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Company registration number 07198198 (England and Wales)

SOCIETY OF THE SACRED CROSS
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Charitable Purposes for which the Society Exists

The objects of the Society are the advancement by contemplation, intercessory prayer and practical work of the following charitable purposes:

The advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the doctrines and principles of the Church in Wales by:

- a. The provision and maintenance of a Retreat/Guest house
- b. The promotion and maintenance of public worship
- c. The promotion of religious and spiritual teaching

The main activities undertaken in relation to the above are noted throughout the report.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The main activities undertaken in relation to public benefit are noted throughout the report.

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Achievements and performance

Land and Buildings

The Society moved to Tymawr in 1923 when Miss Chilver gave the property to the Trustees of the Number 1 Trust (of which the Trustee was then the Fidelity Trust Limited). The Number 1 Trust became a charitable trust in 1977. The Society became a charitable trust in June 1995 and the Land and Buildings were gifted to the Society in 1998. It was Miss Chilver's wish in 1923 that the property should be used "for the occupation and use of the members for the time being of the Society of the Sacred Cross who are now permissively in occupation of the property".

The Society continues to occupy and use Tymawr in accordance with Miss Chilver's expressed wish.

Buildings

There is a rolling programme of maintenance and improvements. This year saw the start of a significant project on sustainability with the goal of coming off fossil fuels by 2030 thereby reducing the carbon footprint of the Society in accordance with the policy of the Church in Wales. At the same time planning permission has also been obtained to improve the accessibility of the Convent, Chapel and Michaelgarth in the near future.

Sustainability Project this year

In August 2023, the chapel oil fired heating system was replaced with clay core electric radiators. Later the night storage heaters in the Old Print House were upgraded to electric radiators. In January 2024 the Lodge cavity wall and roof were insulated. By the end of February 2024, the Society had installed an air source heat pump for the generation of heat and hot water and solar panels for energy generation at the Lodge. In March 2024, cavity wall insulation was installed in the South Wing of the convent building.

Survey and research work undertaken includes accessibility report prepared for the whole site; laser survey of all the buildings; energy loss reports prepared for Michaelgarth and the Convent; research work for energy generation; heating systems for Michaelgarth and the convent; design proposals for accessibility at Michaelgarth and the Convent.

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Sustainability Project going forward

Survey and research work as detailed above has continued. Since the start of the new financial year further work has been undertaken to prepare Michaelgarth for the installation of an air source heat pump and heating system in August 2024. Ground mounted solar panels to supply electricity to the Convent and Michaelgarth will be installed in the summer 2024.

In order to provide extra funding for the sustainability projects, the Society has put the Old Barns on the market to be sold.

Land

The changes in the patterns of land management in recent years have continued this year, namely an increase in the area set aside for wildflower meadows and a change to the rhythm of mowing across the whole estate. This project is also supported by Gwent Wildlife Trust who lease the majority of the land. They have reduced the density of grazing and are encouraging wider wild areas near the hedgerows.

Activities of the Society

2023 was the Centenary of the arrival of the community of the Sisters in Wales at Tymawr Convent. This occasion gave the community the opportunity to reach out and share the gifts of its life through the organisation of public events

- a Thanksgiving Eucharist for 100 years of the community's presence in the diocese of Monmouth held at St Woolos Cathedral.
- 6 Quiet Days celebrating 'Women at Prayer' with nationally known speakers – open to public (approx. 240 people) held at Tymawr.
- a Pilgrimage to St Melangell's Shrine led by Rt. Revd. Rowan Williams.
- a Harvest Eucharist and lunch with Gwent Wildlife Trust Volunteers.
- the grafting of the fruit trees in St Teilo Orchard, an orchard especially planted to celebrate the arrival of the Sisters at Tymawr.

Also, as part of the continued renewal of the community a new website was launched this year.

Throughout the year Sisters undertook formation and training including:

- a monthly formation day with the Warden
- weekend session with Revd. Rachel Mann on gender and transitioning
- participation in the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Days of Prayer
- a retreat with Very Revd. Sarah Rowland Jones, Dean of St David's Cathedral
- individual retreats undertaken by Sisters
- participation in the bi-annual Conference for Inter-denominational Religious in Sweden
- participation in the First Professed Conference in Alnmouth
- participation in the Novice Guardian and Leaders' of religious Communities Conferences

Other activities have included the Associates Day given by Associate Kath Jones; the Oblates Retreat given by Revd. Simon Taylor; the Oblates Day given by Rt Revd. Martin Shaw; the annual visit to Whitland Abbey and the Cistercians Sisters and participation in the annual Ecumenical Vespers held at Tintern Abbey.

