

Bridport Charities

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Bridport Charities

Contents (continued)

Reference and Administrative Details	1
Trustees' Report	2 to 3
Independent Examiner's Report	4
Statement of Financial Activities	5
Balance Sheet	6
Notes to the Financial Statements	7 to 14

Bridport Charities

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mr L Gatehouse, Chairman
	Mr K Bodycombe
	Reverend D Smith
	Mrs L Hedworth
	Mrs C Murless
	Mr R Harris
	Miss E England
	Miss S Brown
	Mr A Wheatley
	Mr I Bark
	Mr N Amor
	Mrs A Rickard
	Mrs S Carney
Senior Management / Leadership Team	Mrs J Seogultze, Clerk to the Trustees
	Mrs S Waters, Treasurer
Charity Registration Number	201084
Principal Office	10 South Street
	Bridport
	Dorset
	DT6 3NJ
Independent Examiner	Simon Dorrington-Ward FCA
	Chartered Accountant
	10 South Street
	Bridport
	Dorset
	DT6 3NJ

Bridport Charities

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The object of the charity is the provision of housing for the elderly of Bridport and the surrounding area.

The Trustees aim to provide such satisfactory and safe housing at reasonable cost.

Public benefit

Providing housing for the elderly of Bridport

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The Trustees policy is to hold sufficient reserves to cover anticipated future repair and enhancements to both of the properties.

Investment policy and objectives

The Trustees operate a low risk approach to investments, with investments being held in a portfolio of a managed discretionary funds.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed and is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No 201084) and is a member of the National Association of Almshouses and the Independent Housing Ombudsman Scheme.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Trustees manage the activity of the Charity and seek to follow good practice as recommended by the Charity Commission. New Trustees are appointed, with due consideration to the mix of skills required to provide the effective governance for the Charity by the existing Trustees.

Induction and training of trustees

The Trustees are actively seeking suitable new Trustees. The Trustees have developed an induction plan for all new Trustees to cover all aspects of their responsibilities.

Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration

No Trustee received any remuneration The Secretary and Treasurer receive remuneration as set by the Trustees.

Organisational structure

The Charity address for correspondence purposes is: The Clerk to The Trustees, Delta, Allington Park, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 5DD.

The Trustees have met regularly in the year to carry out their responsibilities for the management of the Charity's aims.

Bridport Charities

Trustees' Report (continued)

Major risks and management of those risks

General risks to the Charity

The Trustees consider risks at their regular meetings and take appropriate action to manage emerging risks. The Trustees consider variability of investment values to constitute the Charity's major financial risk. This is mitigated by retaining a large proportion of the investments with expert managers with a risk level set at 'upper moderately low/lower moderate' while the balance is held in cash based accounts. No other significant risks have been identified.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 3 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr L Gatehouse
Trustee

Bridport Charities

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Bridport Charities

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bridport Charities for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Bridport Charities 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 Bridport Charities'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.

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 Bridport Charities 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 accounting 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.

.....
Simon Dorrington-Ward FCA
Chartered Accountant
M W Burrough & Co

10 South Street
Bridport
Dorset
DT6 3NJ

3 June 2025

Bridport Charities

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Investment income	2	7,538	2,290	9,828
Other income	3	<u>56,312</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,312</u>
Total income		<u>63,850</u>	<u>2,290</u>	<u>66,140</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	<u>(50,083)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>(52,083)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(50,083)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>(52,083)</u>
Other recognised gains and losses		<u>9,950</u>	<u>6,220</u>	<u>16,170</u>
Net movement in funds		23,717	6,510	30,227
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>310,159</u>	<u>166,125</u>	<u>476,284</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u><u>333,876</u></u>	<u><u>172,635</u></u>	<u><u>506,511</u></u>
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Investment income	2	7,123	3,331	10,454
Other income	3	<u>50,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,477</u>
Total income		<u>57,600</u>	<u>3,331</u>	<u>60,931</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		<u>(77,573)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>(78,573)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(77,573)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>(78,573)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>10,189</u>	<u>8,884</u>	<u>19,073</u>
Net movement in funds		(9,784)	11,215	1,431
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>319,942</u>	<u>154,910</u>	<u>474,852</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u><u>310,158</u></u>	<u><u>166,125</u></u>	<u><u>476,283</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

Bridport Charities

(Registration number: 201084)

