

**Leeds Benevolent Society for Single Ladies CIO
Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 December 2020**



Charity registration number: 1155794

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Charity Reference and Administrative Details

Year Ended 31 December 2020

Charity registration number	1155794
Trustees	Mr T D Coates Dr O J Corrado Miss R Cox Miss F N Ellis Mrs A Everett Mrs S-A Johnson Miss G Morton Mrs J E Richardson Mr D H Simpson Mrs K P Sleath Mrs E A Stephens Mrs J C Wainman Mr N A Wainman Miss J S Wenham Mr P G Wooler Mrs M G M Wooler
Correspondence Address	Mrs A Everett 12 Eastgate Bramhope Leeds LS16 9AB
Auditor	Wheawill & Sudworth Limited Chartered Accountants 35 Westgate Huddersfield HD1 1PA
Solicitor	Weightmans LLP Westgate Point Westgate Leeds LS1 2AX
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc 8 Park Row Leeds LS1 1QS
Investment managers	Investec Wealth & Investment Limited 4 TH Floor 3 Wellington Place Leeds LS1 4AP

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts 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 in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

Trustees of the charity

The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr T D Coates	Finance and Investment Committee	
Dr O J Corrado	Finance and Investment Committee	
Miss R Cox	Ladies Committee	
Miss F N Ellis	Ladies Committee	Ass. Hon. Secretary
Mrs A Everett	Ladies Committee & Finance and Investment Committee	Chairman
Mrs S-A Johnson	Ladies Committee & Finance and Investment Committee	Hon. Treasurer
Miss G Morton	Ladies Committee & Applicants Committee	
Mrs J E Richardson	Ladies Committee & Applicants Committee	Vice Chairman
Mr D H Simpson	Finance and Investment Committee	
Mrs K P Sleath	Ladies Committee	
Mrs E A Stephens	Ladies Committee	Vice President
Mrs J C Wainman	Ladies Committee	Vice President & Ass. Hon. Treasurer Chair of F&I Committee
Mr N A Wainman	Finance and Investment Committee	
Miss J S Wenham	Ladies Committee & Applicants Committee	
Mr P G Wooler	Finance and Investment Committee	
Mrs M G M Wooler	Ladies Committee	Hon. Secretary

President

The Lord Mayor of
Leeds

Vice Presidents

Miss J Butler
Mrs E A Stephens
Mrs J C Wainman

Establishment and History

This Charity was founded in the reign of Queen Victoria and during the premiership of Lord Palmerston and has now been established for 160 years. The industrial revolution meant that cities had become crowded and unhealthy, and there was widespread poverty. It was against this background that a remarkable single lady in Leeds, Eliza Wilkinson, realised that spinsters needed to be supported both financially and emotionally in their old age.

From a modest initial £100 investment, and a continual steady stream of donations and legacies, it has been possible to assist many hundreds of local pensioners for over one hundred and sixty years. The type of support given has changed over the years. A residential home in Headingley was bought and run for many years until its closure in 2000.

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Times have changed again, and recently we are finding it difficult to identify single ladies who are really in financial need. Their main problem is that of loneliness, and so our focus has been on supporting other local charities whose aim is to provide events and activities for single ladies.

Our charity's funding of a major research project in association with Leeds University School of Health into incontinence in the elderly ended last year but it's findings should continue to benefit many people in the future. The current year has seen continued committed funding provided to Caring Together in Woodhouse and Little London, Seacroft Friends and Neighbours and Holbeck Together. These are three well deserving organisations, who all deliver vital support to the elderly community at large.

As pointed out in the Annual Report from the Ladies Committee, it soon became apparent when all the ramifications of the pandemic and first lockdown hit home that many charities would face severe challenges as a result of both income reductions and greater need for their services. It was decided that additional support of emergency critical funding would be made in the form of two further critical funding payments of £10,000 each would be made to our three supported charities referred to above plus two additional charities, namely Bramley Elderly Action and The Neighbourhood Elders Team Garforth. This critical funding therefore amounted to an additional £100,000 of funding in total which had not been committed but which has greatly benefited each and every one of these charities in undertaking their vital work.