The Sisters continued their work of Intercessory prayer and listening. Communication with individuals requesting prayer was sustained throughout the year by letter, telephone and email.

The Society continues to welcome any individual or group who wishes to join the Community's life of prayer. The facilities are in great demand for retreat and educational groups as well as individual visits. Tymawr is the only Anglican Contemplative Community in the Diocese of Monmouth and the Province of the Church in Wales offering a place for retreat and renewal.

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Various local groups e.g Gwent Wildlife Trust volunteers, and friends and Associates help with seasonal work on the land on a voluntary basis.

Monthly newsletters are produced and distributed among the community and to the Oblates, Associates and Companions. In addition, a quarterly newsletter dedicated to the stewardship of the land has been printed and distributed.

For many years, individuals have lived alongside the community. During their stay, usually between 3 months and 1 year, they receive experience of community life, training in prayer and support for their future careers.

The house and land provided employment for 5 people.

Pension

The Society has fully complied with all regulations regarding auto-enrolment. There are currently 5 employees enrolled in the Society's pension fund opened for this purpose.

Risk Management

Risk Management is on the agenda for all meetings of Trustees.

All relevant policies are reviewed, and remedial action and training implemented as required.

All necessary steps have been taken during this last year to ensure the safety of employees and volunteers.

Fundraising

In the absence of an appeal for a specific purpose, monies from legacies and donations come from people who want to give to the Community because they know the Community needs money and that it will be used wisely.

Legacies of £57,322 were received during the year.

The Society has an annual commitment to the giving of alms, proposed after discussions within Chapter. The beneficiaries are normally charities and similar organisations close to the care and concern of the Society.

Financial review

Results

The charity made an unrestricted surplus of £35,040 before net gains on investments, an unrestricted surplus of £104,566 was made after such gains and transfers. The investment managers are under instructions to follow the ethical investment policy of the Church in Wales.

The Trustees and Members undertook work to ensure financial sustainability going forward and a plan was approved and adopted in July 2023. Trustees will continue to closely monitor financial performance (including investments) and updated forecasts of income and expenditure and adapt the plan accordingly.

Reserves

The Society has designated reserves which reflect the value of the premises from which the Society operates. The unrestricted reserves are in two parts: The first is made up of the investments and bank deposits which produce income to part-fund the activities of the Society. The remaining unrestricted funds are to cover operating costs and the Society aims to maintain this at a minimum of six months expenditure.

At 31 March 2024 the charity had reserves totalling £3,697,341 consisting of unrestricted reserves totalling £3,690,406 and restricted reserves totalling £6,935. The free reserves of the charity (excluding fixed assets and designated funds) totalled £1,811,455.

After a rigorous selection process Brewin Dolphin were appointed by Trustees as the new Investment Managers for the Society's portfolio in February 2023. The handover was finalised in December 2023.

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Plans for Future Periods

The world urgently needs prayer and this will continue to be the major part of the life of the Community.

More people are expressing interest in sharing in the life of the community, including young people, and we look forward to and pray for a continuation in the growth of vocations.

Risks and Opportunities for the Future

Work will continue on projects started this year to achieve financial and ecological sustainability and lessen the carbon footprint of the Society. The funds for the continuing programme of capital expenditure will come from reserves, sale of the barns, donations and grants.

Sisters are continually looking for new ways to improve the use of land, the majority of which Gwent Wildlife Trust continues to maintain. An existing sump is to be restored and utilised for the retention of rainwater for use in the kitchen garden, thus reducing dependence on mains water and improving the quality of food production.

Sisters are grateful to so many people who support the Society in prayer and in practical ways, enabling the Society to continue the life of prayer at Tymawr Convent.

