jointly led by the Chair of the Committee, Company Secretary, Chief and Deputy Chief Executive of the Charity and covers:

- The obligations of Management Committee members.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the Charity including the Memorandum and Articles.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Any Future plans and objectives.
- Links to the Charity Commission's website with publications to the Trustees role and responsibilities.

How our activities deliver public benefit

The Charity seeks to reach every practising Barrister every year to ensure they are aware of the potential assistance available and to seek their financial support. This is primarily achieved through emailing a copy of the Annual Review to the Bar Counsel for distribution via email to all members of the Bar and Judiciary. We also attend relevant conferences and seek publicity in professional magazines. Our website includes information for both donors and potential beneficiaries and has a downloadable application form. We also have a small team of volunteer Circuit Representatives who are able to make visits if needed.

Help is tailored to each individual case. Wherever possible we seek to enable the beneficiary to solve their problem and continue in or return to a position where he or she can earn a living but where this is impossible, or not to be recommended, we can offer secured or unsecured loans or make grants. Sometimes help is needed urgently to tide people through an emergency, other times the need is longer-term. Assistance is given without geographical restriction or any need to pay fees and with due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

Covid-19

The BBA launched a joint Appeal together with the Four Inns in April 2020 to support the increase in demand for assistance by members of the Bar whose practices were adversely affected by Covid-19. The Trustees have received and continue to receive Covid applications for grants from the fund. The total donations received at the end of the year was £1,242,568 with total donations made to needy applicants of £846,810. 157 Beneficiaries were supported by the year end together with 94 of their dependents. Applications were typically renewed on three occasions during the course of the year. The BBA and the Four Inns are anticipating offering support and grants through 2021 and we will endeavour to support new and existing cases.

With the support of the Four Inns, donors, sets of chambers, professional associations and circuits we are confident we can meet the demand to support those needy and deserving members of the Bar.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
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In 2020 there were 14 new cases unconnected to Covid, a decrease of 4 on the previous year. Of these we were able to help 12 and 2 could not be accepted. 2 sub-committee meetings were held. The refusals were based on applications which fell outside our immediate remit. Where we decline support because we consider the application was made too soon, we encourage the applicant to reapply should their situation worsen. In addition to the new cases, there were also 20 renewals, 2 less than in 2019 and 21 reports, 4 more than in 2019.

The most common reason for declining financial help at any time (although leaving the door open for subsequent applications) is possession of adequate personal resources which we consider should be used first, since one of our criteria for granting assistance is that the applicant should be "needy". In very rare cases someone may be considered needy but not 'deserving'.

Initial enquiries - by phone, email, letter or personally - are handled immediately and the aim is to have our application form completed and processed in time for the next available Committee meeting, although this does not rule out more immediate help if this is urgently required.

Every case is reviewed annually on the anniversary of its initial presentation to the Committee and renewals of support have to be accompanied by another completed application form. Outstanding loans are reviewed annually at the beginning of the year.

Secured Loans
A thorough review of all outstanding unsecured loans has been carried out. Where the debt is many years old and despite attempts to contact the debtor there has been no significant repayment, the debt has been written off in our accounts. This does not mean that attempts to secure repayment have been abandoned and every effort will continue to be made to recover these debts.

Plan for the future
The Association will continue to seek out opportunities to publicise the work of the Charity and to seek financial support from those in a position to help.

The Directors will continue to monitor response times for receiving and processing applications, the prompt and accurate payment of all benefits, and the proper acknowledgement of contributions.

Financial review
The Association made a surplus for the year of £552,470 (2019 - £141,692) before net gains on revaluation of the investments.

Total incoming resources increased from £569,537 2019 to £1,843,440 in 2020.
Total resources expended increased from £427,845 in 2019 to £1,290,970 in 2020.
As at the year ended 31 December 2020, the Association had unrestricted reserves of £12,917,866 (2019 - £12,090,382).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Investment Powers, Policy and Performance

The Members of the Committee have, as Trustees, the statutory general power of investment conferred by the Trustee Act 2000, which permits them to make any kind of investment which they could make if they were absolutely entitled to the Association's assets. In exercise of their powers under the Act, the Members of the Committee have delegated their asset management functions to the Association's investment managers Investec Wealth & Investment based on an agreement for discretionary portfolio management. The instruction to the investment managers is that they seek a balanced return from income and from capital growth of the portfolio, with no more than a moderate level of risk. The investment strategy is reviewed during the year with the investment managers.

