

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021  
for  
Arthros Limited**

*Butt Miller*  

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**Chartered Accountants**

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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The principle objective of the charity is to provide relief of sickness amongst Sufferers from Arthritis and other related diseases ("the Sufferer") within a radius of twenty five miles from St.Mary's Church, the Butts, Reading.

This is achieved firstly by securing nomination rights on flats adapted for the use of people who have been disabled by arthritis and by the purchase and adaptation of homes suited to the needs of Sufferers who have dependants, entering into joint ownership schemes where this is deemed necessary. Secondly, grants are made for small building works to adapt existing homes for use by Sufferers who need minor schemes, to purchase specialist beds, chairs or other equipment intended to relieve suffering from arthritis and to support a group providing exercises designed to enable Sufferers to maintain their independence. Grants are also provided to Sufferers to assist with the costs of temporary nursing care accommodation and physiotherapy treatments. Thirdly, we seek to secure the best help for Sufferers in the Reading Area from local health agencies, Social Services and other public bodies and to pursue complaints on their behalf, if these appear to us to be justified.

**Significant activities, achievement and performance**

During the prior year the company took over the property portfolio and other remaining balances of Arthros the Trust (Charity number 900314) which had a total value of £750,958. The Trust officially ceased to exist on 16 October 2019.

Additional advances to investment properties of £13,392 were made during the year (2020: £15,392).

The death, in November, of Mrs L Turner, one of the founder trustees of the charity and always very active in seeking to relieve the pain of those afflicted by arthritis, was a serious loss to the charity during a very difficult year.

The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in the country going into 'lockdown' on 23 March 2020. Although lockdown is now easing, the situation continues to affect the charity and the UK economy as a whole. Trustee meetings during the year were conducted over Zoom and face to face meetings with Sufferers were restricted.

We were able to contact a small number of local Sufferers and assisted them in accordance with our objectives. Small grants were made as recommended by the subcommittees of Trustees.

**Public benefit**

The trustees declare that they have complied with the duty imposed under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

**Grants**

During the year the arrangement with Court Housing for specially designed flats to be made available for the use of tenants nominated by Arthros in Court Housing's Chimney Court in Reading, now run by A2 Dominion, without cost in subsidy or payments for casual vacancies, was maintained. No grants in contributions to benefit tenants of Chimney Court were made in this or the previous year.

The Trustees received further enquiries for help and have made grants of £11,639 in the year (2020: £6,111). Applications are initially investigated by a subcommittee of Trustees which pursues enquiries and pays smaller grants and recommends those in excess of £2,000 to the board of Trustees. In considering how best to meet the needs of Sufferers to be accommodated at Chimney Court or elsewhere, the fees of an architect have been incurred and are included in the operating expenses. £2,432 was spent on repairs, modifications and maintenance of properties in the year (2020: £6,384).

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

Funds held represent the transfer of funds, assets and liabilities from Arthros the Trust (Charity No: 900314) less transactions made during prior years and the current year.

The Trustees have not actively sought to promote income generation as they regard their primary duty to be to use the funds already donated to them.

The market value of the investment portfolio was adversely affected at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic but has since recovered.

**Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

**Going concern**

At the time of signing these accounts, the trustees do not believe that there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt upon the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Principle risks and uncertainties**

The Trustees have considered the risks facing the charity and believe that they have in hand the right policies and people to protect the assets for which they are responsible. Redmayne Bentley LLP continues to manage the portfolio of investments.

Maintaining effective links with the people the charity was set up to help, requires the appointment of further younger Trustees and this the current Trustees continue to pursue.

**FUTURE PLANS**

The Trustees will continue to support Sufferers in accordance with the charity's objectives.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the memorandum and articles, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are appointed by invitation. The charity is currently looking for new trustees with interpersonal skills, as well as knowledge of Arthritis and ways to provide relief to Sufferers.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

10711932 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1173724

**Registered office**

3 Freesia Close  
Wokingham  
RG41 3NE

**Trustees**

J S Milward  
R C H Morton  
M Ray-Smith  
Mrs L Turner (deceased 23.11.20)  
Dr A Bradlow

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

Susan Ambrose FCCA FCA  
Butt Miller  
Chartered Accountants  
92 Park Street  
Camberley  
Surrey  
GU15 3NY

**FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS**

We hold no such funds.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

M Ray-Smith - Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Arthros Limited ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the 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 accounts 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**

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

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

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

Susan Ambrose FCCA FCA  
Butt Miller  
Chartered Accountants  
92 Park Street  
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GU15 3NY

29 July 2021

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

		2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies		615	70
Investment income	2	26,933	29,971
Other income	3	-	750,958
<b>Total</b>		27,548	780,999
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	4	8,569	11,384
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants		11,639	6,111
Other	6	3,270	5,546
<b>Total</b>		23,478	23,041
Net gains/(losses) on investments		120,729	(62,178)
<b>NET INCOME</b>		124,799	695,780
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		1,518,810	823,030
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		1,643,609	1,518,810

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Statement of Financial Position**  
**31 March 2021**