We are proud that our charity has maintained its support of the needy, and stayed in touch with the aims of our founder.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the CIO are set out in the constitution and these are:

- To provide financial and general help to single ladies.
- The funding of social activities to alleviate loneliness and isolation as is often suffered by elderly single ladies.
- The funding and financial support of female geriatric health research and/or
- The funding and support for the protection, promotion and maintenance of the health and safety of single ladies and /or the relief of sickness and disability affecting elderly single ladies.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have considered the general guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in carrying out its objectives and activities and in delivering public benefit to the many single ladies provided with financial and general help and are satisfied that the objectives fall under the provisions of the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity's activities deliver benefits to the group of single ladies we set out to help and all benefit. Access to the available help is open to all single ladies who meet the eligibility conditions contained in the rules of the CIO.

Achievements and performance

The charity has assisted a number of single ladies throughout the year by supplementing their state retirement pensions and paying their television licences, and telephone rentals. During the year grants totalling £30,047 were provided to single ladies in the Leeds district, providing these ladies with much needed financial and general help. Support was also given to Caring Together in Woodhouse and Little London, who received £50,000, whilst Seacroft Friends and Neighbours and Holbeck Together each received £35,000. Bramley Elderly Action and Neighbourhood Elders Team Garforth were both in receipt of £20,000. Total grants to institutions were therefore £160,000.

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Seacroft Friends & Neighbours – Seacroft Friends & Neighbours are a charitable organisation based in two properties in Seacroft, Leeds

They aim to provide a range of services and activities for older people in the community which helps maintain their independence by providing practical help, advice and support.

The scheme is run by local older people who help decide the activities and services to offer. The project is looking to improve the quality of life for the elder population.

Caring Together in Woodhouse & Little London – Caring Together is a Neighbourhood Network scheme operating in an inner city area of Leeds with many of the attendant social problems associated with deprivation. The charity provides support, advice and activities for approximately 300 older people living in the area, with an age range currently of 55 to 99 years and around 70% female. It operates on a membership basis with full participation of local people from involvement on the Management Committee through to decision making in how the various social and therapeutic groups operate.

The organisation was set up in 1995 to combat the loneliness and isolation experienced by many of their older citizens who were becoming increasingly withdrawn as previously existing social opportunities in the area were disappearing or the links that they previously had through work or family no longer existed or were greatly reduced.

Aside from group work and other social activities, Caring Together also provides practical support to members that range in content from basic form filling and information requests through to supporting those with more complex issues relating to mental ill health, physical health problems, disability and dementia.

Over the course of the past twenty years the organisation has become synonymous within Woodhouse and Little London for the quality of the support provided and their commitment to maintain services to, and involvement by, local older people in the activities of the local community.

Caring Together have been absolutely delighted to have received this financial support from Leeds Benevolent Society for Single Ladies CIO, it has made a huge difference to the charity and has enabled them to sustain and plan their work with vulnerable older people.

Holbeck Together – Holbeck Together is a scheme working with communities to strengthen existing relationships and resources, to keep older people socially and physically active, empowering them to make more informed choices and live longer.

The scheme looks to benefit the elderly community of Holbeck and surrounding areas in Leeds. Activities include Advice and Advocacy, Luncheon Clubs, Shopping Scheme, day trips, Friendship Groups, Exercise Groups, Newsletters, IT Classes, Healthy Eating and much more.

Bramley Elderly Action – Bramley Elderly Action (BEA) is a charity which provides opportunities and support for older people, aged 60 and above, in Bramley, Swinnow and parts of Staningley.

BEA is one of nearly 40 Neighbourhood Network Schemes in Leeds promoting the independence, health and wellbeing and value of older people throughout the city by providing support, motivation and opportunities for them.

Neighbourhood Elders Team – The Neighbourhood Elders Team works in 13 villages of East Leeds providing support to older people over the age of 60 and their carers.

The support covers advice, assistance, social activities, befriending, one to one support, friendship groups, newsletters and educational and leisure activities.

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Financial review (including reserves policy and going concern)

Leeds Benevolent Society for Single Ladies CIO is dependent on the investment income generated by the investment portfolio to carry out its charitable activities. During the year total investment income received was £144,016 (2019 - £162,711).

