

**OODIL**

**Annual Report and Accounts**

30 September 2023

Charity Registration Number  
1186851

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## Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and advisers

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The trustees present the annual report and accounts of OODIL (the "charity") for the year ended 30 September 2023.

OODIL is an acronym for Out Of Darkness Into Light, reflecting our desire to bring hope into people's lives when they are struggling with difficult circumstances. OODIL was created by means of a charitable donation in the form of properties and capital from The Charity of the Regular Canonesses of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord (Charity Registration Number 1167869) (from here on referenced as "CRSS") in the year ended 30 September 2020.

The accounts accompanying this report are the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which is registered with the Charity Commission under Charity Registration Number 1186851.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 15 to 18 of the attached accounts and comply with the charity's Constitution, applicable laws, applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the requirements 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

## **Objects, aims, activities and relevant policies**

### ***Charitable objects and aims***

The charity's objects, as set out in its Constitution, are restricted specifically, in each case only for the public benefit:

1. To carry on the business of:
  - a. providing and managing housing;
  - b. providing assistance to help house people; and
  - c. associated facilities, amenities and services related to such housing;  
  
for people in necessitous circumstances, people in financial need or for the relief of older, disabled (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people in the city of Chelmsford, the town of Colchester and the surrounding areas upon terms appropriate to their means; and
2. Such other charitable purposes according to the law of England and Wales as the charity trustees shall from time to time determine.

OODIL's objects are to provide and manage housing and give assistance to help house people and to provide associated facilities, amenities and services related to such housing for people in necessitous circumstances, people in financial need or for the relief of older, disabled (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people in the city of Chelmsford and the town of Colchester.

**Objects, aims, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Charitable objects and aims (continued)***

OODIL wishes to address some of the housing issues facing vulnerable families and individuals in the Chelmsford and Colchester areas by offering them a suitable and affordable home to rent which gives tenants stability and dignity. Our aim is to be understanding and empathetic to the needs and concerns of our beneficiaries and to enable them to build a positive and fruitful future for themselves and their families eliminating the worry of eviction or poor housing standards.

The vision is to secure a housing stock and to ensure that before it is offered for rental, each property is renovated to a good standard and all services and amenities are checked and functioning safely and properly. The overseeing of the renovations is carried out by the trustees.

A tenancy will be offered to individuals or families who have experienced difficulties in their lives and who need the stability and security of a good home and a good ethical landlord to enable them to put down or further develop roots. They will be people of limited means and in particular circumstances who will fully benefit from being an OODIL beneficiary. They will be people who have the capacity to manage running a house and a home without extraordinary support. Critically we prove to them that they are worthy and entitled to a full place within society to be treated with respect, dignity and to be given the opportunities that so often simply their backgrounds have prevented them from accessing.

Homes that will be made available will be:

- ◆ Available to people receiving state benefit;
- ◆ Offered for rental at the lower end of the market price within benefit levels;
- ◆ Made available without the additional need for guarantors, unreasonable deposits or other conditions (determined on a case-by-case basis).

We support our tenants where necessary to help them integrate into their new surroundings. We assist with moving, furnishings, setting up services and other ad-hoc support, signposting and supporting them to get to the right resources to assist with benefits, education, building a social network etc.

We inform our tenants of the facilities in their home and the amenities and support in the local area by means of a new home pack in their property. Tenants are expected to maintain good standards and we expect and ensure our tenants treat their home and neighbourhood with respect and pride.

We ensure that our properties gain a reasonable return so that the charity can grow and be self-sufficient eliminating the need for further funds.

***Public benefit***

It has been shown that by offering people a dignified and secure home the whole family will flourish within the community. They can lead fulfilling lives with opportunities for the individuals, parents and their children that may not have been available to them before.

