

THE ORDER OF MALTA VOLUNTEERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1164242

Details

Other names OMV

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [09801949](#)

Registered 2015-11-03

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT:A) THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED, BY REASON OF AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE;B) THE SERVICE OF THE POOR OF CHRIST AND THE CARE OF THE SICK AND WOUNDED; ANDC) THE ADVANCEMENT OF RELIGION AND THE PROMOTION OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP IN YOUNG PEOPLE (ESPECIALLY THOSE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 17 TO 29 YEARS), IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAMMES OF TRAINING AND ACTIVITY IN RELATION TO THE FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTS SET OUT IN (A) AND (B) ABOVE;AND IN FURTHERING THE OBJECTS THE TRUSTEES SHALL UPHOLD THE VALUES OF THE ORDER OF MALTA, AS ENCAPSULATED IN THE MOTTO SO FAR AS THIS IS NOT INCONSISTENT EITHER WITH THESE OBJECTS OR WITH THEIR DUTIES AS CHARITY TRUSTEES.

Activities: (a)relief of those in need, by reason of age, ill-health, disability or other disadvantage; (b)service of the poor, the sick and wounded; and (c) advancement of religion and the promotion of good citizenship in young people. In furthering the Objects the Trustees uphold the values of the Order of Malta so far as this is consistent with these Objects and with their duties as charity trustees.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- France
- Lebanon
- Poland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£403,895	£404,769	-	-
2023-12-31	£353,264	£393,656	-	-
2022-12-31	£339,582	£377,224	-	-
2021-12-31	£31,231	£38,460	-	-
2020-12-31	£171,158	£168,564	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alexander Puyo Perry		2018-06-11
Dr Lily Hornsby Clark		2025-07-01
EMILY JEAN MARY VAN LIER		2015-05-10
James Pavey		2017-12-05
ROBERT HENRY D'EWES COKE		2018-09-12
Rev stephen alexander morrison		2020-06-17
TABITHA BRENNINKMEIJER		2018-06-11
William Edward Gladstone Loden		2025-07-01
edward robert pease		2018-03-14

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Accounts

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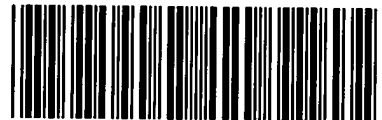
Annual report and unaudited financial statements

31 December 2024

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Reference and administrative details Year to 31 December 2024

Trustees	Emily van Lier Edward Pease James Pavey (ex officio) Alexander Perry Tabitha Brenninkmeijer Robert Coke Siobhan Devonald-Smith Marina Newland Fr. Stephen Morrison Hugo Whyte
Members	Emily van Lier The Association of British Members of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and Malta (BASMOM)
Company Secretary	Hannah Lucy Jennings
Website	https://www.omv.org.uk
Executive Chairman	Cecilia Vorfeld
Charity Registration Number	1164242 (England and Wales)
Registered and Principal Office	13 Deodar Road London SW15 2NP
Independent examiner	Buzzacott Audit LLP 130 Wood Street London EC2V 6DL
Bankers	C Hoare & Co. 37 Fleet Street London EC4Y 1BT
Solicitors	Withers LLP 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7AM
Investment advisers	CCLA Investment Management Limited 1 Angel Lane City of London London E4R 3AB

Trustees' report Year to 31 December 2024

The trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with financial statements of The Order of Malta Volunteers (the 'charitable company', the 'charity', or 'The OMV') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 12 to 14 of the attached financial statements and comply with the charitable company's governing document, applicable laws 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).

Structure, governance and management

Constitution and background

The Order of Malta Volunteers is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity established on 30 September 2015 and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The directors of the charitable company are the trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The charitable company is a subsidiary of The Association of British Members of the Sovereign Military Order of St John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta ("BASMOM"), a charitable company (Company Registration Number 05039938 and Charity Registration Number 1103567). The trustees consider BASMOM to be The OMV's parent company by virtue of BASMOM holding the majority of voting rights.

The Order of Malta Volunteers' charitable objects are set out in its Articles of Association, and include:

- the relief of those in need;
- the service of the poor of Christ and the care of the sick and wounded; and
- the advancement of religion and the promotion of good citizenship in young people.

Method of appointment of trustees

The trustees are elected in accordance with the Articles of Association. Trustees are normally elected for a six year term, and ordinarily can serve a maximum of two terms. There are certain exceptions for the Hospitaller of BASMOM who is a trustee ex-officio, and an outgoing Executive Chairman of The OMV.