During the year the Charity spent £214,553 (2019 £189,765) on charitable activities. The investment portfolio decreased in value during the year from £5,433,884 to £5,322,795. At 31 December 2020 total net assets amounted to £5,341,342 (2019 - £5,440,071). Of these £18,637 (2019 £6,187) were freely available.

The Charity plans its finances over a three year period having regard to its anticipated incoming resources and the amount anticipated to be spent on charitable activities and other expenditure.

The investment portfolio is invested to generate the income necessary to meet the Charity's activities.

It is the Trustees' judgement that the levels of reserves at 31 December 2020 are at a level sufficient to enable the Charity to maintain its charitable activities and meet its future plans.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. Whilst acknowledging that its operations will continue to be affected in the year 31 December 2021 by Covid 19, the impact of the pandemic has been limited compared to many organisations by the absence of both employees and fund raising activities. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Investment Performance

With the volatility index (VIX) spiking to a level never seen before just one month after the S&P 500 hit a new all-time high, it's safe to say that 2020 will not be forgotten. By mid-March, the FTSE All Share had fallen over 30% from the start of the year and the FTSE 250 was down over 40%. It was during this period that the LBSSL Trust portfolio suffered its second largest drawdown of 15.2% (the largest being during the Global Financial Crisis) as the portfolio's UK gilts exposure was the only asset class to provide positive returns, gaining nearly 7% in the first quarter alone.

Nonetheless, following an aggressive global monetary and fiscal response, global markets began to recover. As interest rates were pulled down further, with yields on some European treasuries creeping well into negative territory, equity markets were buoyed and the MSCI World Index Ex UK gained 24.6% over quarters two and three. The LBSSL Trust portfolio partook in this recovery too and finished the year with a net total return of 2.52%, beating the benchmark which gained 1.23%.

Within the portfolio's UK equity allocation, the strongest contributions to performance came from Rio Tinto, benefitting from China's rapid recovery and persistent economic expansion, AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap and River and Mercantile Micro Cap, both benefitting from the UK government's support for small businesses and low interest rates. Overseas, Premier US Smaller Companies, Vanguard S&P 500 ETF and Baillie Gifford Japanese contributed the most. By the end of the year, the portfolio's property allocation had recovered much of its losses, closing the year at 5.55%, and the portfolio's fixed interest and alternative investments exposure provided returns of 4.70% and 4.36% respectively.

With positive vaccine news towards the end of 2020 and a Brexit deal, 2021 has started off well, the LBSSL portfolio gaining 1.92% (year to 25th January) and the FTSE All Share up 2.17%. Nonetheless, volatility still remains elevated and the road to recovery remains unpredictable. The LBSSL Trust portfolio therefore continues to be managed in a diversified fashion, with a slight overweighting in equity versus the benchmark to fully participate in a long-term, global economic recovery.

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Grant Making Policy

The grant making policy is split in content as it applies not only to individuals but also details a policy which applies to institutions. The objects of the charity state that the trustees may apply funds at their discretion but primarily to assist an individual or individuals.

The number of individuals which can be supported is, of necessity, limited to the funds available for distribution in any one year. Grants shall always relate to the needs of elderly single ladies of pensionable age who reside within the Leeds District postcode. The priorities in this policy will be reviewed on an annual basis and may be changed in accordance with the trustees' view of the most effective application of the funds available; however the trustees will not usually approve the use of the charity's funds for purposes the government has a statutory responsibility to provide.

The trustees will consider grants to institutions which are charities, universities and research organisations involved with the healthcare and wellbeing of the elderly and are based in the Leeds District postcode.

The committed funding for 2021 agreed by the trustees is £90,000 with £30,000 being payable to Caring Together in Woodhouse and Little London and £15,000 payments to NET Garforth, Bramley Elderly Action, Seacroft Friends and Neighbours and Holbeck Together.

Investment Policy

The investment policy is set by the Trustees following advice from the Finance and Investment subcommittee after the committee have consulted with Investec Wealth & Investment Limited who act as investment managers. There are no restrictions on the Charity's power to invest. Details of the Charity's investments are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Plans for future periods

It is the Trustees intention to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives during 2021 and in the future. The Trustees will continue to support single ladies by supplementing their retirement pensions, paying for their television licences, telephone rentals, contributions towards holiday costs as well as hopefully giving them the opportunity to join in outings once social distancing restrictions be lifted.. The Trustees will continue to make every effort to identify single ladies in the Leeds District postcode so that the charity can make grants to supplement their income. The charity has been working over the past few years to achieve a position where the total incoming resources in a particular year are all expended on charitable activities.

