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Registered Social Landlord No. A2948
Charity No. 1127772 (England and Wales)

THE SKINNERS' ALMSHOUSE CHARITY
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Miss M C Stallebrass	(Chairman)
Dr C Anderson	
Mr B Beor-Roberts	(appointed 2.11.23)
Ms Anna Brunner	
Cmdr James Cohen	
Mrs K J Coleman	
Mrs L Lodge	
Mr A Millard	
Mr B Peat	
Mr E D L Price	
Dr C M Roe	
Mr H A C Tidbury	

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Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland PLC 1 Hardman Boulevard Manchester M33 AQ
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INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

Skinners' almshouses have been in existence since the mid-sixteenth century, having been founded by the Skinners' Company, one of the Great Twelve Livery Companies. First located in Great St Helen's in the City of London, they have developed in size and scope, thanks to the generosity of Skinners' Company benefactors as well as the prudent husbandry of successive generations of Trustees. The almshouses have re-located twice in their history, from the City to Mile End and thence to Palmers Green in North London. The Palmers Green site has been completely rebuilt three times, most recently in 2007, and is now named Skinners Court, while Percy Bilton Court, a sheltered housing scheme, was added in Hounslow in West London in the early 1980's and substantially modernised in 2018.

CONSTITUTION

The Skinners' Almshouse Charity ("the Charity") which was incorporated as a company by Companies House in January 2009 (company number 6801953) is a registered charity (Charity number 1127772) and is governed by a scheme of the Charity Commission dated 12 October 2009. The Skinners' Company is sole member of the incorporated Charity.

The endowment of the housing operation is held by two subsidiary charities – the Skinners' Almshouse Foundation (Charity number 210774-1) and the Percy Bilton Fund (Charity number 210774-8). These are both unincorporated charities whose sole trustee is the Skinners' Almshouse Charity and are accounted for here under a uniting direction from the Charity Commission. The principal activity of the Skinners' Almshouse Foundation is to retain the Skinners' Almshouse Charity's assets in trust for the benefit of current and future residents. The Percy Bilton Fund is applied exclusively for the benefit of maintaining Percy Bilton Court and for the benefit of its residents.

The Charity is a Registered Social Landlord (no A2948) with The Regulator of Social Housing. The Charity's address and registered office is Skinners' Hall, 8 Dowgate Hill, London, EC4R 2SP.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity's object is the relief of poverty by the provision of almshouse accommodation to persons in need. It may appoint residents in the following order of preference:

- a) Freemen and Freewomen of the Skinners' Company and their widows and widowers;
- b) Dependents or former dependents of the said Freemen and Freewomen;
- c) Any other such person in need.

Currently all residents are members of the third category above and none are members of The Skinners' Company. Enfield and Hounslow local authorities have nomination rights to fill 75% and 50% of the flats respectively with the balance being identified by the Charity through various older person support agencies.

The Charity's housing comprises two schemes. Percy Bilton Court provides 38 one-bedroom sheltered housing flats in Hounslow, West London. Skinners Court is an Extra Care scheme in Palmers Green, North London and offers 38 one-bedroom and 12 two-bedroom flats and an array of communal facilities for frailer older people. The Charity provides a full housing management service with care and support services being available through external providers. It aims to support older people to be as independent as possible through the provision of accessible accommodation.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is governed by its Board of Directors. The Skinners' Company, as sole member of the Charity, may elect or remove Directors.

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Key management personnel and remuneration

The Skinners' Company Clerk leads on the strategic and operational activities of the Charity under the guidance of its Board of Directors. The Directors give their time freely and received no remuneration in the year. Those working on behalf of the Charity are all employees of the Skinners' Company (the sole member) whose employment costs are charged to the Charity under a paymaster arrangement. The Charity does not have any direct employees.

Recruitment and training of Directors

Directors are appointed by the Skinners' Company and shall hold office as specified by the Company on appointment. Directors hold office for a term of four years but are eligible for re-appointment following the expiration of one term. As part of the selection process, due consideration is given to the individual's personal and professional knowledge and the experience they bring to the Board. New Directors are inducted into the workings of the Charity via an organised programme.

Organisational management

The Directors, as Trustees of the Charity, are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the Charity. They meet a minimum of four times per year to determine and monitor the Charity's performance and strategic direction. Sub-Committees of the Board of Directors include Property and Finance. The Finance Sub-Committee reviews the Charity's framework for financial accountability and its tasks include detailed scrutiny of charges to residents before they are presented to the Board, as well as ensuring the Charity complies with relevant financial regulations and good practice. This includes an annual meeting with the auditor prior to considering statutory accounts. Daniel Watney LLP, Chartered Surveyors provide planned maintenance and surveying services for both schemes. Oversight and monitoring of the maintenance works is delegated to the Property Sub-Committee which reports to the Board of Directors. The Charity has an Almshouse Charity Director who is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Charity and its two Almshouses. The Director and additional support services, such as administration, secretarial, finance, HR and IT, are supplied by the Skinners' Company. The Board has delegated the management of the Charity's investment portfolio to the Investment Committee of the Skinners' Company. The Investment Committee, which currently includes the Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee, reports on performance and provides advice and recommendations to the Finance Sub-Committee and the Board, as appropriate.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity incurred a small operating loss but reported an overall gain after investment movements (realised and unrealised). The Charity is proud to have continued to meet the costs of full time Estate managers at each of the schemes and Almshouse support staff based at Skinners' Hall. This is despite the trend across the sector of reducing staff presence on site. Income from licence fees increased slightly in the year and voids were at normal operating levels for the type of schemes.