The trustees are required to consist of at least seven and not more than 10 persons.

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Trustees who served during the year to 31 December 2024

The following trustees served during the year ended 31 December 2024 and to the date of this report:

Emily van Lier
Edward Pease
James Pavey (ex officio)
Alexander Perry
Tabitha Brenninkmeijer
Robert Coke
Siobhan Devonald-Smith
Marina Newland
Fr. Stephen Morrison
Dr Hugo Whyte

Organisation structure and decision making

The day to day running of the charity is delegated by the trustees to The OMV Executive Chairman, who appoints an organising committee to run activities and the charity's functions as required.

The trustees meet four times a year (and more if required on an ad hoc basis) to review progress and to monitor compliance with policies, and to review and approve plans for the year ahead.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the trustees elect a chair of trustees from among their own number, who presides over meetings of the trustees.

Investment policy

The OMV's investment policy is published on its website and is intended to protect the real value of its financial assets while providing a stream of income to support its charitable aims. Management is sub-contracted to professional advisers. The OMV's investments are held in two funds at CCLA: the COIF Charities Investment Fund and the COIF Charities Deposit Fund.

Any cash deposits are held with retail banks or in liquidity funds, with the aim of maximising the rate of interest while at the same time protecting the capital value of such deposits.

It is the trustees' opinion that the investments held by The OMV are consistent with the stated policy, and that they are performing satisfactorily.

Investment powers are in accordance with the Trustee Act 2000 as amended from time to time.

Risk management

There are two main areas of risk within The OMV's work: one financial and the other stemming from the interaction of their volunteers with people with disabilities. Financial risk is regularly examined at trustee meetings by reviewing budgets. In addition, budgets for The OMV's main activities are set in consultation with The OMV's Treasurer and The OMV Chairman.

No officer is empowered to offer employment contracts without the prior approval of the trustees. The charity currently has no employees.

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk management (continued)

With respect to the activities organised by The OMV, policies have been put in place covering Health and Safety and the Safeguarding & Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults, by which all volunteers must abide. Risk assessments have been drawn up assessing the charitable company's potential exposure to liability and policies for risk mitigation have been put in place. Risk management and other policies are published on The OMV's website, omv.org.uk.

Volunteers and supporters

A significant number of people work as volunteers at times during the year, mainly on the pilgrimages to Lourdes and elsewhere, and on fundraising events such as the White Knights Ball. The trustees wish to record their recognition of the professionalism and commitment of all the volunteers and the loyalty of their supporters. Their generosity and hard work are very much appreciated.

Key management personnel

The charity has no paid key management personnel. The administration of the charity is managed by volunteers on The OMV Committee and by the trustee board.

The key management personnel of the charity in charge of controlling, running, and operating the charity on a day to day basis comprise the trustees and The OMV Committee. No trustees or committee members were remunerated for their services during the year. Trustees are entitled to the reimbursement of any reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out the business of the charity but are encouraged to keep their expense claims to a minimum. No trustees' expenses were reimbursed during 2024 (2023 – nil).

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charitable company's aims and planning its objectives.

The OMV meets its obligations to provide a public benefit by working with anyone in need regardless of race, creed, gender, sexual orientation or colour. Church services are open to the public, and pilgrimages do not discriminate against applicants in any way. In addition, some of the members serve as trustees of other related charities with demonstrable public benefit, such as BASMOM. It is estimated that The OMV members and volunteers undertook approximately 22,000 hours of voluntary service to promote The OMV's charitable aims and the welfare of the general public.

Activities, achievements, and financial review

Main activities

The main activities, by which the charitable company seeks to fulfil its charitable objects, are listed below.

- ◆ the July pilgrimage to Lourdes;
- ◆ an Easter pilgrimage
- ◆ a summer camp for people with disabilities in Lebanon;
- ◆ Christmas reunion at Worth Abbey;
- ◆ a delegation sent to the Order of Malta's International Camp;
- ◆ raising money to fund these activities at the White Knights Ball.

Review of charitable activities

The OMV's main charitable activities this year were the pilgrimage to Lourdes taking place in July, the International Holiday Camp in Switzerland, the Walsingham Pilgrimage and the Christmas Reunion which took place as usual at Worth Abbey. There was also the OMV50 celebration to mark 50 years since the foundation of the OMV which saw more than 250 present and past volunteers come together for a reunion in Central London.