The value of the investments as at 31st December 2020 was £8,006,913 (2019 - £7,251,194). The portfolio received an inflow of £280,000 during the year and so the net increase in the value of the portfolio was £755,719 (2019 - £814,339).

An extraordinary recovery in equity markets from the lows of March ensured that most equity markets ended 2020 in positive territory, although the UK equity market was a notable exception, dropping by c. 10%. Large fiscal and monetary stimulus, co-ordinated on a global basis helped, as did positive vaccine news in November. Overseas equity markets were very strong, led by the US, as several technology companies such as Amazon, PayPal and Microsoft thrived, for example. The portfolio had material exposure to these types of businesses and therefore made strong gains. Overall, the portfolio produced a total return of +6.2% which compares with the benchmark return of +1.4%. Investec believes that the current diversified strategy remains a suitable one for the charity to achieve its long-term aims.

The benchmark is comprised of the following indices: 42% FTSE All Share (UK equities), 25% FTSE World ex-UK (overseas equities), 20% FTA Government All Stocks (bonds), 3% IPD Monthly (property), 5% Bank of England Base Rate +2% (alternative assets), 5% Bank of England Base Rate -0.5% (cash).

Grant Making Policy

The Association invites applications for assistance from needy and deserving members of the Bar who are or have been in practice in England or Wales, their husbands or wives, widows or widowers, children, and dependants. Assistance may be provided to beneficiaries by way of grant or loan, or a combination of the two.

Before any grant or loan is considered by the Committee, applicants are required to complete a detailed form setting out their individual circumstances. Where possible, the Association will always seek to facilitate the return to work of the practitioners who have been in substantial full-time practice prior to the events occasioning their application.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
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Reserves Policy

The assets of the Association are applicable for its purposes at the discretion of the Committee without any distinction between capital and income. The Association has total funds of £12,917,866 (2019 - £12,090,382) of which £4,299,853 (2019 - £3,913,589) is comprised in designated funds, £226,298 (2019 - £235,098) as tangible fixed assets and £8,006,913 (2019 - £7,251,194) is held in investments to continue to generate income for the Association, leaving £384,802 (2019 - £690,501) of general free reserves. Whilst under Charity Commission guidance the charity's investments represent free reserves, the Committee considers that these are held to generate funds to support its beneficiaries in the future. Consistently with its policy to create and maintain an adequate capital base, the Committee intends, when the opportunity arises, to increase reserves through income generation with a view to maintaining the Association's total reserves above £7,500,000. This reserves policy is based upon the Committee's consciousness of the difficulties and uncertainties which surround the future of the profession and the need to provide long-term assistance to a rapidly growing number of potential beneficiaries in circumstances in which, year on year, there are regrettably fewer and fewer regular subscribers to the Association.

Risk Management

The Members of the Committee are satisfied that the major and operational risks which the BBA faces have been identified and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

Approved by order of the Members of the board of Committee Members on 14/07/21 and signed on their behalf by:

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Terence Mowschenson QC
Chairman

STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Committee Members (who are also the Directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Committee Members' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Committee Members to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Committee Members must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Committee Members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Charity will continue in business.

The Committee Members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Committee Members are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditor is unaware; and
- the Committee Members have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by order of the Members of the Committee Board and signed on its behalf by:

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Terence Mowschenson QC
Chairman
Date: 14/7/21

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Barristers' Benevolent Association (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 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; 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 Committee Members' 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 Committee Members with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

Other information

The Committee Members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Committee Members' Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report 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.

Opinion 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 Committee Members' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Committee Members' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our 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 Committee Members' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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 Committee Members' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Committee Members were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Committee Members' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of Committee Members

As explained more fully in the Statement of Committee Members' Responsibilities, the Committee Members (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 Committee Members 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 Committee Members 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 Committee Members either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' 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 an Auditors' Report 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.