New trustees undergo a thorough induction programme. All trustees have the opportunity to attend training seminars throughout the year and can access information and advice via the Charity's membership of the Almshouse Association. Newsletters from each scheme are circulated to trustees on a quarterly basis and resident feedback and consultation is used to inform trustee decision making. Social events during the year which facilitate engagement between Skinners and residents have been developed. 100% of residents who completed a resident Perception Survey in May 2024 said that they were satisfied with the quality of their home.

The Charity has contracted Daniel Watney LLP to develop plans for refurbishment and essential maintenance works at both of its almshouses.

Based on resident feedback relating to poor air quality in communal corridors at Skinners Court, the charity has installed a new ventilation/air purification system. It has upgraded existing emergency lighting at the scheme with a more cost-effective eco-friendly lighting system. The schemes' communal bathroom along with the care provider's office and rest room area have also been refurbished and significantly upgraded.

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Financial review

The Directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024. These have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts. In preparing these accounts the Directors have complied with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland, (FRS 102) and the second edition of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities.

The funds under the Directors' control consist of:

Unrestricted funds: The funds available to the Directors for the general purposes of the Charity.

Designated funds:

- The Almshouse Development Fund. A sum is set aside annually, if surplus permits, in order to fund future redevelopment of the properties.
- Repairs Reserves. This is the net accumulation of reserves designated for future repairs and replacements at each of the properties and is detailed in note 21.

Restricted funds: The Percy Bilton Fund. Accumulation of net income relating to this Scheme.

Endowment funds: The permanent endowment of the Charity.

The Statement of Financial Activities demonstrates that the objectives have been met and is summarised below.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Available income for the year		
Income from lettings	1,170,491	1,107,972
Grants and donations	-	763
Investment income	278,253	244,348
	<u>1,448,744</u>	<u>1,353,083</u>
Housing costs	(1,435,773)	(1,015,835)
Support costs	(203,500)	(179,771)
	<u>(1,639,273)</u>	<u>(1,195,606)</u>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year before transfers and gains	<u>(190,529)</u>	<u>157,477</u>

The Directors confirm that the assets of the various funds are available and adequate to fulfil the relevant obligations.

Value for money

The Regulator of Social Housing requires all registered providers to calculate value for money (VfM) metrics. The results are as follows:

Reinvestment: Investment in housing supply as a percentage of total housing property held: nil % (2023 nil%).

New Housing Supply: New housing delivered as a percentage of housing stock held: nil% (2023 nil%).

Gearing: Proportion of borrowing in relation to housing assets: 6.6% (2023 6.6%).

EBITDA: Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation: interest cover 9 times (2023 4 times).

Headline Social Housing cost: £16,132 per unit (2023 £11,676 per unit).

Operating Margin Social Housing Lettings: demonstrates the surplus compared to turnover: -22 % (2023 8.3%).

Operating Margin Overall: Operating surplus compared to overall turnover: -18% (2023 nil%).

Return on Capital Employed: Operating surplus compared to current net assets: -32% (2023 nil%).

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Future plans

The charity will continue to meet its aims and objectives by supporting elderly people in poor health and with limited resources to access high quality housing in a community setting. We aim to work with our residents to ensure that they have access to services and activities that will contribute towards enhancing their quality of life and reducing their social isolation. The Directors/Trustees will continue regularly to monitor and review the risks facing the charity and ensure that appropriate plans and policies are in place. A detailed planned maintenance programme for both schemes started in Autumn 2023 and continues into the new financial year. Major building works planned for the coming year include the installation of replacement balconies and internal redecoration at Skinners Court and the replacement windows at Percy Bilton Court.

RESERVES POLICY

The Directors monitor and review the reserves policy annually. The Charity's sheltered and extra care housing operates in a highly regulated environment that controls, in particular, the charges which may be levied in respect of residents. These charges represent the entire housing income. The most substantial costs to be met from this income are the upkeep of buildings and payment of staff costs via the paymaster arrangement.

The Charity maintains a repairs reserve to which annual transfers are made for maintenance, cyclical and extraordinary repairs of the housing properties, as recommended by the Almshouse Association. These reserves will be expended over the terms of the maintenance and repairs schedules.

The Charity also maintains a redevelopment reserve, which is the Charity's contribution to the redevelopment of housing properties in the future and is not regarded as distributable reserves. The current reserves policy is that £35,000 be transferred from revenue reserves to this fund each year subject to affordability.