Structure, governance and management

Leeds Benevolent Society for Single Ladies CIO is governed by its constitution and rules and by the trustees the names of whom are listed on page 2. There are three sub committees of trustees. Alongside the names of each trustee on page 2 is a note of which committee/committees each sits on. The Ladies Committee, under normal circumstances would meet on the first Wednesday of most months to consider all matters relating to the charity but in particular all matters relating to the single ladies assisted financially and in other ways throughout the year and considering applications for grants from institutions, universities and research organisations within the Leeds District Postcode. The Ladies Committee also seek out and investigate particular projects for funding that fit within the CIO's objectives.

The Finance and Investment Committee meets quarterly with the Charity's investment adviser, Investec Wealth & Management, to review the performance of the investment portfolio including the level of investment income and growth of the portfolio as well as benchmarking the performance with the market and other investment advisers. The committee reviews the Investment Policy at least annually. The committee periodically reports on its work to the Ladies Committee.

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 December 2020

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 & 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 period. 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 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the board

Mrs A Everett, Chairman of Trustees



23 March 2021

Leeds Benevolent Society for Single Ladies CIO

Ladies Committee Report

Year Ended 31 December 2020

Annual Report from the Ladies Committee

It is with great pride and pleasure I present the 160th Annual Report on behalf of the Ladies Committee.

The year of 2020 will be a year that is to be remembered, probably for a lifetime, as the year that could never have been anticipated and which continues on into 2021. This being due to the world-wide pandemic infection of COVID 19.

The year started out as usual for the Society, when in February 2020 the Committee met to discuss future plans and activities for our members to enjoy whilst we continue to provide financial support in the form of grant payments.

In early March everything literally stopped as the pandemic commenced the rapid and devastating journey which would affect every single person in the country. The Committee could no longer meet and the possibility of visiting our members forbidden due to social distancing. We all had to stay at home.

For two months the Committee waited patiently, hoping that rules may be relaxed, which would allow us to continue with normal business. This was not to be. The Committee decided that a different emergency strategy be put in place which would enable the Society to assist other charities that were rapidly beginning to struggle as they tended for the elderly residents of Leeds in extremely difficult circumstances.

The Society has been financially funding three Leeds charities for the last 3/4 years and it was becoming obvious very quickly that due to the pandemic all charities were challenged particularly as their fund raising capabilities literally diminished overnight.

With the support of the Board of Trustees a policy of "critical funding" was put into place and organised by the Committee.

Two individual "critical funding" payments were made to five charities, the first payment in May 2020 and the second in October 2020. This financial support was gratefully received and it helped to provide food parcels for vulnerable elderly people, the ability to deliver vital prescriptions, the purchase of laptops and mobile phones, many of which were manned by volunteers so as to keep in regular contact with vulnerable elderly residents in different areas of Leeds. During the last eleven months it has been this social contact combined with neighbourhood community support which has been a lifeline for so many lonely people. The Society is delighted to have had the resources which enabled us to offer such vital help, while still maintaining our original financial support to our own ladies.

The Annual Report of 2020 recalls the foresight of our founder, Eliza Wilkinson, who left the original seedcorn investment of £100 to develop the very successful Leeds Benevolent Society for Single Ladies. Today, the Society is thankful of the way in which this money has been so wisely invested over many years thus enabling this charity to still provide for single ladies of pensionable age today.

The Committee has been in regular contact with our members who are all benefitting from the assistance provided by local charities. I am pleased to report that almost all our ladies are doing very well. At this point it should be noted that only one of our ladies was diagnosed with COVID-19 and she happily recovered. Sadly, two of our ladies passed away this year and they are missed by family and friends.