Financial review

The White Knights Ball took place in January 2024 and generated a surplus of £75,394.

The OMV incurred an operating deficit of £874 (2023 – £40,392) after charging governance and support costs of £26,219 (2023 – £28,225). The operating surplus for the year was increased by unrealised gains of £15,264 on changes in the market value of the charity's investments and overall a surplus for the year of £14,390 was generated (in 2023, the operating surplus was increased to £17,346 by unrealised gains on the market value of the charity's investment portfolio of £57,738).

Reserves policy

The trustees have examined the requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to The OMV. The trustees have established a reserves policy to protect The OMV and its long-term charitable activities by providing time to adjust to changing financial circumstances.

The trustees have agreed that it would be in the best interests of The OMV to continue to manage the general fund to support its future charitable activities and provide the charity with an asset base to allow for its long term sustainability. The general fund has in recent years increased due to gains on the market value of its investments which have covered planned deficits from the charity's primary charitable activities.

Reserves policy (continued)

At 31 December 2024, the general fund had grown to £823,479, which represents the net surplus on operating activities and investment gains (2023 – £809,089). Of the total general fund, £690,947 (2023 – £675,683) is represented by the market value of the charity's investments, excluding cash held by the investment manager.

Minimum level of reserves

In considering the minimum target level of reserves, the trustees have considered the following:

- The OMV may expect to host the Order of Malta's annual International Holiday Camp once every eight to ten years. This event typically requires a separate major fundraising campaign. The Trustees would expect the costs to be met mostly from funds raised specifically for the purpose. However, the Trustees feel it is prudent to include a contingency in their reserves of £100,000.
- The Charity will maintain additional reserves of £100,000 which is broadly equivalent to the aggregate unrestricted income that the Charity could expect to receive from the White Knights Ball in a year.
- Of these "minimum reserves" of £200,000 the Charity will hold at least £100,000 in the form of either bank deposits (with a maturity of no more than three months), liquid money market instruments (including AAA-rated liquidity funds) or cash (including, for clarity, its bank current account).

The reserves we hold in excess of minimum levels enable us to keep prices paid by volunteers at appropriate levels, to offer financial support for those who could not otherwise afford them, and to explore opportunities for new activities.

Fundraising

The OMV does not actively solicit donations from the public, instead using its own members and the wider Order of Malta network. The OMV is therefore not registered with the Fundraising Regulator and does not subscribe to any fundraising codes of practice. When donations from individuals are received, The OMV aims to protect personal data and never sells data or swaps data with other organisations and undertakes to react to and investigate any complaints regarding its fundraising activities and to learn from them and improve its service. During 2024, The OMV received no complaints about its fundraising activities.

Post balance sheet events, future plans and going concern

The main fundraising event, the White Knights Ball, took place in January 2025 and over 1,000 people attended. The main charitable activities: the pilgrimage to Lourdes, and the International Holiday Camp will take place in 2025. Regrettably The OMV will not send volunteers to the summer camp for people with disabilities in Lebanon in 2025 due to the unpredictable security situation in the region.

As part of their assessment of going concern, the trustees have considered whether the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. As noted in the Reserves Policy above, the charity has built up a general fund over recent years that provides it with assets and liquid funds to ensure its future sustainability. The OMV's charitable activities are run to make planned and managed deficits, and the trustees consider that The OMV has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of The Order of Malta Volunteers for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 the income and expenditure 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 Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom 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 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 Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Alexander Perry (Jun 19, 2025 09:39 GMT+1)

Alexander Perry

Date 18/06/2025

Report of the independent examiner Year to 31 December 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Order of Malta Volunteers

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Order of Malta Volunteers (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable company (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').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charitable company 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 your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

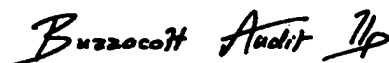
Independent examiner's statement

Since the charitable company'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 the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 my examination giving me cause to believe:

- b. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- c. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- d. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- e. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: the 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)"

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 accounts to be reached.



Gumayel Miah, ACA
Buzzacott Audit LLP
Chartered Accountants
130 Wood Street
London
EC2V 6DL

Date: 20 June 2025

Statement of financial activities 31 December 2024
(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	
		Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations	1	7,709	5,175
Trading activities	2	226,867	206,889
Charitable activities	3	142,666	116,118
Investment income	4	26,653	25,082
Total income		403,895	353,264
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	(148,381)	(131,567)
Charitable activities	6	(256,388)	(262,089)
Total expenditure		(404,769)	(393,656)
Net expenditure before gains on investments		(874)	(40,392)
Net gain on investments	8	15,264	57,738
Net income and movement in funds for the year		14,390	17,346
Reconciliation of funds:			
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		809,089	791,743
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2024	11	823,479	809,089

All activities derive from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the above statement of financial activities.