The Percy Bilton Fund supports only the sheltered housing at Percy Bilton Court, Hounslow. The financial position of Percy Bilton Court is stable and can be supported by revenue reserves if necessary.

The Directors are currently reviewing the reserves policy in the light of the introduction of the Charities Act 2022 and the retention of a firm of Chartered Surveyors, Daniel Watney LLP, to advise the Board on the upkeep of the buildings. The undesignated reserves of £1,260,736 (2023:£1,112,588) are used to support the operating activities of the Charity.

FUNDRAISING

The Trustees take their responsibilities under the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 seriously and have considered the implications on their fundraising activities. The charity undertakes specific fundraising activity to support the development of its work but is mainly focused on receiving such donations from grant giving trusts and Skinners as opposed to the general public. During the year to 30 June 2024, the charity received no complaints in relation to fundraising.

INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

On 14 January 2014 the Board passed a resolution under s104(B) of the Charities Act 2011 to adopt a total return policy for the permanently endowed portion of the managed portfolio, having calculated the unapplied total return on those assets at that date of £142,766. All returns (both capital and income) on these investments subsequent to the resolution are credited to the Endowment Fund. The Board, in consultation with the Skinners' Company Investment Committee, has decided to transfer 2.5% of the asset value to unrestricted funds for application, and this is reviewed annually.

The managed portfolio is divided between Cazenove Capital, Sarasin and CCLA. The Charity's investment objective is to maintain the real value of the endowment and to achieve a total return of RPI + 3.5% p.a. over the medium to long term. The performance in the year of the managed portfolio, together with the property unit trust portfolio, was closely monitored by the Skinners' Company Investment Committee, which reports regularly to the Board. The portfolio is invested for the long term and the Investment Committee does not place undue weight on a single year's performance. The overall long term performance remains satisfactory in a period of uncertain financial, economic and political outlook for global markets.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

The Directors have sought to identify the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and have established systems to ensure that these risks are reviewed and are minimised as far as possible. The Board closely monitors its risks under health and safety legislation. As a Registered Housing Provider trustees ensure that the Charity complies with new regulatory standards as set out in the Social Housing Regulation Act, which come into effect from 1 April 2024.

Following strong representations made by the Almshouse Association on behalf of its members, the Minister of State for Work & Pensions announced that almshouse charities that are registered providers will be exempt from the proposal to reduce Target Rent by 1% per annum over four years, and has deferred the transfer to LHA rates. The Board will continue to monitor housing policy developments very closely and, in particular, the impact of any income restrictions that may be placed on almshouses in the future.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Directors have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to all guidance published by the Charity Commission.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities' SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained within 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 Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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.

Insofar as the Directors are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware and the Directors 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.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board on 14 November 2024 and signed on behalf of the Directors by

 Mary Stallebrass

THE SKINNERS' ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Skinners' Almshouse Charity for the year ended 30 June 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including 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 charitable company's state of affairs as at 30 June 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 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's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' 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 Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Directors 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.

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.

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We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' 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 Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and to take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Directors' Report.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 6, the Directors (who are also Trustees 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 Directors 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 Directors 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 Directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act.

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.

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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 specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the Directors, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the charitable company by discussions with Directors and updating our understanding of the sector in which the charitable company operates.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the charitable company include The Companies Act 2006, guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and the Accounts Direction for Social Housing (so far as it applies to this entity).

Further, the charitable company is subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements; through a significant fine, litigation or restrictions on the charitable company's operations. We identified the most significant of such laws and regulations to be those issued by The Regulator of Social Housing.

Audit response to risks identified:

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the charitable company's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the charitable company's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

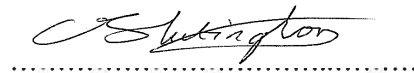
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an 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 the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


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Cara Turlington (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Saffery LLP

Statutory Auditors

71 Queen Victoria Street
London
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Date 17 December 2024

Saffery LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

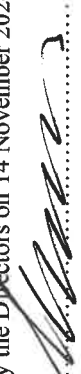
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating the income and expenditure account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