**Objects, aims, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Public benefit (continued)***

Beneficiaries to date include:

- ◆ Single mothers fleeing domestic abuse. These individuals could not reasonably afford to rent in the private sector and the state could not provide adequate accommodation in the area where roots had been established and children had finally settled at school.
- ◆ Families living in overcrowded accommodation provided by the state where adults had to sleep on floors or sofas to enable children to use the bedrooms. Again, these families could not afford the necessary accommodation in the private sector and the state could not provide adequate housing in the area where they have an established support network of schools and medical care etc.
- ◆ Afghan refugee families. These families fled their war-torn homeland to the shores of the UK where they were housed in temporary hotel accommodation. Our properties can provide a safe and secure home without the need for large deposits and personal references. These families can use their new home as a steppingstone, allowing them to concentrate on building their new life in the UK, secure schooling and employment, forge new friendships and support networks all of which is very difficult to achieve from a hotel room where children and adults were forced to share a room with no cooking facilities.
- ◆ A third-party charity supporting vulnerable individuals sometimes with their children. These individuals and children are seeking a safe haven to call home while they regain confidence and wellbeing. With the support of this charity and the property provided by OODIL many have had the opportunity to improve their emotional and financial wellbeing and re-emerge into the local community with the strength and confidence to rebuild their lives in a more positive way.

Our beneficiaries would require significant additional public support if they were not assisted by OODIL.

All the trustees are conversant with the Charity Commission's guidelines concerning Charities and Public Benefit and have considered them when assessing our activities. We therefore believe that we have complied fully with the duty in Section 4 of Part 1 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Public Benefit Guidance published by the Charity Commission.

***Principal activities during the year***

The current tenants are the original tenants of the properties and the benefits of multi-year occupancy in secure and affordable accommodation is apparent.

The refurbishment was completed on the property purchased during our last financial year and it was rented to a third party charity. Many individuals and sometimes their children have been housed in this property during the year, helping support each individual to regain their rightful place in society.

**Objects, aims, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Principal activities during the year (continued)***

In December 2022 we completed the purchase of our sixth property. The large four bedroomed property required some refurbishment to bring it up to standard for any new beneficiary. In light of all Afghan refugees having to leave their hotel accommodation by August 2023, it was decided to provide this property to a large family from a local hotel who had already forged a support network of schools etc in the local area.

During our trustee meeting in February 2023, it was agreed to increase the level of management offered by Belvoir to a fully managed agreement. This means that Belvoir will move to collecting our rent, deducting our fees and any maintenance costs before paying OODIL the remaining of the rental funds owed. This will alleviate OODIL of the administrative tasks such as managing rents and tenancy agreements.

***Volunteers***

There are currently no needs within OODIL for an ongoing pool of volunteers for activities. The trustees complete the vast majority of activities although, for example, during a house move additional volunteers may be utilised to assist.

***Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults***

The trustees recognise the absolute necessity of ensuring the protection and safety of all those people whom the charity serves. All the trustees have been checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). We can confirm that we have a written policy for safeguarding our vulnerable beneficiaries, and that there have been no serious incidents in respect to safeguarding to report during this last year.

***Fundraising policy***

The charity benefited from major donations from CRSS. OODIL aims to achieve best practice in the way in which it communicates with donors and other supporters including providing a letter of comfort to CRSS each year.

The charity takes care with both the tone of its communications and the accuracy of its data to minimise the pressures on supporters. It applies best practice to protect supporters' data and never sells data, it never swaps data and ensures that communication preferences can be changed at any time. The charity manages its own fundraising activities and does not employ the services of professional fundraisers.

The charity undertakes to react to and investigate any complaints regarding its fundraising activities and to learn from them and improve its service. During the year, the charity received no complaints about its fundraising activities.

***Investment policy***

There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest. The charity's short term deposits were overseen by one of OODIL's trustees, with the authorisation of all other trustees. The primary focus is on gaining interest on retained funds, The charity invests funds with Flagstone Investment Management Limited.

**Objects, aims, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Achievements and performance***

To date the charity has secured six properties within the Chelmsford area, all of which are tenanted. The properties have been purchased, renovated and tenants have been assisted with their relocation and then assisted to settle and integrate into the community.

