

THE MELKSHAM ALMSHOUSES CHARITIES

**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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THE MELKSHAM ALMSHOUSES CHARITIES

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

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 Charities Act 2011 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 1st January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are for the public benefit, namely:

(1) For the provision of Almshouses accommodation in the properties known as The Fowler Almshouses, Melksham, Wiltshire for the benefit of persons over 50 years of age who are in need or financial hardship and living in or near the districts of Melksham Town Council and Melksham Without Parish Council (the area of benefit).

(2) Such charitable purposes for the general benefit of the poor in the area of benefit; or which are beneficial to the inhabitants of the area of benefit as the Trustees decide.

The trustees have established the charity's grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit. The trustees invite applications for grants from individuals and institutions by advertising in the local press.

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

Achievements and performance

The Charity finalised its consolidation period post the successful refurbishment of the Almshouses in 2013 by paying off the final repayment of the major refurbishment loan to the Almshouses Association in June 2023. This has not impinged on its traditional role of an Almshouse Charity.

The general maintenance and safety inspections of the Almshouses and the communal garden were as usual given top priority. Therefore, the Trustees instructed that the first post refurbishment Quinquennial survey be undertaken by the leading specialist firm of Chartered Surveyors in Devizes. The report highlighted repair works to the roof, chimneys and rainwater goods, the replacement of all the front doors and windows, itemised internal repair works, and replacement smoke alarms throughout. All works were tendered for and carried out successfully by three reputable local contractors. The Almshouse Association again awarded a ten-year interest free loan of £40,000 to assist the project pursuant to a successful health check inspection of the Charities affairs.

The residents of the Almshouses were delighted with the works, and this has assisted with them living more responsibly, more efficiently and more independently. Sadly, though the Charity lost a well-respected resident this year, all five properties are now fully occupied.

Grants totalling £6,250 (2022: £6,156) were given during the year to various local voluntary groups whose activities have fully benefitted the wellbeing of the local community.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The Trustees through the usual quarterly meetings of Trustees have been kept fully informed by its secretary (who retired at the end of this financial year) of all matters relating to its finance, the day to day running of the properties and the wellbeing of its residents.

The Trustees are therefore pleased to confirm that it is fully succeeding in its charitable objects and is still financially secure.

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £32,536 (2022: £33,962). This is predominately made up of rental income, which was £25,465 (2022: £26,797) for the year. Charitable expenditure has increased to £63,284 (2022: £35,695), including £6,750 (2022: £6,156) paid out in grants to, various institutions. Gains on investments for the year amounted to £24,095 (2022: Losses £34,007).

Grants paid out to institutions over the past two years from the restricted New Hall Fund have exceeded the income, resulting in a negative balance at the 31st December 2023 of £3,696 (31st December 2022 £881). The trustees are confident that this will reverse within the next three years and have elected, within the terms of the funds, that all future grants will be made from unrestricted funds in order to preserve the restricted New Hall Fund.

The net movement in funds for the year amounted to a deficit of £6,653 (2022: deficit £35,740).

The charity's balance sheet as detailed on page 10 shows a satisfactory position with funds amounting to £494,367 (2022: £501,019).

Included in the charity's net assets are fixed asset investments totalling £257,234 (2022: £243,140). All investments held by the charity have been acquired in accordance with the powers available to the trustees.

The Trustees' consider that the Charity is financially secure and its financial reserves are more than adequate to continue running and fulfilling the Charities objectives.

The Charity received a 10 year interest free loan of £42,000 from the Almshouses Association in 2023, which is being repaid on a six monthly cycle. The total amount outstanding as at 31 December 2023 amounted to £42,000. The Trustees have considered the terms and conditions of the loan and do not believe the repayments will have a significant impact on the resources available for general application.

Reserves policy

The Trustees continue to be of the view, as recommended by the Charity Commission, that the Charity should maintain an appropriate level of free reserves (i.e. unrestricted funds not tied up in the charitable fixed assets). The Trustees have decided that the free reserves held should continue to equate to at least six months' recurring overhead expenditure in order to ensure the continuity of operations in case of unforeseen events.

