

**BMAT**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

The trustees present their report, together with the financial statements, of BMAT for the year ended 30 June 2021.

**Registration and contact details**

BMAT is a charitable company limited by guarantee and that is its registered name. Registration details are:

Charity registration number: 1184943

Company registration number: 11429072

Registered Office: 80 Church Street, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent, ME17 4HN

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**Trustees**

The Charity trustees who have served during the period since 30 June 2020 were:

Mr Ian Ellis	(Chair – elected June 2016)
Mr William Brown	
Mr Leon Date	
Mr Robert Edmans	
Mr Roy Garland	(appointed 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021)
Mr Jonathan Gershon	(resigned 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2021)
Mr Andrew Humphryes	
Mr Mobaruk Hussain *	(appointed 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021)
Dr Caroline Jessel	
Mr Richard Martin	
Mrs Ann Millbery *	(appointed 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021)
Mr David Redfearn	
Mr Rowland Roome	(appointed 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2021)
Mr Doug Smith	
Mrs Helen Stevens	
Mrs Angela Whybrow	(resigned 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021)
Mr Nolan Wilde	

Note : the above trustees are also Parish Councillors with the exception of those marked with an asterisk.

The Articles provide that the Councillors of Boughton Monchelsea are entitled to become directors (trustees) of the charitable company and it is normal for Councillors to do so. Trustees, in their sole discretion, may appoint further directors where they have specialist skills in land or wildlife management.

Trustees meet at least 3 times a year and at other times where there is a need.

The trustees are volunteers and claimed no expenses during the year.

As the interests of trustees and Councillors are similar, it is unlikely that conflicts occur. If a conflict does arise, the conflicted trustee would disclose it, retire for the discussion, and would not vote on the issue.

## **Introduction and Objects**

The company was incorporated on 22 June 2018 with the purpose of taking over from the Boughton Monchelsea Amenity Trust (registered charity number 1039498) (the "Trust") and the two charities have similar objects.

The aim of BMAT is to provide amenities for the benefit of the inhabitants of Boughton Monchelsea and the neighbouring communities. It has the following objects:

1. The maintenance, improvement of provision of public amenities
2. The conservation and protection of the environment where the land or species are of natural beauty or scientific interest that is worthy of preservation and
3. The preservation of buildings, gardens or land of historical or architectural importance and
4. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life

These objects represent some of the responsibilities of Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council (the "Council") and in 1994 it set up the Trust in order to help them meet these responsibilities and to ensure that those amenities were available for the foreseeable future.

In 2017 the Trust decided that its objects would be more conveniently met by a corporate entity and BMAT was formed and incorporated in 2018.

BMAT works closely with the Council in that the Council has very wide powers and responsibilities which include the aims of BMAT, and they provide substantial practical and financial support to BMAT. In particular this includes the public open spaces owned by BMAT, the upkeep of which the Council has taken full responsibility for and which are in the process of being formally leased to the Council.

### **Review of activities during the year:**

As the Trust's property portfolio grew its unincorporated status was not appropriate and therefore trustees decided to set about transferring the freehold land to BMAT. Following the Charity Commission's approval, the trustees of BMAT, agreed to receive this land as a donation at its book value in the Trust of £182,509. This was completed in September 2021.

The arrangements for managing the land and paying expenses are being formalised by a legal agreement between the Council and BMAT.

### **Risks**

As the Council has taken responsibility for the upkeep of BMAT's land used for public benefit the risks which the charity faces are limited.

### **Reserves**

The Council has taken responsibility for maintaining the open spaces owned by BMAT and therefore the charity does not currently need any reserves.

### **Events since the year-end and future plans**

There have been no major events since the year-end which would affect the situation shown by this Report and Accounts.

The future plans of the trustees are to continue to work closely with the Council to manage the land so that the amenities for the residents of Boughton Monchelsea and surrounding communities are maintained and enhanced, and to look to acquire additional land or rights to land when the trustees



consider it would be beneficial to the charity and/or to local residents, At the same time trustees are looking to increase the biodiversity of the land the charity owns and where relevant to register the land as Common Land.

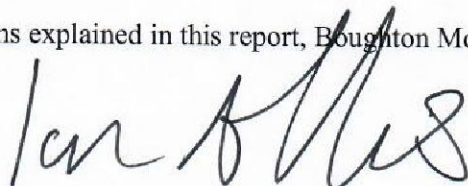
In view of past arrangements, the Trust has continued to carry out some functions but over time it is the intention of both sets of trustees to transfer all operations to BMAT.

#### **Public Benefit**

The trustees have considered the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission and are satisfied that this report demonstrates the public benefit which the charity provides.

#### **Related parties**

For reasons explained in this report, Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council is a related party.

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Signed on behalf of the Board by Ian Ellis, Chair of trustees

Date: 24/3/22

**BMAT**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

For the year ended 30 June 2001

		2021 £	2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations	(note 1)	182,759	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>182,759</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		-	-
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		<u>182,759</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward at 30 June 2021</b>		<u>182,759</u>	<u>-</u>

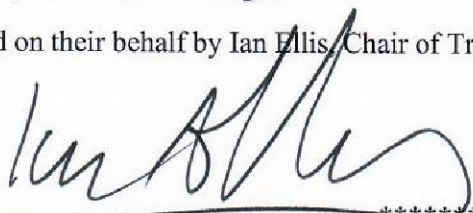
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**BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2021**

<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	(note 1)	182,509	-
<b>Current assets</b>		-	-
Bank balance		250	
<b>Liabilities</b>		-	-
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>182,759</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds	(note 2)	182,509	-
General funds		250	-
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>182,759</u>	<u>-</u>

Approved by the Board on: 22/3/22

And signed on their behalf by Ian Ellis, Chair of Trustees

  
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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Note 1 Donations</b>		
Freehold land from Boughton Monchelsea Amenity Trust	182,509	-
Other donations	250	-
	182,759	-

The Trustees' Report explains that the donation of £182,509 represents freehold land gifted by the Boughton Monchelsea Amenity Trust (registered charity number 1039498) at the book value at which they were held in that charity.

### **Note 2 Designated funds**

The Designated fund is the Fixed asset fund as the fixed assets, which are freehold property, are of fundamental importance to the charity and without them the charity would be unable to fulfil its charitable objectives. They are therefore not available to spend as general funds.

### **Note 3 Related parties**

#### **Boughton Monchelsea Amenity Trust**

The Boughton Monchelsea Amenity Trust (the "Trust") has similar objects to this charity and has many common trustees. BMAT was established so that all the objects of the Trust were met from within a corporate entity.

#### **Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council**

The majority of the trustees are members of Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council.

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON BMAT

For the year ended 30 June 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of BMAT for the year ended 30 June 2021.

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

## Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:



Name:

Peter Colin Cousins

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales

Address:

49 Haste Hill Road, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent, ME17 4LN.

Date:

25<sup>th</sup> March 2022.