These properties initially were in varied states of repair. Work ranged from full refurbishment including kitchen, bathrooms, rewiring, complete redecoration, and flooring as well as external improvements to the garden areas etc. to moderate amounts of work - such as a new bathroom and redecoration being required to bring the property up to a good standard. Work was commissioned according to the policies of the charity, and all necessary approvals and safety certificates were obtained.

The tenants who have been housed to date support this philosophy and have made significant steps forward already within the time they have been housed with OODIL. Tenants have been able to use the houses as a platform and catalyst to move themselves and their families forward.

We worked with a local charity helping vulnerable people and agreed to rent one of our properties directly to them. As before, again this year, we worked with Essex Integration, a charity that helps house refugees in the Essex area, to find tenants for our most recently occupied home. We feel the approach of working with third party charities is a positive one which we will continue to explore going forward.

It is felt this year that a particular achievement is having been able to provide secure and safe accommodation for another Afghan refugee family who were living in cramped hotel accommodation with no cooking facilities. This family of seven now has a safe and secure home from which they can begin to rebuild their lives after the trauma they faced when fleeing their homeland.

**Financial review**

***Results for the year***

A summary of the results of the year ended 30 September 2023 can be found on page 12 of this annual report and accounts.

Total income for the year amounted to £59,490 (2022 – £48,516). Income from charitable activities for the year totalled £55,268 (2022 – £39,256). Interest receivable totalled £4,222 (2022 – £7,189). In 2022, a donation of £2,000 was received from The Charity of the Regular Canonesses of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord.

Expenditure totalled £105,980 (2022 – £83,806). Expenditure on charitable activities includes the cost of maintaining properties which amounted to £99,764 (2022 – £77,012) and support costs of £5,700 (2022 – £4,860). The cost of raising funds comprises the fees payable to Flagstone Investment Management Limited who manage the charity's short term cash deposits.

Net expenditure for the year and the net decrease in funds was £46,490 (2022 – £35,290).



## **Financial review** (continued)

### ***Reserves policy and financial position***

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets, designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed. The trustees consider that, given the nature of the charity's work, the level of free reserves should be approximately equal to two years' ongoing expenditure. The trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls in incoming resources due to timing differences in income flows, adequate working capital to cover core costs, and will allow the charity to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst specific action plans are implemented. In particular, at the current time, the reserves need to be sufficient to enable the charity to operate in the exceptional circumstances created by the cost of living and economic crisis.

The balance sheet shows total funds of £2,208,001 (2022 – £2,254,491). Of these funds, £1,995,808 (2022 – £1,547,500) are represented by freehold properties and other tangible fixed assets. A decision was made to separate these funds from the general fund in recognition of the fact that assets are used in the day-to-day work of the charity or by organisations for charitable purposes in line with the charity's objects, and as such their value should not be regarded as funds that would be realisable with ease, in order to meet future contingencies.

Funds totalling £57,068 (2022 – £580,057) have been designated, or set aside, by the trustees for specific purposes. Further details of these funds are given in note 14 to the accounts.

Funds which are available to support the work of the charity in the future are those shown on the balance sheet as the general fund and total £155,125 (2022 – £126,934). The trustees believe that these free reserves are adequate but not excessive and consistent with the charity's reserves policy outlined above.

### **Future plans**

There are no prospective house purchases currently in the pipeline. We are allowing our rental income to accumulate funds and are keeping a watchful eye on the market. It is possible that a further purchase of a one bedroomed flat may be made within the next period to enable us to broaden our offering of a home to a single person. This decision will be made based on the need and the housing market position as the year progresses.