At 31 December 2023, the level of free reserves was £103,587 (2022: £113,482), which is comfortably in excess of approximately 24 months of recurring expenditure.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees are comfortable that the current level of free reserves are appropriate to the charity's circumstances at present. Holding a higher level of reserves ensures that the charity can continue to maintain the Almshouses properties and pay out grants to successful applicants, both of which assist in achieving the charity's objects. The trustees continue to review each year the level of free reserves.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for the future

Looking forward; our five properties are now at a high standard, we need to ensure the accounts remain healthy to be available to repay the loan. Funds allowing, there are some areas of improvements to be considered including any future demands of the Energy Performance Certificates; the electric heating and back doors to be renewed. The grant applications have been streamlined to twice a year to ensure funds are in place. The Trustees continue to meet four times a year.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is registered with and regulated by the Charity Commission as a foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under Charity no. 1154575, registered on 13 November 2013, governed by its Constitution dated 13 November 2013 as amended by special resolution 02 October 2018.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

P Aves - Chair
Rev C Thomson
P J Doel
S Rabey
R Shea-Simonds
C Andrewes
B Sanders
J Crook

As set out in the Constitution there must be a minimum of three and a maximum of nine charity trustees.

Ex Officio Trustee - The Vicar for the time being of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Melksham St. Michaels shall automatically be a charity trustee.

Nominated Trustees - Each of the following bodies may appoint charity trustees as follows:
The Town Council of Melksham - two charity trustees
Melksham Without Parish Council - two charity trustees

The CIO's day to day activities are managed by its Secretary Zoe Pace.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees administer two charitable objectives for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Melksham under the terms of its constitution.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in 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 in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

P Aves 
Trustee

Dated: 25th September 2024

B Sanders 
Trustee

Dated: 25th September 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MELKSHAM ALMSHOUSES CHARITIES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Melksham Almshouses Charities (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

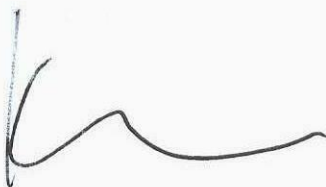
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Dated: 25th September 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Endowment Funds 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	4	25,465	-	-	25,465	26,797
Investments	5	3,136	3,935	-	7,071	7,165
Total income		28,601	3,935	-	32,536	33,962
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities	6	56,534	6,750	-	63,284	35,695
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	11,603	-	12,492	24,095	(34,007)
Net movement in funds		(16,330)	(2,815)	12,492	(6,653)	(35,740)
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		376,990	(881)	124,909	501,018	536,759
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		360,660	(3,696)	137,401	494,365	501,019

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
<u>Fixed assets</u>					
Tangible assets	12		257,074		263,505
Investments	13		257,234		243,140
			514,308		506,645
<u>Current assets</u>					
Debtors	14	4,000		766	
Cash at bank and in hand		20,548		2,370	
			24,548	3,136	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(6,691)		(8,762)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			17,857		(5,626)
Total assets less current liabilities			532,165		501,019
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(37,800)		-
Net assets			494,365		501,019
<u>Capital funds</u>					
Endowment funds - general	19		137,402		124,910
<u>Income funds</u>					
Restricted funds	20		(3,696)		(881)
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	21	26,093		17,154	
General unrestricted funds	21	334,566		359,836	
			360,659		376,990
			494,365		501,019

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 25th September 2024.

P Aves 
Trustee

B Sanders 
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Melksham Almshouses Charities is a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its Constitution on 13 November 2013 as amended by special resolution on 02 October 2018. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 13 November 2013.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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 financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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 the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The Melksham Almshouses Charities constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

At the year end, the balance sheet shows the charity has net current assets. The Trustees have reviewed likely future developments and remain of the opinion that there is no reason to believe that the charity will have to cease operating as a result of inadequate financial resources, or any other foreseeable event, within a period of at least 12 months from the date of the approval of these accounts.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

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.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

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.

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.

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expenses categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure. All grants made during the period were paid out of the New Hall Fund which is a restricted fund to be applied for public purposes beneficial to the inhabitants of the area of Melksham and Melksham without.