		2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
	Notes		
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
<b>Investments</b>			
Investments	9	1,117,937	742,764
Investment property	10	479,347	568,955
		<u>1,597,284</u>	<u>1,311,719</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Prepayments and accrued income		2,387	2,027
Cash at bank		48,744	211,053
		<u>51,131</u>	<u>213,080</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(4,806)	(5,989)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>46,325</u>	<u>207,091</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,643,609</u>	<u>1,518,810</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,643,609</u>	<u>1,518,810</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	12		
Unrestricted funds		1,643,609	1,518,810
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>1,643,609</u>	<u>1,518,810</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 July 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

M Ray-Smith - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Arthros Limited is a private limited company, limited by guarantee, and registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is set out in the Trustees report.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations - donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Investment income - this is included in the accounts when receivable.

Rental income - this is recognised over the period of the rental.

Investment gains and losses - this includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Other costs - these include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of Trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to Trustees in governance or constitutional matters.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date, are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

**Fixed asset investments**

Listed investments are included at closing market value at the year end date. Any gain or loss during the year is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**
**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Rents received	210	240
Dividends	26,712	29,700
Deposit account interest	11	31
	<u>26,933</u>	<u>29,971</u>

**3. OTHER INCOME**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Exceptional items	-	750,958
	<u>-</u>	<u>750,958</u>

During the prior year Arthros the Trust transferred its property portfolio and other remaining balances to Arthros Limited before closing down.

**4. RAISING FUNDS**
**Investment management costs**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Portfolio management	6,137	5,000
Property repairs and maintenance	2,432	6,384
	<u>8,569</u>	<u>11,384</u>

**5. GRANTS PAYABLE**

Grants were made to individuals for small building works to adapt existing homes for use by Sufferers and to purchase or repair specialist beds, chairs and other equipment intended to relieve suffering from arthritis. In addition to this grants are also provided to Sufferers to assist with the costs of temporary nursing care accommodation and physiotherapy treatments.

**6. OTHER**

Other expenditure includes the Independent Examiner's fee £3,200 (2020: £3,000) and legal and professional fees £nil (2020: £2,200).

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**8. EMPLOYEES**

The average number of employees during the year was NIL (2020 - NIL).

**9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 April 2020	742,764
Additions	262,295
Disposals	(126,954)
Revaluations	239,832
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At 31 March 2021	1,117,937
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2021	1,117,937
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At 31 March 2020	742,764
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The year end value above includes £161,038 (2020: £46,379) held as cash in a deposit account.

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

**10. INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

	£
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>	
At 1 April 2020	568,955
Additions	13,392
Disposals	(103,000)
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At 31 March 2021	479,347
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2021	479,347
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At 31 March 2020	568,955
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Investment properties represent the charity's investment in joint ownership schemes with Sufferers and their families. Additions during the year relate to interest free advances paid to the homeowners, to be reimbursed when the property is eventually sold.

The investment properties were valued at market value by PLP Chartered Surveyors, Oxford House, 12-20 Oxford Street, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 1JB in June 2016. The trustees do not believe that the current values of the properties are materially different.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2021 £	2020 £
Accrued expenses	<u>4,806</u>	<u>5,989</u>

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,518,810	124,799	1,643,609
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,518,810</u>	<u>124,799</u>	<u>1,643,609</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	27,548	(23,478)	120,729	124,799
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>27,548</u>	<u>(23,478)</u>	<u>120,729</u>	<u>124,799</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	823,030	695,780	1,518,810
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>823,030</u>	<u>695,780</u>	<u>1,518,810</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	780,999	(23,041)	(62,178)	695,780
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>780,999</u>	<u>(23,041)</u>	<u>(62,178)</u>	<u>695,780</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	823,030	820,579	1,643,609
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>823,030</u>	<u>820,579</u>	<u>1,643,609</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	808,547	(46,519)	58,551	820,579
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>808,547</u>	<u>(46,519)</u>	<u>58,551</u>	<u>820,579</u>

**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year, donations totalling £420 (2020: £Nil) were received, without conditions, from trustees.

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	599	70
Gift aid	16	-
	<u>615</u>	<u>70</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rents received	210	240
Dividends	26,712	29,700
Deposit account interest	11	31
	<u>26,933</u>	<u>29,971</u>
<b>Other income</b>		
Exceptional items	-	750,958
	<u>-</u>	<u>750,958</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>27,548</u>	<u>780,999</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Investment management costs</b>		
Portfolio management	6,137	5,000
Property repairs and maintenance	2,432	6,384
	<u>8,569</u>	<u>11,384</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants to institutions	-	2,000
Grants to individuals	11,639	4,111
	<u>11,639</u>	<u>6,111</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Sundries	-	286
Bank charges	70	60
	<u>70</u>	<u>346</u>
<b>Other</b>		
Legal and professional fees	-	2,200
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Independent examiner's fee	3,200	3,000
	<u>3,200</u>	<u>3,000</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>23,478</u>	<u>23,041</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>4,070</u>	<u>757,958</u>

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