The key objectives for the coming year are therefore:

1. Continue to maintain the current active properties to a good standard.
2. Support the housed tenants appropriately as per their individual needs.
3. Continue to stay focused and knowledgeable on the property market so correct purchases can be made at the correct price.
4. Explore ideas and routes to housing the correct beneficiaries so we can expand our knowledge and understanding for future beneficiaries.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a Constitution dated and agreed by the trustees on 27 September 2019 and registered with the Charity Commission on 9 December 2019

### ***Organisational management***

In terms of Civil Law, the trustees of the charity are legally responsible for the overall management and accounting of the charity and for safeguarding the assets of the charity. They receive no remuneration or expenses for their service as trustees. The trustees meet once every six weeks on average to review developments within the charity, and to take decisions. The trustees are supported by professional advisers, such as a letting agent. Other professionals, including solicitors, are consulted as appropriate.

The charity's strategy and overall management control is set and completed by the trustees. The trustees are made up of the original founders who are experienced personnel within varying sectors and all of whom can add value to the charity.

To date the complete operational running of the charity is also undertaken by the trustees. Control is via formal discussion and decisions at trustee meetings as well as day to day operational communication and information sharing.

This structure allows the charity to evolve and develop at the required pace. It has been agreed that if and when the operational control of the charity becomes too much for the trustees to manage alone, an employee may be sought to ensure the beneficiaries fully receive the support required. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Policies are in place to ensure the charity operates effectively, safely and conforms to required legislation. Policies also ensure the trustees and the beneficiaries are protected from any detriment. All of the trustees have undertaken a Disclosure and Barring Service Check as some of our beneficiaries may be deemed vulnerable.

In terms of formal training, two of the trustees have undergone charity trustee training, the training content was shared with all of the trustees after the event. The training sessions taken this year were 'Trustee Training: What Every Trustee Should Know' and a Trustee workshop and a Charity Commission Day session on Essential Trustee Information. It is expected that more courses will be undertaken, and more trustees will undertake training across the next year. The trustees feel they are fully informed and equipped to effectively operate the charity. The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Trustees have delegated responsibilities and try to keep updated within their areas on recommended best practice regarding appropriate policy requirements.

**Structure, governance and management** (continued)

***Risk management***

The high levels of inflation and high energy bills have clearly presented us with challenges and threats to the well-being of our charity and its activities which could not have been foreseen. The trustees recognise their responsibility for the management of risks faced by the charity and its beneficiaries.

We continue to review and update our risks as well as the documents and procedures put in place.

We note above the financial and operational effects of the cost-of-living crisis. Over and above these, the areas identified for particular attention within our risk management strategy are:

- ◆ Governance and management
- ◆ Maintenance and Health and Safety
- ◆ Financial
- ◆ Litigation
- ◆ Reputational

The trustees have continued to operate within the key areas of risk controls which include:

- ◆ Regular and frequent meetings of the trustees with formal agendas and minutes;
- ◆ Comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting;
- ◆ Established organisational structures and lines of accountability;
- ◆ Regular meetings with professional advisors to whom all our business is transparent;
- ◆ Establishing clear authorisation and approved levels of decision-taking and spending; and
- ◆ Putting in place vetting procedures required by law for the protection and safeguarding of the vulnerable.

Timeframes exist for the annual monitoring of the risk assessments.

The key risks which faced the charity during the year are as follows:

- ◆ A severe economic downturn that leads to multiple tenants being unable to fulfill their rental payments leading to a financial impact for the charity.
- ◆ Individual circumstances that impact a tenant that leads to them being unable to fulfill their rental payments leading to a financial impact for the charity.
- ◆ Challenges and difficulties for one or more tenants that take up the trustees' time preventing the normal operation and growth of the charity.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 FRS 102 (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) (the Charities' SORP);
- ◆ 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 accounts; and
- ◆ prepare the accounts 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 accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the relevant Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the charity's Constitution. 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.

### ***Key management personnel***

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis.

None of the trustees receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in connection with their duties as trustees or key management personnel.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Maira O'Sullivan

Approved by the trustees on: 25/03/24

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of OODIL**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of OODIL (the charity) for the year ended 30 September 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act 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.