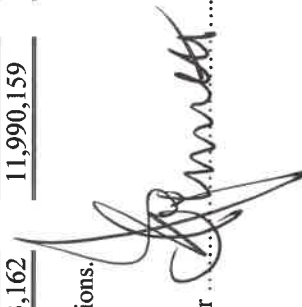
	Notes	£ Unrestricted	£ Percy Bilton Fund	£ Repairs Fund	£ Almshouse Development	£ Endowment Fund	£ Total 2024	£ Total 2023
Income from:								
Charitable activities – licence fees	2	719,404	451,087	-	-	-	1,170,491	1,107,972
Grants and donations		-	-	-	-	-	-	763
Investments	5	115,399	28,065	-	-	134,789	278,253	244,348
Total income		<u>834,803</u>	<u>479,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,789</u>	<u>1,448,744</u>	<u>1,353,083</u>
Expenditure on:								
Charitable activities – housing costs	7	(1,014,707)	(421,066)	-	-	-	(1,435,773)	(1,015,835)
Charitable activities – other support and governance	7	(147,390)	(56,110)	-	-	-	(203,500)	(179,771)
Generating funds - fundraising		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		<u>(1,162,097)</u>	<u>(477,176)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,639,273)</u>	<u>(1,195,606)</u>
Net gains on investments	14	-	-	-	-	(1,359)	(1,359)	-
Movement in fair value of investments	11+12	-	91,665	-	-	367,484	459,149	(207,100)
Net income		<u>(327,294)</u>	<u>93,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500,914</u>	<u>267,261</u>	<u>(49,623)</u>
Transfers between funds - total return for application	20	154,000	-	-	-	(154,000)	-	-
- allocation to repairs fund	21	356,442	28,579	(385,021)	-	-	-	-
- Almshouse development fund		(35,000)	-	-	35,000	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>148,148</u>	<u>122,220</u>	<u>(385,021)</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>346,914</u>	<u>267,261</u>	<u>(49,623)</u>
Funds brought forward		<u>1,112,588</u>	<u>658,029</u>	<u>1,061,033</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>8,716,248</u>	<u>11,722,898</u>	<u>11,772,521</u>
Funds carried forward		<u>1,260,736</u>	<u>780,249</u>	<u>676,012</u>	<u>210,000</u>	<u>9,063,162</u>	<u>11,990,159</u>	<u>11,722,898</u>

The Charity's turnover and expenses all relate to continuing operations.

Approved by the Directors on 14 November 2024.

Director. 

Director 

Clerk to the Member 

THE SKINNERS' ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

		30 June 2024		30 June 2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Freehold housing properties, at cost less depreciation	9	3,182,581		3,289,608	
Equipment	10	-		-	
Freehold investment properties at valuation	11	347,000		347,000	
Investments at valuation	12	8,073,407		7,574,450	
			11,602,988		11,211,058
Current assets					
Debtors	15	92,036		104,261	
Cash		702,314		785,004	
			794,350		889,265
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(201,793)		(165,266)	
Net current assets			592,557		723,999
Total assets less current liabilities			12,195,545		11,935,057
Creditors					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(205,386)		(212,159)
Total net assets			11,990,159		11,722,898
The funds of the charity	19				
General Endowment Capital			9,063,162		8,716,248
Percy Bilton Fund			780,249		658,029
Designated reserve - Almshouse Development			210,000		175,000
Designated reserve - Repairs	21		676,012		1,061,033
Revenue reserve			1,260,736		1,112,588
Total charity funds			11,990,159		11,722,898

Approved by the Directors on 14 November 2024


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Ms M Stallebrass
Director


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Mr H A C Tidbury
Director

The notes on pages 13 to 29 form part of these financial statements.
Company number 6801953

THE SKINNERS' ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	25	(313,262)	27,382
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		278,253	244,348
Proceeds from the sale of property		-	-
Purchase of property plant and equipment		-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments		76,629	-
Purchase of investments		(117,796)	(95,990)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		237,086	148,358
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowing		(6,514)	(6,282)
New borrowing		-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(6,514)	(6,282)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(82,690)	169,458
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		785,004	615,546
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		702,314	785,004

THE SKINNERS' ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting basis

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and investments (detailed below), and in accordance with the memorandum and articles of association.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out below, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the second edition of the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The accruals basis is followed throughout.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

After reviewing the Charity's forecasts and projections, the Directors have 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 accounts.

1.3 Investments

Securities held as investments are stated at market value at the year end. Investment property, in which the Charity has a freehold interest, is stated in the accounts at market value. The valuation of the commercial property was undertaken by Gerald Eve, Chartered Surveyors, in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Standards published by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Profit and loss on disposals is calculated as the difference between the sales proceeds and the market value at the beginning of the year (purchase date if later).

1.4 Income

Donations and legacies are accounted for as and when entitlement arises, the amount can be reliably quantified and the economic benefit to the charity is considered probable.

Property rentals and interest on short term deposits are recognised when they arise. Dividends and interest on investments are recognised when they become due and payable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable.

1.6 Housing land and buildings and depreciation

Percy Bilton Court, Hounslow, is included in the accounts at net book value transferred from Hunt and Almshouse Charity plus additions at cost. The land was originally donated by the Percy Bilton Charity and its market value at the date of acquisition is treated as cost.

Skinners Court is shown in the accounts at net book value at date of transfer from the Hunt and Almshouse Charity.

Housing properties are depreciated on a straight line basis over the estimated useful economic life. The minibus is fully depreciated.

THE SKINNERS' ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1.7 Capitalisation of building costs

Building repairs shown in note 7 are not of a capital nature. Costs incurred to maintain the fabric of the building are written off each year. Costs of a capital improvement nature will be capitalised on the balance sheet.

1.8 Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities comprise direct costs attributable to each activity which include provision of housing and directly attributable overhead and support costs, including governance costs, as shown in Note 7.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits at call with banks and bank overdrafts.