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	74,751	77,049
Investments	9	353,467	333,725
		<u>428,218</u>	<u>410,774</u>
Current assets			
Investments	10	27,542	24,573
Cash at bank and in hand	11	55,158	44,597
		<u>82,700</u>	<u>69,170</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(4,407)</u>	<u>(3,661)</u>
Net current assets		<u>78,293</u>	<u>65,509</u>
Net assets		<u>506,511</u>	<u>476,283</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		172,635	166,125
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>333,876</u>	<u>310,158</u>
Total funds	13	<u>506,511</u>	<u>476,283</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 3 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Mr L Gatehouse
Trustee

.....
Mr R Harris
Trustee

Bridport Charities

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Bridport Charities meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Bridport Charities

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1000.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Freehold property improvements	over 50years

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Current asset investments

Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value / market value.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Investment income

Bridport Charities

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	85	1	86
Other income from fixed asset investments	7,453	1,949	9,402
Other investment income	-	340	340
Total for 2024	<u>7,538</u>	<u>2,290</u>	<u>9,828</u>
Total for 2023	<u>7,123</u>	<u>3,331</u>	<u>10,454</u>

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Rental income	<u>56,312</u>	<u>56,312</u>	<u>50,477</u>
		Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Rental income		<u>56,312</u>	<u>56,312</u>
Total for 2024		<u>56,312</u>	<u>56,312</u>
Total for 2023		<u>50,477</u>	<u>50,477</u>

Bridport Charities

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
General		36,597	-	36,597
Grant funding of activities		-	2,000	2,000
Governance costs	5	13,486	-	13,486
Total for 2024		<u>50,083</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>52,083</u>
Total for 2023		<u>77,573</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>78,573</u>

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	1,540	1,540
Other governance costs	11,946	11,946
Total for 2024	<u>13,486</u>	<u>13,486</u>
Total for 2023	<u>12,580</u>	<u>12,580</u>

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>1,540</u>	<u>1,470</u>

Bridport Charities

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2024	128,325	128,325
At 31 December 2024	128,325	128,325
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2024	51,276	51,276
Charge for the year	2,298	2,298
At 31 December 2024	53,574	53,574
Net book value		
At 31 December 2024	74,751	74,751
At 31 December 2023	77,049	77,049

9 Fixed asset investments

Other investments

	Listed investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2024	333,725	333,725
Revaluation	15,032	15,032
Additions	4,710	4,710
At 31 December 2024	353,467	353,467
Net book value		
At 31 December 2024	353,467	353,467
At 31 December 2023	333,725	333,725

Bridport Charities

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

10 Current asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Listed other shares	<u>27,542</u>	<u>24,573</u>

11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash on hand	121	38
Cash at bank	45,909	35,433
Short-term deposits	128	126
Other cash and cash equivalents	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
	<u>55,158</u>	<u>44,597</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	2,907	2,261
Accruals	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,400</u>
	<u>4,407</u>	<u>3,661</u>

Bridport Charities

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	310,159	63,850	(50,083)	9,950	333,876
Restricted funds					
8 Acre and Malt House	150,187	1,814	(1,500)	6,027	156,528
Relief In Sickness	2,728	42	(500)	60	2,330
Relief In Need	1,538	38	-	55	1,631
Drill Hall	11,672	396	-	78	12,146
	<u>166,125</u>	<u>2,290</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>6,220</u>	<u>172,635</u>
Total funds	<u>476,284</u>	<u>66,140</u>	<u>(52,083)</u>	<u>16,170</u>	<u>506,511</u>
	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	319,942	57,600	(77,573)	10,189	310,158
Restricted funds					
8 Acre and Malt House	139,486	2,885	(1,000)	8,815	150,186
Relief In Sickness	2,652	54	-	21	2,727
Relief In Need	1,470	49	-	20	1,539
Drill Hall	11,302	343	-	28	11,673
	<u>154,910</u>	<u>3,331</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>8,884</u>	<u>166,125</u>
Total funds	<u>474,852</u>	<u>60,931</u>	<u>(78,573)</u>	<u>19,073</u>	<u>476,283</u>

Bridport Charities

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	74,751	-	74,751
Fixed asset investments	231,961	121,506	353,467
Current assets	40,492	42,208	82,700
Current liabilities	(4,407)	-	(4,407)
Total net assets	<u>342,797</u>	<u>163,714</u>	<u>506,511</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	77,049	-	77,049
Fixed asset investments	218,591	115,134	333,725
Current assets	27,099	42,071	69,170
Current liabilities	(3,661)	-	(3,661)
Total net assets	<u>319,078</u>	<u>157,205</u>	<u>476,283</u>

15 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.