Balance sheet 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	8		800,994		810,219
Current assets					
Stocks		250		250	
Debtors	9	31,950		91,649	
Cash at bank and in hand		129,432		68,697	
		161,632		160,596	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(139,147)		(161,726)	
Net current assets (liabilities)			22,485		(1,130)
Net assets			823,479		809,089
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	11		823,479		809,089
			823,479		809,089

For the year ended 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") relating to small companies.

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

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

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 and signed on their behalf by:



Alexander Perry (Jun 19, 2025 09:39 GMT+1)

Alexander Perry

Date: **18/06/2025**

Statement of cash flows Year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	A	9,593	(3,147)
Net cash provided by investing activities	B	26,653	25,082
Change in cash and cash equivalents		36,246	21,935
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2024		203,233	181,298
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2024		239,479	203,233

Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year to 31 December 2024

A Reconciliation of net income to net cash flows from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income	14,390	17,346
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Gains on investments	(15,264)	(57,738)
Investment income receivable	(26,653)	(25,082)
Decrease in debtors	59,699	23,789
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	(22,579)	38,538
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	9,593	(3,147)

B Cash flows from investing activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Investing activities		
Investment income received	26,653	25,082
Net cash flows provided by investing activities	26,653	25,082

C Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	129,432	68,697
Cash held by investment manager (note 8)	110,047	134,536
Total	239,479	203,233

D Analysis of changes in net debt

The charity has no external debt finance. The change in net debt is therefore represented by the change in cash and cash equivalents.

Principal accounting policies – Year to 31 December 2024

The principal accounting policies, adopted judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below:

Basis of preparation of financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

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) ('Charities SORP FRS 102') the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and judgements. It also requires the trustees to exercise judgement in the process of applying accounting policies. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including an expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Although these estimates are based on the trustees' best knowledge of the amount, event or actions, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Areas requiring the use of estimates and critical judgements that may impact on the charity's financial activities and financial position include the trustees' use of investment managers to provide valuations of the investment portfolio. The valuations are based on bid prices where available or mid-market prices if not.

Assessment of going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these accounts. The trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of at least one year from the date of approval of these accounts.

The trustees of the charity have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern and have therefore concluded that it is appropriate for the charity to continue to prepare its accounts on the going concern basis.

Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor or funder has specified that the income is to be expended in a future accounting period.

Donations and legacies comprise general, non-specific donations and legacies; trading income consists of income from fundraising events and trading activities; and income from charitable activities includes donations and income from specific fund raising activities.

Income from donations is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to the donation and where receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised as income.

Principal accounting policies – Year to 31 December 2024

Income (continued)

Income from trading and activities includes the income from fundraising events and sponsorship. Such income is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the charity and the revenue can be reliably measured. It is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes.

Investment income comprises dividends and interest on the charity's portfolio of investments. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and the charity has received notification that the dividend is due.

Interest on the charity's investment portfolio and funds held on deposit is recognised when receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably using the effective interest method.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All costs are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. The classification between activities is as follows:

- ◇ Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charity. This includes the direct costs associated with fundraising events. No allocation of support costs is made against these activities.
- ◇ Expenditure on charitable activities comprises expenditure on the charity's primary charitable purposes, costs that can be allocated directly to the charitable activities and support costs.

Support and governance costs

Support costs represent indirect charitable expenditure necessary to carry out the primary purposes of the charity

Governance costs comprise the costs related to the public accountability of the charity and costs in respect of its compliance with applicable regulations and good practice.

Fixed asset investments

The charity's investments in quoted shares and similar investments are initially measured at cost and subsequently at market value. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period in which they arise.

Investments are recognised and derecognised on the trade date where a purchase or sale of an investment is made under a contract whose terms require delivery of the investment within the timeframe established by the market concerned, and are initially measured at cost, including transaction costs.