1.10 Financial instruments

The Charitable Fund only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The charity has selected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

1.11 Unrestricted funds: The funds available to the Directors for the general purposes of the Charity.

1.12 Restricted fund: The Percy Bilton Fund. Accumulation of net income relating to the Scheme at Hounslow.

1.13 Designated funds:

- The Almshouse Development Fund. A sum is set aside annually if surplus permits in order to fund future redevelopment of the properties.
- Repairs Reserves. This is the net accumulation of reserves designated for future repairs and replacements at each of the properties and are detailed in note 21.

1.14 Endowment funds: The permanent endowment of the Charity.

2. Income from lettings	2024	2023
	£	£
Licence fees	743,751	676,112
Service charges and utilities	473,733	464,085
Losses from void licence fees	(46,993)	(32,225)
	<u>1,170,491</u>	<u>1,107,972</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

3. Staff costs

The average headcount of persons employed by the Charity during the year was nil (2022: nil). Those working on behalf of the Charity are employed by The Skinners' Company and the costs are recharged to the Charity at cost under a paymaster arrangement. The Charity bore a share of overall employment costs in this manner of £258,050 (2023:£244,695) shown under staff costs and £143,603 (2023:£126,962) shown under management costs & fees. The Company contributes towards pension arrangements for employees by way of a group personal pension plan, managed by Standard Life. The employer contributes 15% of gross annual salary and the employee 3%. Directors receive no remuneration, nor does the Member. Within the paymaster costs recharged to the Charity, there was one employee whose emoluments for the year fell into the band £60,000 to £69,999 (2023 – one).

4. Auditors' remuneration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Audit	13,282	11,600

5. Investment income

Income from investment properties		
Rental income	200	200
Management and legal costs	-	-
Net income	200	200
Property unit trust income	83,090	69,366
Investment income	137,023	132,366
Deposit interest	29,875	15,305
	250,188	217,237
Percy Bilton Fund Investment income	28,065	27,111
	278,253	244,348

6. Interest payable

Interest of £21,664 (2023:£21,896) was payable in respect of the loan from Fresh plc, formerly Orchardbrook Limited, (see note 18).

7. Charitable activities

	Other charitable support and governance		Housing Activities	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Resident Welfare and support	18,441	25,834	5,197	6,304
Head office staff costs	110,965	96,389	-	-
Scheme direct staff costs	-	-	147,085	148,306
Scheme management staff costs and fees	-	-	143,603	126,962
Building repairs	-	-	767,283	359,087
Garden and equipment	-	-	21,100	23,698
Utilities	-	-	141,875	141,001
Cleaning	-	-	45,320	44,455
Administration (incl. professional fees)	55,664	42,268	9,944	10,826
Insurance	5,148	3,680	20,660	23,740
Depreciation	-	-	107,027	107,027
Audit	13,282	11,600	-	-
Void costs – council tax	-	-	1,442	1,682
Bad Debts	-	-	3,573	851
Interest	-	-	21,664	21,896
Total charitable costs	203,500	179,771	1,435,773	1,015,835

THE SKINNERS' ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

8. Allocation of surplus for year

	Percy Bilton Fund £	Almshouse Development Fund £	Repairs Reserves £	Endowment Fund £	Revenue Reserves £	Total £
2024						
Housing activities: Surplus/(deficit)	30,021	-	-	-	(295,303)	(265,282)
Non-housing activities:						
Resident welfare	(9,845)	-	-	-	(8,596)	(18,441)
Other operating costs*	(46,265)	-	-	-	(138,794)	(185,059)
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from property units	-	-	-	-	83,090	83,090
Investment income net of costs	28,065	-	-	134,789	32,309	195,163
Donations received	-	-	-	-	-	-
Realised (loss) on investments	-	-	-	(1,359)	-	(1,359)
Unrealised gain on investments	91,665	-	-	367,484	-	459,149
Unrealised gain on inv. property	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Repairs Reserve:						
Renewals reserve	210	-	(4,595)	-	4,385	-
Cyclical repairs	-	-	(128,035)	-	128,035	-
Extraordinary repairs	28,369	-	(252,391)	-	224,022	-
Transfer to development fund	-	35,000	-	-	(35,000)	-
	<u>122,220</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>(385,021)</u>	<u>500,914</u>	<u>(5,852)</u>	<u>267,261</u>
2023						
Housing activities: Surplus	(652)	-	-	-	92,789	92,137
Non-housing activities:						
Resident welfare	(13,992)	-	-	-	(11,842)	(25,834)
Other operating costs*	(38,484)	-	-	-	(115,453)	(153,937)
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from property units	-	-	-	-	69,366	69,366
Investment income net of costs	27,111	-	-	128,497	19,374	174,982
Donations received	-	-	-	-	763	763
Realised gain on investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrealised gain on investments	22,079	-	-	(229,179)	-	(207,100)
Unrealised gain on inv. property	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Repairs Reserve:						
Renewals reserve	4,146	-	(13,306)	-	9,160	-
Cyclical repairs	9,341	-	7,295	-	(16,636)	-
Extraordinary repairs	17,604	-	(13,763)	-	(3,841)	-
Transfer to development fund	-	35,000	-	-	(35,000)	-
	<u>27,153</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>(19,774)</u>	<u>(100,682)</u>	<u>8,680</u>	<u>(49,623)</u>