I have satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination. Since the charity'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.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- ◆ accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- ◆ the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- ◆ 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 an independent examination.

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

Amanda Francis, Chartered Accountant  
Independent Examiner  
Buzzacott LLP  
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26 March 2024

**Statement of financial activities** Year ended 30 September 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations	1	—	2,000
Charitable activities	2	55,268	39,256
Investments and interest receivable	3	4,222	7,189
Other income		—	71
<b>Total income</b>		<b>59,490</b>	<b>48,516</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds		516	1,934
Charitable activities			
. Upkeep of the charity's properties	4	99,764	77,012
. Support costs	5	5,700	4,860
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>105,980</b>	<b>83,806</b>
<b>Net expenditure and net movement in funds</b>	7	<b>(46,490)</b>	<b>(35,290)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Total funds brought forward at 1 October 2022		2,254,491	2,289,781
Total funds carried forward at 30 September 2023		2,208,001	2,254,491

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

All of the charity's activities derived from continuing activities in each of the above two financial years.

# **Balance sheet** 30 September 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10		<b>1,995,808</b>		1,547,500
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	11	—		6,214	
Short term deposits		<b>176,239</b>		500,782	
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>42,373</b>		206,184	
		<b>218,612</b>		713,180	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<b>(6,419)</b>		(6,189)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>212,193</b>		706,991
<b>Total net assets</b>			<b>2,208,001</b>		<b>2,254,491</b>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Unrestricted income funds					
. General funds			<b>155,125</b>		126,934
. Tangible fixed assets fund	13		<b>1,995,808</b>		1,547,500
. Designated fund	14		<b>57,068</b>		580,057
			<b>2,208,001</b>		<b>2,254,491</b>

Approved by the trustees  
and signed on their behalf by:

Moirá O'Sullivan

Trustee

Approved on: 25/03/24

## Statement of cash flows Year ended 30 September 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net cash provided by operating activities	A	<b>30,051</b>	18,894
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Interest received		<b>4,584</b>	8,622
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<b>(522,989)</b>	(426,282)
Cash withdrawn from short term deposits		<b>324,543</b>	548,326
<b>Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities</b>		<b>(193,862)</b>	130,666
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>(163,811)</b>	149,560
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 October 2022		<b>206,184</b>	56,624
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September 2023</b>	B	<b>42,373</b>	206,184

### Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year to 30 September 2023

#### A Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash provided by operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Net movement in funds (as per the statement of financial activities)</b>	<b>(46,490)</b>	(35,290)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Interest receivable	<b>(4,222)</b>	(7,189)
Depreciation	<b>74,681</b>	63,555
Decrease (increase) in debtors	<b>5,852</b>	(3,377)
Increase in creditors	<b>230</b>	1,195
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>30,051</b>	18,894

#### B Analysis of changes in net debt

	As at 1 October 2022 £	Cash flows £	As at 30 September 2023 £
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents:</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	206,184	(163,811)	<b>42,373</b>

No separate statement of changes in net debt has been prepared as there is no difference between the movements in cash and cash equivalents and movement in net cash (debt).



## **Principal accounting policies 30 September 2023**

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

### **Basis of preparation**

These accounts have been prepared for the year to 30 September 2023, with comparative information given in respect to the year ended 30 September 2022.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these accounts.

The accounts 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

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

### **Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

Preparation of the accounts requires the trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the accounts where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- ◆ Estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets for the purposes of determining the depreciation charge;
- ◆ Determining the value of the designated funds set aside at the year end; and
- ◆ Estimating future income and expenditure flows for the purpose of assessing going concern (see below).

### **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.

Undoubtedly there will be challenges ahead but the trustees do not expect material concerns to arise over the charity's financial position or going concern as a result of the macroeconomic climate and the current cost of living crisis. The trustees have concluded that the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

With regard to the next accounting period, the year ending 31 September 2024, there are no significant areas that affect the carrying value of the assets held by the charity and the trustees are therefore content that the charity is, and will remain, a going concern.