Principal accounting policies – Year to 31 December 2024

Financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial instruments

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the charity and their measurement basis are as follows:

Financial assets – accrued income and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

Financial liabilities – accruals and other creditors are financial instruments and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 10. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

Debtors

Debtors are initially recognised at their settlement amount and subsequently at amortised cost or their recoverable amount. Impairment provisions are recognised when there is objective evidence, such as significant financial difficulties on the part of the counterparty or default or a significant delay in payment, that the charity will be unable to collect all of the amounts due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Cash held by the investment manager is included as part of the carrying value of investments on the balance sheet, but is accessible on demand and therefore considered to be a cash equivalent.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be measured or estimated reliably.

Creditors and provisions are initially recognised at fair value, being the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt, and subsequently at amortised cost.

Fund accounting

General funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards achieving any charitable purpose that falls within the charity's charitable objects.

Notes to the financial statements – Year to 31 December 2024

1. Donations

	Unrestricted funds	
	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	7,709	5,175
	7,709	5,175

2. Income from trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	
	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
White Knights Ball	211,219	206,889
Trading income – other events	15,648	-
	226,867	206,889

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	
	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
International Holiday Camp (Delegation)	7,440	4,900
Lebanon	102	10,942
Lourdes	129,289	96,578
Reunions	5,730	3,698
Walsingham	105	—
	142,666	116,118

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	
	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Investment income	26,653	25,082
	26,653	25,082

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5. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	
	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
White Knights Ball	135,825	131,031
Malteser magazine	109	536
Fundraising – other events	12,447	-
	148,381	131,567

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	
	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Activities undertaken directly		
International Holiday Camp (Delegation)	16,464	11,133
Lebanon	-	29,877
Lourdes	208,627	187,255
Reunion	5,078	5,064
Walsingham	-	535
	230,169	233,864
Support costs		
General support costs (incl. printing, website, bank fees)	12,891	13,425
Governance costs (incl. insurance, accountancy, legal fees)	13,328	14,800
	26,219	28,225
	256,388	262,089

7. Staff costs, trustee expenses and remuneration of key management personnel

The Order of Malta Volunteers has no paid employees and has therefore incurred no personnel costs during the year.

The key management personnel of the charity in charge of controlling, running, and operating the charity on a day to day basis comprise the Executive Chairman, the OMV Committee and the trustees.

No trustees were remunerated for their services or reimbursed any expenses during the current or prior year.

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8. Investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Listed investments:		
Market value at 1 January	675,683	617,945
Gains arising due to changes in market value	15,264	57,738
Market value at 31 December	690,947	675,683
Cash held by investment manager:	110,047	134,536
	<u>800,994</u>	<u>810,219</u>

All listed investments were dealt with on a recognized stock exchange.

Listed investments comprised the following as at 31 December 2024:

	Market value £	% of portfolio %
COIF Charities Investment Fund Income Units	690,947	100

9. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	25,530	74,144
Sundry Debtors	6,420	17,505
	<u>31,950</u>	<u>91,649</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	139,147	161,726
	<u>139,147</u>	<u>161,726</u>

Included in accruals and deferred income are monies received in advance totaling £130,077 for the White Knights Ball that took place in January 2025 (2023 – £152,045).

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11. Statements of funds

	At 31 December 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers/ gains £	At 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	809,089	403,895	(404,769)	15,264	823,479
	809,089	403,895	(404,769)	15,264	823,479
	At 31 December 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers/ gains £	At 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	791,743	353,264	(393,656)	57,738	809,089
	791,743	353,264	(393,656)	57,738	809,089

12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:				
Investments	800,994	-	-	800,994
Total current assets	161,632	-	-	161,632
Creditors: amounts due within one year	(139,147)	-	-	(139,147)
Total net assets	823,479	-	-	823,479
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Investments	810,219	—	—	810,219
Total current assets	160,596	—	—	160,596
Creditors: amounts due within one year	(161,726)	—	—	(161,726)
Total net assets	809,089	—	—	809,089

13. Taxation

The Order of Malta Volunteers is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

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14. Related parties

The charitable company is a subsidiary of The Association of British Members of the Sovereign Military Order of St John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta (“BASMOM”).

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in section 33 of FRS 102, “Related Party Disclosures”, from the requirement to disclose transactions with group companies on the grounds that consolidated financial statements are prepared by its immediate parent.

In the year ended 31 December 2024, there have been no related party transactions that require disclosure.

15. Members’ liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

16. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The trustees regard BASMOM, a charity registered in England and Wales, as the ultimate and immediate parent entity. Copies of the parent’s consolidated financial statements can be obtained from BASMOM, 13 Deodar Road, London, SW15 2NP. This is the largest and smallest group for which group accounts are prepared.