* 25% of operating costs are associated with Percy Bilton Court

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

9. Freehold housing properties

Sheltered and Extra Care Housing

	Skinnners Court Palmers Green	Percy Bilton Court Hounslow	Total
	£	£	£
Cost brought forward 1 July 2023	2,655,108	1,653,302	4,308,410
Additions	-	-	-
Gross cost at 30 June 2024	2,655,108	1,653,302	4,308,410
Analysis of cost			
Buildings	2,655,108	1,503,302	4,158,410
Freehold land	-	150,000	150,000
	2,655,108	1,653,302	4,308,410
Depreciation			
Accumulated depreciation at 1 July 2022	681,355	337,447	1,018,802
Charge for year	49,553	57,474	107,027
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2024	730,908	394,921	1,125,829
Net book value at 30 June 2024	1,924,200	1,258,381	3,182,581
Net book value at 30 June 2023	1,973,753	1,315,855	3,289,608
The number of units of accommodation in management at 30 June 2024 was:			
- accommodation let at market rent	50	38	88

The freehold value of Percy Bilton Court is considered to be in excess of the book cost disclosed above. The value of the freehold land at Skinnners Court is not included on the balance sheet.

10. Equipment

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost at 30 June 2023	29,805	29,805
Cost at 30 June 2024	29,805	29,805
Accumulated Depreciation at 30 June 2023	29,805	29,805
Depreciation – charge for year	-	-
Accumulated Depreciation at 30 June 2024	29,805	29,805
Net Book Value 30 June 2023	-	-
Net Book Value 30 June 2024	-	-

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

11. Freehold investment properties

	2024 £	2023 £
Valuation 1 July 2023	347,000	347,000
Increase in value	-	-
Valuation 30 June 2024	<u>347,000</u>	<u>347,000</u>

This investment relates to the freehold interest in two blocks of flats in Pellipar Close, Palmers Green. The freehold interest was valued at 30 June 2021 by Gerald Eve and was reassessed by the Directors as at 30 June 2024 with no change. There were no leases extended during the year (2023 none).

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

12. Investments held as fixed assets

	Market value 30 June 2024 £	Cost 30 June 2024 £	Market value 30 June 2023 £	Cost 30 June 2023 £
General Funds				
Cazenove Portfolio	2,145,130	2,186,332	1,960,980	2,137,869
CCLA	1,541,843	1,194,201	1,386,474	1,194,201
Sarasin & Partners	1,830,207	1,683,126	1,624,415	1,633,819
Property Unit Trusts	1,426,202	1,131,374	1,506,259	1,131,374
Charifund	-	-	77,988	58,989
	6,943,382	6,195,033	6,556,116	6,156,252
Percy Bilton Fund				
Cazenove Portfolio	439,364	447,803	401,646	437,877
CCLA	315,799	244,595	283,976	244,595
Sarasin & Partners	374,862	344,737	332,712	334,638
	1,130,025	1,037,135	1,018,334	1,017,110
	8,073,407	7,232,168	7,574,450	7,173,362

Charifund is a fund designed for charities and invests primarily in listed securities.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

12. Investments held as fixed assets (continued)

	Total 30.6.24 £	Cazenove/ CCLA/Sarasin Portfolio 30.6.24 £	Property unit trusts 30.6.24 £	Charifund 30.6.24 £	Total 30.6.23 £	CCLA/Sarasin portfolio 30.6.23 £	Property unit trusts 30.6.23 £	Charifund 30.6.23 £
Surplus on revaluation								
Market value at 1 July 2023	7,574,450	5,990,203	1,506,259	77,988	7,685,560	5,764,336	1,838,797	82,427
Purchases	117,796	117,796	-	-	95,990	95,990	-	-
Disposal proceeds	(76,629)	-	-	(76,629)	-	-	-	-
Realised (loss) on disposal	(1,359)	-	-	(1,359)	-	-	-	-
Unrealised gain/(loss) in year	459,149	539,206	(80,057)	-	(207,100)	129,877	(332,538)	(4,439)
Market value at 30 June 2024	8,073,407	6,647,205	1,426,202	-	7,574,450	5,990,203	1,506,259	77,988
Unrealised gains								
at 1 July 2023	401,088	7,203	374,886	18,999	608,188	(122,674)	707,424	23,438
Unrealised gain/(loss) in year	459,149	539,206	(80,057)	-	(207,100)	129,877	(332,538)	(4,439)
Less realised transferred to Income and expenditure	(18,999)	-	-	(18,999)	-	-	-	-
Movement in year	440,150	539,206	(80,057)	(18,999)	(207,100)	129,877	(332,538)	(4,439)
Unrealised gain								
at 30 June 2024	841,238	546,409	294,829	-	401,088	7,203	374,886	18,999
*General fund (83%)								
Percy Bilton Fund (17%)								
		447,541				107,799		
		91,665				22,079		
		539,206				129,878		

- The funds were rebalanced at 1 July 2018 to 83%/17% split to reflect investment withdrawals made to fund improvements in the building at Percy Bilton Court.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

13. Material Investments

As at 30 June 2024 the Charity held three material investments. These were:

- Sarasin Climate Active Endowments Fund £2,205,069 (2023: £1,957,126)
- Cazenove Charity response fund £2,584,494 (2023: £2,350,455)
- CCLA accumulation units £1,857,642 (2023: £1,670,450)

The Directors consider material for these purposes to be investments valued over £807,000, being in excess of 10% of the value of the portfolio.