At the beginning of the year Miss Jean Butler, Vice President, very sadly passed away. For many years Miss Butler was a diligent, caring member of the Committee who had great intelligence and always offered sensible, practical advice. In later retirement years Miss Butler enjoyed hearing about the progress of the Society and how the future is looking. In recent years Miss Butler was unable to attend our Annual General Meetings so the report would be hand delivered by a Committee member who would be invited by Jean, to stay and enjoy tea, cakes and a jolly chat. Miss Butler is truly missed by everyone at LBSSL.

In 2020 Summer and Christmas lunches were cancelled as was the annual holiday to Llandudno. Future circumstances will dictate when and if the Society is able to organise these activities again.

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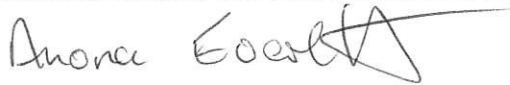
I would like to thank the Committee for their constant continued support as we travel along this journey praying that some normality will resume at some point in 2021. Particular mention of all the extra work and time that the Honorary Treasurer, Sally Johnson, has been called upon to complete throughout the year, for which the Society is very grateful.

Our solicitors, Weightmans, have supported us with professional advice when required, as have our auditors Wheawill and Sudworth Limited and we thank them both.

Also thank you to Investec Wealth and Management Limited who manage the Society's investments.

Finally, we look forward to a much healthier and covid free future for all.

Anona Everett
Chairman
23 March 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anona Everett', followed by a large, stylized star-like flourish.

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Independent Auditor's Report

Year Ended 31 December 2020

Independent Auditor's Report to the trustees of Leeds Benevolent Society for Single Ladies CIO

We have audited the financial statements of The Leeds Benevolent Society for Single Ladies CIO Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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 charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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Independent Auditor's Report

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Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 8, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud to error.

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

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

35 Westgate
Huddersfield
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23 March 2021

Wheawill & Sudworth Limited, Statutory Auditor

Wheawill & Sudworth Limited 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

Year Ended 31 December 2020

		Year Ended 31 December 2020			2019
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	-
Investments	3	144,016	-	144,016	162,711
Total income and endowments		<u>144,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,016</u>	<u>162,711</u>
Expenditure on:					
Investment manager fees and other costs	4	(30,204)	-	(30,204)	(36,318)
Charitable activities	5	(214,553)	-	(214,553)	(189,765)
Total expenditure		<u>(244,757)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(244,757)</u>	<u>(226,083)</u>
Net gains / (losses) on investments	8	2,102	-	2,102	569,886
Net movement in funds	14	<u>(98,639)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(98,639)</u>	<u>506,514</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	14	5,440,071	-	5,440,071	4,933,557
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>5,341,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,341,432</u>	<u>5,440,071</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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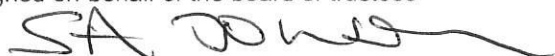
Balance Sheet

Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	11	5,322,795	5,433,884
		<u>5,322,795</u>	<u>5,433,884</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	3,395	1,758
Cash at bank and in hand		22,542	10,067
		<u>25,937</u>	<u>11,825</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(7,300)	(5,638)
Net current assets		<u>18,637</u>	<u>6,187</u>
Total net assets		<u>5,341,432</u>	<u>5,440,071</u>
 Charity Funds			
Designated funds	14	4,163,238	4,420,696
Free funds	14	18,637	6,187
Revaluation reserve	14	1,159,557	1,013,188
Total charity funds	14	<u>5,341,432</u>	<u>5,440,071</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 23 March 2021.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees



S-A Johnson, Trustee

23 March 2021

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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1 Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Leeds Benevolent Society for Single Ladies CIO is a registered charity in the United Kingdom. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to provide financial assistance to single ladies in need and grants to research institutions and local charities in the Leeds District postcode.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019. The charity is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

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

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

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

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Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Other income includes income such as gains on disposals of tangible fixed assets.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds includes investment costs;
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs of providing services and the payment of grants to the charities beneficiaries; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose..

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, these are recognised as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance the grant is recognised to the extent that the recipient has satisfied the performance conditions set out in the grant agreement at the balance sheet date.

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(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, and administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

(f) Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Current asset investments are short term highly liquid investments and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year.

(g) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(h) Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

(i) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

(j) Foreign currency

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

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency at the balance sheet date are translated using the closing rate.