The major concern for the prayers of the Society for its future is a decline in vocations experienced by traditional monastic communities. Whilst believing that the future is in God's hands, the Sisters know the work of the Society and its relationships with the Church in Wales and the Anglican Communion worldwide, as well as with guests and visitors, continues to be of inestimable value in the world.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Society incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 22nd March 2010 to ensure the long-term future of the organisation. The Society's governing documents are now its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The activities of the Society are prescribed by its Constitution which was adopted on 8th December 1932 and subsequently amended on 12th February 1979, 25th February 1995, 17th August 2013, 8th and 15th January 2020. The Society was granted charitable status on 29th June, 1995.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Decision making is in the hands of the Chapter, which comprises the Reverend Mother and the Professed Sisters, all of whom live at Tymawr Convent, Lydart, Monmouth, NP25 4RN. All voting members of the Chapter are eligible to be Trustees of the Charity.

The status and the responsibilities of a trustee can only be assumed after election by the Chapter and when the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience required of a professed sister have been made, in accordance with the Articles of the Society; and after prescribed periods as postulant and novice.

Other individuals interested in furthering the objects of the Society may be appointed by the Reverend Mother and confirmed by the Chapter.

The names of the Trustees during the year ended 31st March 2024 are given below.

Sr Katharine Ann Hall (Correspondent and Reverend Mother)
Mr Peter Lea FCA
Sr Rosalind Mary Hawken
Sr Elizabeth Allen-Williams
Mrs Vivienne Morgan

The Correspondent and Reverend Mother also chairs meetings of the trustees.

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Members

The Members are the Chapter, which comprises the Reverend Mother and the Professed Sisters, all of whom live at Tymawr Convent, Lydart, Monmouth, NP25 4RN. The names of the members from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 are given below:

Katharine Ann Hall
Gillian Mary Fraser (died 12 April 2023)
Rosalind Mary Hawken
Elizabeth Allen-Williams
Janet Ann Ogleby
Joanna Ruth Hollins

The Society gives thanks for the faithful stability of the late Sister Gillian Mary over 50 years of professed life, and for her 21 years of service as Reverend Mother.

Visitor, Warden and Chaplain

The Visitor to the Society is the Right Reverend EWM 'Dominic' Walker. The Warden to the Society is the Right Reverend Rowan Williams. The Reverend Dr Jean Prosser MBE is Chaplain to the Society. The duties of the Visitor, Warden and Chaplain are laid down in the Constitutions.

Oblates and Associates

There are 32 Oblates all having a personal rule of life and prayer. There are 3 priest Companion Brothers who support each other with a common rule, 1 Companion Sister and 3 Companions with a common rule who meet together at the Convent four times a year. Associates number 98 all with a common rule of life and prayer.

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Reference and administrative details

Charity name:	Society of the Sacred Cross
Charity number:	1135334
Company number:	07198198
Secretary	Kirstie Jane Pope
Trustees:	Elizabeth Allen-Williams Katharine Ann Hall Rosalind Mary Hawken Peter Evans Lea Vivienne Morgan - resigned 04/10/24
Registered office:	Ty-Mawr Convent Lydart Monmouth Gwent NP25 4RN
Independent examiner:	Katherine Parkin FCA Azets Audit Services Ty Derw Lime Tree Court Cardiff Gate Business Park Cardiff CF23 8AB
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Investment management:	Brewin Dolphin Third Floor 2 Central Square Cardiff CF10 1FS
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TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Katharine Hall

Katharine Hall - Reverend Mother and Trustee

Dated:12 December 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOCIETY OF THE SACRED CROSS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Society of the Sacred Cross (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

An independent examination has taken place instead of an audit (Regulation 31(f)) following dispensation granted by the Charity Commission on 14 November 2024.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Katherine Parkin FCA
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Dated: 17 December 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Notes							
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	3	164,413	3,728	168,141	72,564	-	72,564
Charitable activities	4	131,764	-	131,764	37,243	-	37,243
Investments	5	39,742	-	39,742	31,997	-	31,997
Other income	6	1,878	-	1,878	1,332	-	1,332
Total income		337,797	3,728	341,525	143,136	-	143,136
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Raising funds	7	9,203	-	9,203	14,259	-	14,259
Charitable activities	8	293,554	3,898	297,452	238,911	141	239,052
Total expenditure		302,757	3,898	306,655	253,170	141	253,311
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	69,526	-	69,526	(55,432)	-	(55,432)
Net movement in funds		104,566	(170)	104,396	(165,466)	(141)	(165,607)
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		3,585,840	7,105	3,592,945	3,751,306	7,246	3,758,552
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		3,690,406	6,935	3,697,341	3,585,840	7,105	3,592,945