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

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of entity staff in tax and compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

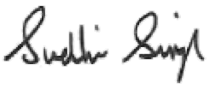
Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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 Auditors' Report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity'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 Charity'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 Charity and its Members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date: 19 August 2021

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	2	**1,546,437**	**1,546,437**	290,753
Investment income	4	**290,367**	**290,367**	271,764
Other income	5	**6,636**	**6,636**	7,020
Total income		**1,843,440**	**1,843,440**	569,537
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	**36,821**	**36,821**	35,231
Charitable activities	7	**1,254,149**	**1,254,149**	392,614
Total expenditure		**1,290,970**	**1,290,970**	427,845
Net gains on investments	12	**275,014**	**275,014**	849,739
Net movement in funds		**827,484**	**827,484**	991,431
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		**12,090,382**	**12,090,382**	11,098,951
Net movement in funds		**827,484**	**827,484**	991,431
Total funds carried forward		**12,917,866**	**12,917,866**	12,090,382

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 18 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 05284271

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		226,298		235,098
Investments	12		8,006,913		7,251,194
			8,233,211		7,486,292
Current assets					
Programme related investments - Concessionary loans	13	3,854,095		3,913,589	
Debtors	14	132,210		121,442	
Cash at bank and in hand	18	716,645		583,885	
		4,702,950		4,618,916	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(18,295)		(14,826)	
Net current assets			4,684,655		4,604,090
Total net assets			12,917,866		12,090,382
Charity funds					
Unrestricted funds	16		12,917,866		12,090,382
Total funds			12,917,866		12,090,382

The Committee Members acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Committee Members and signed on their behalf by:

Terence Mowschenson

Terence Mowschenson QC
Chairman
Date: 14/7/21

The notes on pages 18 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	17	**323,098**	(322,396)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Income from investments	4	**290,367**	271,764
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	11	**-**	(10,560)
Proceeds from sale of investments	12	**2,147,331**	1,030,402
Purchase of investments	12	**(2,628,036)**	(1,162,034)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		**(190,338)**	129,572
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**132,760**	(192,824)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**583,885**	776,709
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18	**716,645**	583,885

The notes on pages 18 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

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

1. Accounting policies

1.1 General information

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charity Commission (Charity Registered Number 1106768) and Registrar of Companies (Company Registration Number 05284271).

The Members of the company are the Committee Members named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per Member of the Charity.

The address of the registered office is given in the Charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the Charity's operations and principal activities are listed in the Committee Members' Report.

1.2 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Barristers' Benevolent Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.3 Going concern

The Committee Members have assessed the use of going concern and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern including the impact of COVID-19. The Committee Members have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of these Financial Statements. The Committee Members have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its Financial Statements.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Income

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

For donations to be recognised the Charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfillment of those conditions is within the control of the Charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the Balance Sheet date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.7 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Leasehold property	- 2% straight line on cost of building
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% straight line
Computer equipment	- 20% straight line

1.9 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value using the closing quoted market price. All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year. As investments are revalued to fair value continually, no realised gains or losses arise.

The fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the Balance Sheet date.

Social investments include programme related investments which are those held to further our charitable purposes. Programme related investments include concessionary loans to third parties.

1.10 Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans include those receivable to third parties which are interest free or below market interest rates and are made to advance charitable purposes. Where the loan is repayable on demand within one year, the loan is measured at cost, less impairment. Where the loan is repayable more than one year, the loan is initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment.

1.11 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.12 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

1.13 Financial instruments

The Charity does not have a material holding in complex financial instruments. The Charity only holds basic Financial Instruments. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Charity are as follows:

Debtors – trade and other debtors (including accrued income) are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors will be classified as financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as in the cash settlement has already taken place and there is simply an obligation to deliver charitable services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

1.14 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.15 Pensions

The Charity is committed to providing pensions to former members of staff at an agreed rate on retirement of the employee. The cost of providing these pensions is included in the Statement of Financial Activities as it is incurred.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.16 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Committee Members in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Committee Members for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.17 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

- Basis of valuation of financial instruments
- Allocation of support costs
- The useful economic life of tangible fixed assets and the depreciation rates applied
- Impairment of programme related investments / concessionary loans.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations - general	640,149	**640,149**
Legacies	-	**-**
Donations received from specific institutions	906,288	**906,288**
Total 2020	1,546,437	**1,546,437**

An analysis of donations received from specific institutions is shown in Note 3.