14. Realised gain on investments

	General fund £	Percy Bilton fund £	2024 Total £
Historic cost loss realised in year	1,359	-	1,359
Adjustment for gain recognised in previous years	18,999	-	18,999
Loss recognised in year	20,358	-	20,358
			2023
	£	£	£
Historic cost gain realised in year	-	-	-
Adjustment for gain recognised in previous years	-	-	-
Gain recognised in prior year	-	-	-

15. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Arrears of residents' rent	45,464	33,450
Accrued investment income and interest	16,241	18,338
Trade debtors and prepayments	30,331	52,473
	92,036	104,261

16. Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors,	117,351	87,420
Accruals	77,669	71,332
Loans (note 18)	6,773	6,514
	201,793	165,266

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

17. Creditors

Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Loans (note 18)	205,386	212,159

18. Loans

	(1*) £	(2*) £	Total £
Brought forward 1 July 2022	201,855	23,100	224,955
New loan drawn	-	-	-
Loan repaid during period	(2,082)	(4,200)	(6,282)
Total creditors 30 June 2023	199,773	18,900	218,673
New loan drawn	-	-	-
Loan repaid during period	(2,314)	(4,200)	(6,514)
Total creditors 30 June 2024	197,459	14,700	212,159
Due within 1 year	(2,573)	(4,200)	(6,773)
Due after 1 year	(194,886)	(10,500)	(205,386)

(1*) This loan, originally from the Housing Corporation, was assigned by the Corporation to Fresh plc (formerly Orchardbrook Ltd) on 26 March 1997. The terms are unchanged. The loan is repayable by instalments over 60 years from July 1985 and is secured by a charge on freehold housing property at Hounslow. The amount repayable in the period to 30 June 2025 will be £2,573. The loan carried interest during the period at 10.875% per annum.

(2*) This loan is from the Almshouse Association to help fund major refurbishment at Percy Bilton Court. It is interest free and repayable over 10 years.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

19. Reconciliation of movements in funds

	Notes	Endowment capital £	Almshouse Development Fund £	Percy Bilton Fund £	Repairs Reserve £	Revenue Reserves £	Total £
Balance 1 July 2023		8,716,248	175,000	658,029	1,061,033	1,112,588	2023 11,722,898
Surplus for the year	8	500,914	35,000	122,220	(385,021)	(5,852)	267,261
Transfer from total return for application		(154,000)	-	-	-	154,000	-
Balance at 30 June 2024		9,063,162	210,000	780,249	676,012	1,260,736	11,990,159
Represented by:-	11/12						
Investment property and fixed asset investments		7,290,382	-	1,130,025	-	-	8,420,407
Other net assets/liabilities		(1,064,915)	210,000	(489,276)	676,012	1,260,736	592,557
Housing properties		3,032,581	-	150,000	-	-	3,182,581
Long term loan		(194,886)	-	(10,500)	-	-	(205,386)
		9,063,162	210,000	780,249	676,012	1,260,736	11,990,159
Revaluation Reserves							
Included within the funds above are revaluation reserves with the following values:							
Quoted securities		748,349	-	92,890	-	-	841,239

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Reconciliation of movements in funds 2023

	Notes	Endowment capital £	Almshouse Development Fund £	Percy Bilton Fund £	Repairs Reserve £	Revenue Reserves £	Total £ 2022
Balance 1 July 2022		8,970,430	140,000	630,876	1,080,807	950,408	11,772,521
Surplus for the year	8	(100,682)	35,000	27,153	(19,774)	8,680	(49,623)
Transfer from total return for application		(153,500)	-	-	-	153,500	-
Balance at 30 June 2023		8,716,248	175,000	658,029	1,061,033	1,112,588	11,722,898
Represented by:-	11/12						
Investment property and fixed asset investments		6,903,116	-	1,018,334	-	-	7,921,450
Other net assets/liabilities		(1,129,017)	175,000	(495,605)	1,061,033	1,112,588	723,999
Housing properties		3,139,608	-	150,000	-	-	3,289,608
Long term loan		(197,459)	-	(14,700)	-	-	(212,159)
		8,716,248	175,000	658,029	1,061,033	1,112,588	11,722,898
Revaluation Reserves							
Included within the funds above are revaluation reserves with the following values:							
Quoted securities		399,864	-	1,224	-	-	401,088