(k) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

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(I) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Year ended 31.12.2020 £	Year ended 31.12.2019 £
Donations	-	-
Legacies	-	-
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	-	-

3 Income from investments

	Year ended 31.12.2020 £	Year ended 31.12.2019 £
Income from listed investments	144,016	162,711
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	144,016	162,711

4 Expenditure on investment manager fees and other costs

	Year ended 31.12.2020 £	Year ended 31.12.2019 £
Investment manager fees	30,204	31,182
Legal fees	-	5,136
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	30,204	36,318

5 Expenditure on Charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Year ended 31.12.2020 Total £	Year ended 31.12.2019 £
Grants to beneficiaries	190,047	24,506	214,553	182,915
Holidays & outings	-	-	-	6,850
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	190,047	24,506	214,553	189,765

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6 Allocation of support costs

Support cost	Basis of allocation	Grants to beneficiaries £	Holidays & outings £	Year ended 31.12.2020 Total £	Year ended 31.12.2019 £
Insurance	Charitable costs	1,339	-	1,339	1,269
Auditors remuneration	Charitable costs	4,500	-	4,500	4,500
Company secretarial	Charitable costs	18,462	-	18,462	20,116
Admin costs	Charitable costs	205	-	205	500
Total		24,506	-	24,506	26,385

7 Analysis of grants

	Year ended 31.12.2020 £	Year ended 31.12.2019 £
Grants to institutions	160,000	123,330
Grants to individuals	30,047	34,256
	<u>190,047</u>	<u>157,586</u>

8 Net income for the year

Net income is stated after crediting:

	Year ended 31.12.2020 £	Year ended 31.12.2019 £
Gain on fair value movement of investments	<u>2,102</u>	<u>569,886</u>

9 Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration amounts to an audit fee of £3,500 (2019 - £3,500) and accounts preparation charge of £1,000 (2019 - £1,000).

10 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2019: £ Nil).

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2019 - £ Nil).

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11 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash held for investment £	Total £
Fair value:			
At 1 January 2020	5,149,832	284,052	5,433,884
Additions	1,255,985	-	1,255,985
Disposals	(1,263,398)	(105,778)	(1,369,176)
Gains/(losses) and revaluation	2,102	-	2,102
At 31 December 2020	5,144,521	178,274	5,322,795

Carrying amount:		
At 31 December 2020		5,322,795
At 31 December 2019		5,433,884

Investments at fair value comprise:

	2020 £	2019 £
Equities	3,322,392	3,312,023
Fixed interest and other securities	1,822,129	1,837,809
Cash within investment portfolio	178,274	284,052
	5,322,795	5,433,884

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

The book cost of investments as at 31 December 2020 is £4,291,338 (2019 £4,241,229).

12 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments and accrued income	3,395	1,758

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals	7,300	5,638

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14 Fund reconciliation

Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains / (losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Free	6,187	227,003	(214,553)	-	-	18,637
Revaluation reserve	1,013,188	-	-	-	146,369	1,159,557
Designated Invested Fund	4,420,696	(82,987)	(30,204)	-	(144,267)	4,163,238
	5,440,071	144,016	(244,757)	-	2,102	5,341,432

Fund descriptions

Unrestricted funds

The free funds of the charity are available to be distributed at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Designated funds

The Invested fund represents funds held as fixed asset investments which are used to generate an income for the charity.

Revaluation reserve

The revaluation reserve reflects the difference between the fair value of listed investments transferred to the charity from Leeds Benevolent Society for Single Ladies in 2014 and the current fair value.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Free funds £	Designated funds £	Revaluation reserve £	Total £
Fixed assets – investments	-	4,163,238	1,159,557	5,322,795
Cash at bank and in hand	22,542	-	-	22,542
Current assets	3,395	-	-	3,395
Current liabilities	(7,300)	-	-	(7,300)
Total	18,637	4,163,238	1,159,557	5,341,432

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16 Financial commitments

Funding grants of £15,000 per annum for 3 years commencing from March 2021 have been awarded to two local charities (total £90,000). In addition to these amounts £60,000 has been committed to be paid to existing grant recipients in 2021 representing an overall commitment at the Balance Sheet date of £150,000.

17 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.