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Donations - general	203,218	203,218
Legacies	210	210
Donations received from specific institutions	87,325	87,325
Total 2019	290,753	290,753

3. Donations received from specific institutions

	2020 £	2019 £
Honourable Society of Inner Temple (Covid Appeal £100,000)	**110,000**	10,250
Honourable Society of Middle Temple (Covid Appeal £100,000)	**120,250**	20,250
Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (Covid Appeal £100,000)	**132,000**	32,000
Honourable Society of Gray's Inn (Covid Appeal £100,000)	**120,000**	382
9 Gough Square	**-**	500
2 Bedford Square	**-**	4,305
Western Circuit Lodge (Covid Appeal)	**750**	-
One Crown Office Row	**250**	-
SA Brunton	**-**	20
Solev Co Ltd (Covid Appeal)	**5,000**	-
Landmark Chambers	**1,000**	250
Wilberforce Chambers	**250**	250
Quadrant Chambers	**-**	250
Matrix Chambers	**250**	250
Falcon Chambers	**-**	3,000
Essex Court Chambers (Covid Appeal)	**20,000**	-
Cloth Fair Chambers (Covid Appeal)	**5,000**	-
Old Square Chambers (Covid Appeal)	**10,000**	-
Bar Golf Society	**-**	1,524
5RB (Covid Appeal)	**500**	-
1GC Management Limited	**250**	250
3VB Services Limited	**16**	-
Chancery Bar Association (Covid Appeal)	**30,000**	-
Midland Chancery Bar Association (Covid Appeal)	**2,000**	-
Commerical Bar Association (Covid Appeal)	**30,000**	-
Personal Injuries Bar Association (Covid Appeal)	**6,500**	-
Queens Council Appointments (Covid Appeal)	**100,000**	-
In Memory of William James Clover	**-**	130
In Memory of Patrick Perkins	**-**	10,000
The Yves Guihannec Foundation (Covid Appeal)	**10,000**	-
Bar Mutual Fund (Covid Appeal)	**100,000**	-
Paypal Giving Fund	**272**	-
The Band Trust	**2,000**	2,000
G and K Boyes Charitable Trust (Covid Appeal)	**100,000**	-
Bar Council	**-**	1,714
	906,288	87,325

4. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Dividends and interest on investments	169,049	**169,049**
Interest on loans	120,798	**120,798**
Bank interest receivable	520	**520**
Total 2020	290,367	**290,367**

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Dividends and interest on investments	265,417	265,417
Interest on loans	5,725	5,725
Bank interest receivable	622	622
Total 2019	271,764	271,764

5. Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Rental income	6,636	**6,636**

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Rental income	7,020	7,020

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6. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Investment management costs	36,821	**36,821**

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Investment management costs	35,231	35,231

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2020 £	Grant funding of activities 2020 £	Support costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Grant giving	5,100	996,545	252,504	**1,254,149**

	Activities undertaken directly 2019 £	Grant funding of activities 2019 £	Support costs 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Grant giving	18,400	149,007	225,207	392,614

In both the current and previous year, all grant funding of activities were to individuals.

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Staff costs	**112,967**	111,233
Depreciation	**8,800**	7,116
Rent and rates	**40,674**	2,321
Office cleaning, electricity, insurance, maintenance and water	**6,104**	13,007
Printing, postage, stationery and appeals	**2,006**	3,264
Telephone	**2,927**	3,283
Advertising	**5,890**	6,701
Computer consultants	**23,115**	24,226
Bank charges	**1,375**	1,110
Consultancy costs	**4,400**	6,861
Subscriptions	**1,200**	1,944
Sundry expenses	**728**	98
Concessionary loans impairment	**-**	6,638
Governance costs	**42,318**	36,978
Staff training	**-**	427
	252,504	225,207

8. Governance costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Legal and professional fees	**30,078**	23,528
Auditors' remuneration - Audit of the financial statements	**7,600**	7,600
Auditors' remuneration - Other services	**4,640**	2,100
Auditors' remuneration - Under accrual of prior year fees	**-**	3,750
	42,318	36,978

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9. Staff costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	**81,856**	80,485
Social security costs	**5,799**	6,049
Pension costs	**25,312**	24,699
	112,967	111,233

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2020 No.	2019 No.
Administration	**2**	2

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

10. Committee Members' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Committee Members, who are considered to be the Key Management Personnel of the Charity, received any remuneration or other benefits (2019 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2020, no Committee Member expenses have been incurred (2019 - £NIL).