The trustees will continue to keep both income and expenditure under review.

### **Income**

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

Income comprises donations, rental income from properties, interest receivable and income from other sources, including any surplus on disposal of tangible fixed assets.

Donations are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations and grants pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation or grant is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Donations received in kind (including any donation of land and buildings) are recognised at their fair value at the date of the gift, which is deemed to be open market value.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Rental income is recognised when due under the relevant tenancy agreement.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

The surplus on the disposal of tangible fixed assets is calculated as the difference between the sale proceeds net of sale costs and the net book value of the asset immediately prior to disposal. It is accounted for once legal completion of the disposal has taken place.

All other income is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the charity and the revenue can be measured reliably. It is measured at fair value and accounted for on an accruals basis.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity 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 expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs.

The costs of raising funds comprise the costs of managing the charity's short term deposits.

The costs of charitable activities comprise expenditure on the charity's primary charitable purposes as described in the trustees' report. Such costs include: the costs of maintaining and operating the charity's properties.

### **Support and governance costs**

Support costs represent indirect charitable expenditure. In order to carry out the primary purposes of the charity it is necessary to provide support in the form of financial procedures including governance costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity including costs of independent examination and the necessary legal procedures for compliance with statutory requirements.

All expenditure on support and governance is allocated to the charitable activities of providing accommodation to the beneficiaries.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

All assets costing more than £1,000 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

- ◆ **Freehold land and buildings**

Freehold land and buildings owned are used wholly or mainly for, private residential accommodation. Such land and buildings are included in the accounts at cost. Their value and condition are reviewed annually by the trustees, who are satisfied that their residual value is not materially less than their book value. Land and buildings donated to the charity are included at fair value, which is taken to be open market value on the date of transfer of the asset, and is regarded as deemed cost. These properties are depreciated over 50 years on a straight line basis.

- ◆ **Building improvements**

Expenditure in relation to improvements to the buildings is capitalised and depreciated over a three year period on a straight line basis.

- ◆ **Fixtures and fittings**

Furniture and fittings are capitalised and depreciated at 20% per annum on cost in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

### **Debtors**

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

### **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. Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short term deposits. Cash placed on deposit for more than one year is disclosed as a fixed asset investment.

**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 estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

**Fund structure**

The general fund comprises those monies which may be used towards meeting the charitable objectives of the charity and which may be applied at the discretion of the trustees.

The tangible fixed assets fund represents the net book value of the charity's tangible fixed assets.

The designated funds are monies set aside out of general funds and designated for specific purposes by the trustees.

Details of funds are given in the notes to the accounts.

**Services provided by the trustees**

For the purposes of these accounts, no monetary value has been placed on administrative and other services provided by the trustees.

**1 Income from: Donations**

	2023 £	2022 £
Donations from The Charity of the Regular Canonesses of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord (note 16)	—	2,000

The £2,000 received in the year to 30 September 2022 represented restricted donations received from The Charity of the Regular Canonesses of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord from a restricted donation received by that charity for OODIL. This money was used for refurbishing a property as per the request of the donor.

**2 Income from: Charitable activities**

	2023 £	2022 £
Rental income	55,268	39,256

**3 Income from: Investments and interest receivable**

	2023 £	2022 £
Interest on short term deposits	3,686	7,118
Bank interest	536	71
	4,222	7,189

**4 Expenditure on: Upkeep of the charity's properties**

	2023 £	2022 £
Property running costs	25,083	13,457
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	74,681	63,555
	99,764	77,012

**5 Support costs**

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank charges	60	60
Legal and professional fees	2,800	2,400
Governance costs (note 6)	2,840	2,400
	5,700	4,860

**6 Governance costs**

	2023 £	2022 £
Legal and professional services	2,840	2,400

## 7 Net expenditure and net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation	74,681	63,555
Independent examiner's (Buzzacott LLP's) remuneration (excluding VAT)		
. Independent examination services – current year	2,600	2,400
. Independent examination services – previous year	240	—
. Accounts preparation – current year	2,800	2,400

## 8 Staff costs, key management personnel and transactions with trustees

The charity did not employ staff during the year (2022 – none).