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

20. Total Return	Endowment	Unapplied Total Return	Total 2024	Endowment	Unapplied Total Return	Total 2023
	£	£	£			
Permanent endowment at start of reporting period	8,012,294	703,954	8,716,248	8,349,272	621,158	8,970,430
Movements in the reporting period						
Add: Investment returns dividends and interest	-	135,429	135,429	-	128,866	128,866
Investment returns gains	(1,359)	-	(1,359)	-	-	-
Investment returns unrealised gain/(losses)	(80,057)	447,541	367,484	(336,978)	107,799	(229,179)
Investment management cost	-	(640)	(640)	-	(369)	(369)
Total	(81,416)	582,330	500,914	(336,978)	236,296	(100,682)
Less: Unapplied total return applied	-	(154,000)	(154,000)	-	(153,500)	(153,500)
Net movement in reporting period	(81,416)	428,330	346,914	(336,978)	82,796	(254,182)
At end of reporting period	7,930,878	1,132,284	9,063,162	8,012,294	703,954	8,716,248

The Percy Bilton Fund is expendable endowment and therefore not subject to the total return policy.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

21. Repairs reserve

An annual allocation is made to Repairs Reserve, in order to set funds aside for future extraordinary and cyclical repairs at Skinners Court and Percy Bilton Court. This procedure is recommended by the Almshouse Association. The following were the movements on Repairs Reserve in the period to 30 June 2024.

	Skinners Court		Percy Bilton Court		Total		
	Renewals £	Extraordinary £	Cyclical £	Renewals £	Extraordinary £	Cyclical £	Total £
Balance 1 July 2022	249,834	220,181	111,399	128,840	235,070	135,483	1,080,807
Allocation in period	-	28,224	35,182	-	21,888	27,284	112,578
Expended in period	(9,160)	(24,383)	(18,546)	(4,146)	(39,492)	(36,625)	(132,352)
Balance at 30 June 2023	240,674	224,022	128,035	124,694	217,466	126,142	1,061,033
Allocation in period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expended in period	(4,385)	(224,022)	(128,035)	(210)	(28,369)	-	(385,021)
Balance at 30 June 2024	236,289	-	-	124,484	189,097	126,142	676,012

The Extraordinary and Cyclical repair costs for Skinners Court were higher than the funds available, therefore no allocations were made to these funds during the year. The funds for Percy Bilton Court will be spent in their entirety in 2024-25.

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22. Comparative year statement of financial activities

	£ Unrestricted	£ Percy Bilton Fund	£ Repairs Fund	£ Almshouse Development	£ Endowment Fund	£ Total 2023	£ Total 2022
Income from:							
Charitable activities – licence fees	657,343	450,629	-	-	-	1,107,972	1,007,394
Grants and donations	763	-	-	-	-	763	11,139
Investments	88,740	27,111	-	-	128,497	244,348	161,399
Total income	746,846	477,740	-	-	128,497	1,353,083	1,179,932
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities - housing costs	564,554	451,281	-	-	-	1,015,835	831,143
Charitable activities – other support and governance	127,295	52,476	-	-	-	179,771	181,193
Generating funds - fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	691,849	503,757	-	-	-	1,195,606	1,012,336
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	543,288
Movement in fair value of investments	-	22,079	-	-	(229,179)	(207,100)	(618,617)
Net income	54,997	(3,938)	-	-	(100,682)	(49,623)	92,267
Transfers between funds -	153,500	-	-	-	(153,500)	-	-
- total return for application	(11,317)	31,091	(19,774)	-	-	-	-
- allocation to repairs fund	(35,000)	-	-	35,000	-	-	-
- Almshouse development fund	162,180	27,153	(19,774)	35,000	(254,182)	(49,623)	92,267
Net movement in funds	950,408	630,876	1,080,807	140,000	8,970,430	11,772,521	11,680,254
Funds brought forward	1,112,588	658,029	1,061,033	175,000	8,716,248	11,722,898	11,772,521
Funds carried forward							

The Charity's turnover and expenses all relate to continuing operations.

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23. Related party transactions

During the course of the period £38,361 (2023:£38,413) excluding VAT was paid to Pellipar Services Company Limited, a company wholly owned by the sole member, in respect of recharges for rent and other costs. All such recharges were made on an arm's length basis.

24. Taxation

The Skinners' Almshouse Charity is a registered charity and its income is not liable to direct taxation as it is applied to wholly charitable purposes.

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per SOFA)	267,261	(49,623)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	107,027	107,027
(Gains)/losses on investments	(457,790)	207,100
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(278,253)	(244,348)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	12,225	(7,809)
Increase in creditors	36,268	15,035
Net cash (used)/provided by operating activities	<u>(313,262)</u>	<u>27,382</u>

26. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 July 2023	Cash flow	Non-cash movements	At 30 June 2024
Cash	785,004	(82,690)	-	702,314
Loans falling due within 1 year	(6,514)	6,514	(6,773)	(6,773)
Loans falling due after more than 1 year	(212,159)	-	6,773	(205,386)
Total	566,331	(76,176)	-	490,155