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Properties £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2020	**304,950**	**33,838**	**13,505**	**352,293**
At 31 December 2020	**304,950**	**33,838**	**13,505**	**352,293**
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2020	**82,190**	**33,838**	**1,167**	**117,195**
Charge for the year	**6,099**	**-**	**2,701**	**8,800**
At 31 December 2020	**88,289**	**33,838**	**3,868**	**125,995**
Net book value				
At 31 December 2020	**216,661**	**-**	**9,637**	**226,298**
At 31 December 2019	222,760	-	12,338	235,098

All fixed assets are held for use by the Charity.

The Association has an interest in two properties (one freehold and one leasehold flat) where ownership has been transferred to the Association by beneficiaries of the Charity.

12. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Valuation	
At 1 January 2020	**7,251,194**
Additions at cost	**2,628,036**
Disposals at carrying value	**(2,147,331)**
Revaluations	**275,014**
At 31 December 2020	**8,006,913**

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13. Programme related investments - Concessionary loans

	2020 £	2019 £
Loans to beneficiaries	**3,854,095**	3,913,589

	2020 £	2019 £
Loans at 1 January	**3,913,589**	3,799,767
Loans granted in the year	**132,673**	309,837
Loans repaid in the year	**(192,167)**	(189,377)
Loan impairment charges	**-**	(6,638)
Loans at 31 December	**3,854,095**	3,913,589

The above balances include an element of loans repayable in more than one year, this is agreed on an annual basis and is therefore not quantifiable at this time.

Where possible, loans are secured on the beneficiary's property. Interest is charged on secured loans at a rate of 1% plus base rate. No interest is charged on unsecured loans.

14. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	**3,588**	3,404
Prepayments and accrued income	**74,804**	53,484
Dividends and interest receivable	**53,818**	64,554
	132,210	121,442

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

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	**733**	1,106
Other creditors	**708**	280
Accruals	**16,854**	13,440
	18,295	14,826

16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Designated funds						
Funds designated for loans	3,913,589	-	-	(59,494)	-	3,854,095
COVID fund	-	1,242,568	(846,810)	50,000	-	445,758
	3,913,589	1,242,568	(846,810)	(9,494)	-	4,299,853
General funds						
General funds	8,176,793	600,872	(444,160)	9,494	275,014	8,618,013
Total Unrestricted funds	12,090,382	1,843,440	(1,290,970)	-	275,014	12,917,866

General funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Committee Board.

Designated funds are set aside by the Committee Members out of the unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes.

The fund designated for concessionary loans was set up to recognise the funds committed to loans to beneficiaries.

The transfer between the funds represents the net movement during the year between loans granted in the year less amounts repaid and impaired during the year on the loans to beneficiaries.

The COVID fund relates to funds set aside by the Committee Members in connection with appeals made for members of the Bar and their dependants who have contracted the coronavirus and are unable to support themselves and their families as well as those members, particularly but not exclusively, who do publicly funded work, who find themselves in difficulty.

16. **Statement of funds (continued)**

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2019 £
Designated funds						
Funds designated for loans	3,799,767	-	-	113,822	-	3,913,589
General funds						
General funds	7,299,184	569,537	(427,845)	(113,822)	849,739	8,176,793
Total Unrestricted funds	11,098,951	569,537	(427,845)	-	849,739	12,090,382

17. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

		2020 £	2019 £
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)		**827,484**	991,431
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges	11	**8,800**	7,116
Net gains on investments	12	**(275,014)**	(849,739)
Income from investments	4	**(290,367)**	(271,764)
Decrease/(increase) in programme related investments	13	**59,494**	(113,822)
Increase in debtors	14	**(10,768)**	(73,731)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	15	**3,469**	(11,887)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		**323,098**	(322,396)

18. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash in hand	**716,645**	583,885
Total cash and cash equivalents	**716,645**	583,885

19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**583,885**	**132,760**	**716,645**

20. Pension commitments

The Charity is committed to paying pensions to former staff, totaling £1,775 (2019 - £1,775) per month, for which no provision has been made in the financial statements.

The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £25,312 (2019 - £24,699). There were no contributions payable to the fund at the Balance Sheet date (2019 - £NIL).

21. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2020 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Not later than 1 year	**36,208**	-
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**54,312**	-
	90,520	-

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities:

	2020 £	2019 £
Operating lease rentals	**18,788**	-

22. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year other than Committee Members making unrestricted donations of £13,410 (2019 - £7,135) to the Charity.

If a Committee Member knows an applicant, then they are not involved in the decision making process in regards to agreeing loans or grant applications.