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	1,878,951		1,842,870	
Investments	15	1,220,036		1,157,994	
		3,098,987		3,000,864	
Current assets					
Debtors	16	17,021		9,702	
Cash at bank and in hand		612,616		597,647	
		629,637		607,349	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(31,283)		(15,268)	
Net current assets		598,354		592,081	
Total assets less current liabilities		3,697,341		3,592,945	
Income funds					
Restricted funds	19	6,935		7,105	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	20	1,878,951		1,842,870	
General unrestricted funds		1,811,455		1,742,970	
		3,690,406		3,585,840	
		3,697,341		3,592,945	

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12 December 2024

..... Katharine Hall

Katharine Hall - Reverend Mother and Trustee

Company Registration No. 07198198

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Society of the Sacred Cross is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Tymawr Convent, Lydart, Monmouth, Gwent, NP25 4RN, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Community member contributions are recognised when received.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Costs of raising funds comprise expenditure incurred by the charity for investment management fees.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs relating to the furtherance of the charity's objectives as stated in the trustees report and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However, all staff costs relate directly to the routine running of the order. The overall direction and administration of the charity is done by members of the community and volunteers; other costs in this connection are external costs only. These cannot be satisfactorily attributed between those costs in connection with the day to day running of the order and other regulatory costs, and have all been left in management and administration.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings and improvements	Nil on land and buildings/ 10% SL on improvements
Plant and machinery	20%-12.5% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance method

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected 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.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds	
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
Donations and gifts	105,341	3,728	109,069	62,439
Legacies receivable	57,322	-	57,322	10,125
Grant income	1,750	-	1,750	-
	<u>164,413</u>	<u>3,728</u>	<u>168,141</u>	<u>72,564</u>
Donations and gifts				
Donations	64,387	3,728	68,115	32,420
Gift aid	40,247	-	40,247	29,207
GASD	707	-	707	812
	<u>105,341</u>	<u>3,728</u>	<u>109,069</u>	<u>62,439</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Community member contributions	<u>131,764</u>	<u>37,243</u>

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5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024 £	2023 £
Investment income	<u>39,742</u>	<u>31,997</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024 £	2023 £
Other income	<u>1,878</u>	<u>1,332</u>

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7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Investment management</u>	9,203	14,259
	<u>9,203</u>	<u>14,259</u>

8 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	85,292	48,458
Depreciation and impairment	52,933	44,814
Sundries and chapel expenses	23,135	6,752
Cleaning	1,190	1,819
Formation costs	8,290	3,395
Domestic food	16,905	18,879
Equipment and maintenance	8,706	29,244
Insurance	13,389	12,441
Light and heat	27,334	27,137
Rates	10,819	10,399
Repairs	9,661	9,251
Alms	3,223	4,200
Legal and professional	23,232	-
Gardens	1,604	5,342
	<u>285,713</u>	<u>222,131</u>
Share of support costs (see note 9)	5,678	9,051
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	6,061	7,870
	<u>297,452</u>	<u>239,052</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	293,554	238,911
Restricted funds	3,898	141
	<u>297,452</u>	<u>239,052</u>

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9 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £	2023 £	Basis of allocation
Travel costs	1,531	-	1,531	2,356	Direct
Postage, printing and stationery	3,222	-	3,222	3,011	Direct
Telephone costs	925	-	925	3,684	Direct
Legal and professional fees	-	6,061	6,061	7,870	Governance
	<u>5,678</u>	<u>6,061</u>	<u>11,739</u>	<u>16,921</u>	
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>5,678</u>	<u>6,061</u>	<u>11,739</u>	<u>16,921</u>	

Included in legal and professional fees above are payments to the independent examiners of £2,220 (2023: £1,650).

10 Trustees

As members of the Society, three trustees have their living expenses borne by the company. The amount cannot be quantified.

No trustees were reimbursed for expenses during the current or previous year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	82,868	47,125
Other pension costs	2,424	1,333
	<u>85,292</u>	<u>48,458</u>

Key management personnel

The trustees are deemed to be the key management personnel of the charity. They did not receive any remuneration during the current or prior year.

Employees earning > £60,000

There were no employees who received benefits in excess of £60,000 during the current or prior year.