Support staff costs are allocated between the Almshouse Fund and the New Hall Fund so as to reflect the proportion of the Treasurer's time spent administering the Almshouses and the grants made to local organisations respectively.

Depreciation of the Almshouses is allocated to the Almshouse Fund.

Property costs and other overheads are incurred in the management and administration of the Almshouses and are therefore allocated exclusively to the Almshouse Fund.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

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:

Refurbishment of Almshouses 2% straight line

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 net income/(expenditure) for the year.

The original value of the Almshouses, at the date they were received, is not available. The cost represents the major refurbishment which occurred during 2013.

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.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

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.

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 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.

Borrowings consist wholly of a public benefit concessionary loan. Public benefit concessionary loans are loans received between a public benefit entity and another party at below the prevailing market rate of interest and that are not repayable on demand and are for the purposes of furthering the objectives of the public benefit entity. The accounting treatment for concessionary loans is to initially measure these arrangements at the amount received or paid and recognise them in the statement of financial position. Subsequent years, the carrying amount of the concessionary loans in the financial statements shall be adjusted to reflect any accrued interest payable or receivable. The loan was made on an interest-free basis.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.11 Employee benefits

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 Leases

Rental received under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

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.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

Estimated useful lives of tangible fixed assets

In determining the estimated useful life the charity considers the expected physical wear and tear of the asset that could lead to obsolescence of the asset. Each year the charity reviews the above to establish if there is any change in the expected useful life of tangible assets.

3 Donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	-	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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4 Charitable Activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Almshouses rent receivable	25,465	26,797

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Investment income – Almshouses Fund	3,136	-	3,136	3,262
Investment income – New Hall Fund	-	3,935	3,935	3,903
	<u>3,136</u>	<u>3,935</u>	<u>7,071</u>	<u>7,165</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2022	<u>3,262</u>	<u>3,903</u>		<u>7,165</u>

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6 Charitable activities

	Almshouses Fund £	New Hall Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	11,000	1,000	12,000	10,500
Depreciation and impairment	6,431	-	6,431	6,431
Insurance	898	-	898	903
Telephone	87	-	87	131
Repairs and renewals	28,079	-	28,079	6,037
Subscriptions	347	-	347	233
Postage and stationery	469	-	469	407
Advertising	216	-	216	167
Water rates	1,016	-	1,016	910
Travelling expenses	1,152	-	1,152	817
Sundry expenses	62	-	62	23
Legal and professional fees	3,540	-	3,540	640
Loan administration charge	333	-	333	400
	<u>53,630</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>54,630</u>	<u>27,599</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	-	6,750	6,750	6,156
Share of support costs (see note 8)	902	902	1,804	1,790
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	50	50	100	150
	<u>54,582</u>	<u>8,702</u>	<u>63,284</u>	<u>35,695</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	54,582	1,952	56,534	29,539
Restricted funds	-	6,750	6,750	6,156
	<u>54,582</u>	<u>8,702</u>	<u>63,284</u>	<u>35,695</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2022				
Unrestricted funds	27,569	1,970		29,539
Restricted funds	-	6,156		6,156
	<u>27,569</u>	<u>8,126</u>		<u>35,695</u>

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7 Grants payable

	2023 £	2022 £
Grants to institutions:		
Melksham Community Larder	-	500
Celebrate Melksham	-	350
Spencer Melksham Bowls Club	-	500
Melksham Music and Dance Club	500	-
Melksham Adventure Centre	1,000	-
Melksham Foodbank	500	1,800
Melksham Free Dining	500	-
Phab	250	-
Melksham Sixty Plus Club	500	500
Melksham Community Money Advice	1,500	1,306
Bowerhill Scout Group	-	500
Read Easy North and West Wiltshire	-	200
Melksham Rainbow Day Centre	1,000	-
4 Youth	1,000	-
Carer Support Wiltshire	-	500
	<u>6,750</u>	<u>6,156</u>

8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £	2022 £
Accountancy	1,804	-	1,804	1,790
Independent Examiner fees	-	100	100	150
Meeting expenses	-	-	-	-
Analysed between charitable activities	<u>1,804</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>1,904</u>	<u>1,940</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £100 (2022: £150) for independent examination fees. Also paid to the independent examiner was £1,804 (2022: £1,790) in respect of accountancy services and bookkeeping.