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more (including taxable benefits) during the year (2022 – none).

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charitable company on a day-to-day basis. They received no remuneration in connection with their duties as trustees or their role as key management personnel during the year (2022 – none).

## 9 Taxation

The OODIL 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.

## 10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold properties £	Property improvements £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 October 2022	1,524,053	134,018	8,313	1,666,384
Additions	454,613	68,376	—	522,989
At 30 September 2023	1,978,666	202,394	8,313	2,189,373
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 October 2022	49,605	67,221	2,058	118,884
Charge for the year	29,235	43,783	1,663	74,681
At 30 September 2023	78,840	111,004	3,721	193,565
<b>Net book values</b>				
At 30 September 2023	1,899,826	91,390	4,592	1,995,808
At 30 September 2022	1,474,448	66,797	6,255	1,547,500

# 11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Rental income receivable	—	4,862
Investment income and interest receivable	—	362
Prepayments	—	990
	<b>—</b>	<b>6,214</b>

# 12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Expense creditors	—	407
Rental deposits	—	982
Rent received in advance	<b>1,019</b>	—
Accruals	<b>5,400</b>	4,800
	<b>6,419</b>	<b>6,189</b>

# 13 Tangible fixed assets fund

	2023 £	2022 £
At 1 October 2022	<b>1,547,500</b>	1,184,773
Net movement in the year	<b>448,308</b>	362,727
<b>At 30 September 2023</b>	<b>1,995,808</b>	<b>1,547,500</b>

The tangible fixed assets fund represents the net book value of the charity's tangible fixed assets. A decision was made to separate this fund from the general fund of the charity in recognition of the fact that the tangible fixed assets are essential to the day-to-day work of the charity and as such their value should not be regarded as funds that would be realisable with ease, in order to meet future contingencies.

# 14 Designated fund

	2023 £	2022 £
At 1 October 2022	<b>580,057</b>	1,000,000
Net movement in the year	<b>(522,989)</b>	(419,943)
<b>At 30 September 2023</b>	<b>57,068</b>	<b>580,057</b>

During an earlier year the charity's trustees set aside £1,000,000 out of unrestricted funds for the future purchase of properties to meet the needs of vulnerable families and individuals in the Chelmsford and Colchester areas. At 30 September 2022, £580,057 remained set aside. During the year to 30 September 2023, the charity has purchased one further residential property and incurred expenditure on refurbishments for an aggregate cost of £522,989, leaving the remaining designated funds at £57,068 at 30 September 2023.

## 15 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 30 September 2023 are represented by:

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Tangible fixed assets funds £	Total 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	—	—	1,995,808	1,995,808
Net current assets	155,125	57,068	—	212,193
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>155,125</b>	<b>57,068</b>	<b>1,995,808</b>	<b>2,208,001</b>

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Tangible fixed assets funds £	Total 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	—	—	1,547,500	1,547,500
Net current assets	126,934	580,057	—	706,991
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>126,934</b>	<b>580,057</b>	<b>1,547,500</b>	<b>2,254,491</b>

## 16 Related party transactions

Sister Moira O'Sullivan, a trustee of the charity, is also a trustee of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, The Charity of the Regular Canonesses of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord, Charity Registration Number 1167869. In 2022, the Charity of the Regular Canonesses of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord donated £2,000 to OODIL CIO (note 1). There were no such donations in the current year.

There were no other related party transactions requiring disclosure (2022 – none).

## 17 Membership of the CIO and members' liability

The members of the CIO are its charity trustees for the time being. The only persons eligible to be members of the CIO are its charity trustees. Membership of the CIO cannot be transferred to anyone else.

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.