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12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	55,758	(67,027)
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	13,768	11,595
	<u>69,526</u>	<u>(55,432)</u>

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings and improvements	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	1,919,668	178,932	6,100	2,104,700
Additions	85,453	3,563	-	89,016
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,005,121</u>	<u>182,495</u>	<u>6,100</u>	<u>2,193,716</u>
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2023	106,983	148,749	6,100	261,832
Depreciation charged in the year	37,921	15,012	-	52,933
At 31 March 2024	<u>144,904</u>	<u>163,761</u>	<u>6,100</u>	<u>314,765</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,860,217</u>	<u>18,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,878,951</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,812,687</u>	<u>30,183</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,842,870</u>

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14 Tangible fixed assets

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The Society owns Tymawr Convent, which includes the main Victorian house with outbuildings, the Lodge, Michaelgarth, 40 acres of pasture with stone barn, and 6 acres of woodland. The property was valued by the Trustees using advice from Newland Rennie Wilkins on the 27th May 2008 at £1,590,000 subject to the occupation by the society. This property was originally gifted to the Trustees of the Number 1 Trust (of which the Fidelity Trust Ltd was the trustee) when the Society moved there in 1923. It was at that time Miss Chilvers wish that the property should be used "for the occupation and use of the members for the time being of the Society of the Sacred Cross". The Number 1 Trust became a charitable trust in 1977. The property was conveyed to the Society trustees for nil consideration on 4th September 1998. Included in the cost are the legal costs of £4,052 at the time of conveyance together with the costs of subsequent improvements.

The trustees deem there to have been no material movement in the valuation undertaken to the 31st March 2024.

No depreciation has been provided on the costs which the trustees consider to be immaterial.

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15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash in portfolio	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2023	1,122,443	35,551	1,157,994
Additions	1,034,327	-	1,034,327
Valuation changes	55,758	-	55,758
Cash movement	-	(22,517)	(22,517)
Disposals	(1,005,526)	-	(1,005,526)
At 31 March 2024	1,207,002	13,034	1,220,036
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	1,207,002	13,034	1,220,036
At 31 March 2023	1,122,443	35,551	1,157,994

16 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	17,021	9,702

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	2,976	1,436
Trade creditors	229	4,354
Other creditors	15,501	529
Accruals and deferred income	12,577	8,949
	31,283	15,268

18 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. During the year contributions totalling £2,424 (2023: £1,333) were made. There was £848 outstanding at the year end (2023: £363).

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19 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2023	Movement in funds		
	£	£	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Members contributions	7,212	(141)	7,071	-	(380)	6,691
Donations	34	-	34	2,978	(2,958)	54
Bursary Fund	-	-	-	750	(560)	190
	<u>7,246</u>	<u>(141)</u>	<u>7,105</u>	<u>3,728</u>	<u>(3,898)</u>	<u>6,935</u>

Members contributions

Contributions given to fund formation costs.

Donations

Donations received to help fund the purchase of:

- Kitchen items
- Items towards the charity's garden project
- Memorial bench
- Quince trees
- Medical expenses
- Chapel expenses
- Other sundry costs.

Bursary Fund

Donations received in relation to the Appeals Fund.

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20 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Fixed asset fund	998,325	(44,814)	18,959	972,470	(52,933)	89,014	1,008,551
Fixed asset revaluation fund	870,400	-	-	870,400	-	-	870,400
	<u>1,868,725</u>	<u>(44,814)</u>	<u>18,959</u>	<u>1,842,870</u>	<u>(52,933)</u>	<u>89,014</u>	<u>1,878,951</u>

Fixed asset and revaluation fund

In order to fulfil its charitable objectives the Society needs a property and other assets. These properties, although they are unrestricted assets cannot be realised without undermining the Society's work, and the trustees feel that it is therefore appropriate to reflect the investment in fixed assets by means of a designated fund.

Movement

Transfers and expenditure relate to the fixed asset additions and depreciation charge for the year.

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21	Analysis of net assets between funds							
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	-	1,878,951	-	1,878,951	-	1,842,870	-	1,842,870
Investments	1,220,036	-	-	1,220,036	1,157,994	-	-	1,157,994
Current assets/(liabilities)	591,419	-	6,935	598,354	584,976	-	7,105	592,081
	<u>1,811,455</u>	<u>1,878,951</u>	<u>6,935</u>	<u>3,697,341</u>	<u>1,742,970</u>	<u>1,842,870</u>	<u>7,105</u>	<u>3,592,945</u>

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22 Related party transactions

During the year, donations & contributions without conditions from trustees and other related parties totalled £141,082 (2023: £27,972).