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
	1	1

Employment costs

Wages and salaries

	2023	2022
	£	£
	12,000	10,500

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Endowment funds 2023	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Revaluation of investments	1,603	12,492	14,095	(34,007)
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	-	-	-	-
	1,603	12,492	14,095	(34,007)
For the year ended 31 December 2022	(16,273)	(17,734)		(34,007)

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12 Tangible fixed assets

Refurbishment of Almshouses £

Cost

At 1 January 2023	321,552
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At 31 December 2023	321,552
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Depreciation and impairment

At 1 January 2023	58,047
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Depreciation charged in the year	6,431
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At 31 December 2023	64,478
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Carrying amount

At 31 December 2023	257,074
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At December 2022	263,505
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13 Fixed asset investments

Listed investments £

Cost or valuation

At 1 January 2023	243,140
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Valuation changes	14,094
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At 31 December 2023	257,234
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Carrying amount

At 31 December 2023	257,234
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At 31 December 2022	243,140
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Fixed asset investments comprise of: CIOF Charities Ethical Investment Fund £257,234 (2022: £243,140).

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14 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	-	433
Other debtors	2,000	-
Prepayments and accrued income	2,000	333
	<u>4,000</u>	<u>766</u>

15 Loans and overdrafts

	2023 £	2022 £
Other Loans	4,200	3,400
	<u>4,200</u>	<u>3,400</u>
Payable within one year	4,200	3,400
Payable after one year	37,800	-
	<u>42,000</u>	<u>3,400</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Borrowings		4,200	3,400
Deferred income	18	412	412
Trade creditors		335	182
Accruals and deferred income		1,744	4,768
		<u>6,691</u>	<u>8,762</u>

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Borrowings	37,800	-
	<u>37,800</u>	<u>-</u>

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18 Deferred income

	2023 £	2022 £
Other deferred income	412	412
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19 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as restricted income.

Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Revaluations gains and transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Permanent endowments New Hall Fund	124,910	-	-	12,492	137,402
	<u>124,910</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,492</u>	<u>137,402</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Prior year	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Revaluations gains and transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Permanent endowments New Hall Fund	142,644	-	-	(17,734)	124,910
	<u>142,644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,734)</u>	<u>124,910</u>
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The New Hall Fund investment is a permanent endowment. The capital cannot be spent. The income is restricted and can be used for public purposes beneficial to the inhabitants of the area of Melksham and Melksham Without.

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20 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 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
New Hall Fund	(881)	3,935	(6,750)	(3,696)
Prior year	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
New Hall Fund	1,372	3,903	(6,156)	(881)

New Hall Fund - Income from endowment investments. This income shall be applied for public purposes to benefit the inhabitants of the area of Melksham and Melksham Without.

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21 Unrestricted 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 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Revaluations gains and transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Designated New Hall Fund	17,154	-	(1,952)	10,891	26,093
General funds	359,836	28,601	(54,582)	712	334,567
Total unrestricted funds	376,990	28,601	(56,534)	11,603	360,660
Prior year	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Revaluations gains and transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Designated New Hall Fund	28,236	-	(1,970)	(9,112)	17,154
General funds	364,506	30,059	(27,569)	(7,160)	359,836
Total unrestricted funds	392,742	30,059	(29,539)	(16,272)	376,990

New Hall Fund - Investment held which is designated for public purposes to benefit the inhabitants of the area of Melksham and Melksham Without.

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22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	257,074	-	-	257,074
Investments	123,528	(3,696)	137,402	257,234
Current assets/(liabilities)	17,857	-	-	17,857
Long term liabilities	(37,800)	-	-	(37,800)
	<u>360,659</u>	<u>(3,696)</u>	<u>137,402</u>	<u>494,365</u>

Prior year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	263,505	-	-	263,505
Investments	119,110	(881)	124,910	243,139
Current assets/(liabilities)	(5,628)	-	-	(5,628)
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<u>376,987</u>	<u>(881)</u>	<u>124,910</u>	<u>501,016</u>

23 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).